

STEP-BY-STEP SET UP YOUR OWN LIBRARY

- Based on: Valeria's "Letters of hope"
- What is it: Setting up a library to promote reading and showing that reading is also fun.
- How does it help: If the schools are not great it helps that children have a place where they are encouraged to learn and read, so they can improve their overall education level, but also have fun reading.



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Look Around

- First do some community mapping: where are children that do not have access to (good quality) education and could benefit from a library? Also look where people, organizations or schools are that could donate books or money for books.
- Second you don't have to do the project alone, find people who are interested in joining you. Maybe your friends or people at your school. Is there a local environment organization on this topic: maybe they know people who want to help you!

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Make A Plan

- Set a goal for your library, this can be something like: have 100 books or have 25 people come in every week.
- You also need to come together with your team to make a plan: Who is going to do what? Look at what talents and interest everybody has. Can one person talk really well? He or she can go to talk to people to donate their books. Can one person organize really well? He or she can create a system for all the books. Is one person really creative? He or she can make posters for the library or decorate the library.
- Make a checklist of all the things you need: books, a room for the library, a system to lend out books, people to volunteer to manage the library etc.
- Next is to think about how to make sure people are going to show up. Maybe you can make a poster, get included in the newsletter from school or share it on social media.

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Go Time!

Time to get started! Go around to talk to people to donate the books, set up the library. Important is also to think about the long term. Valeria made sure that after a month the school would take over the library, so she can go on and do more changemaking.

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Celebrate your success!

Think about the goal you set for your library: Did more than 25 people use the library, do you have more than 100 books? Celebrate!

How can you do this?

Keep in mind: this is just an example! You can adjust it to your own circumstances and with your own ideas. Take for example Fatima who also set up a library, but her focus is on girls and she also organizes workshops for the girls. Find her project on our website!