Did you know that in an average income Minnesota neighborhood there are 13 books per child. In a low income neighborhood there is one book for every 300 children! Every member of our club has owned a book. Because of that we cannot fathom hundreds of children, some the same age as us, not owning a book. Please join us and help make a difference.

The Cologne Leos will host a used book drive on the weekend of October 5-6, 2013. When we heard about Immediate Past International President Madden’s literacy project we became very interested. When we found out it will be a 10 year campaign we decided to do something about it. We are inviting your club to host a similar book drive on the same weekend. Here's how:

1. You would advertise it throughout your community.
2. Then set up a drop off site and sort the books into two categories: children’s and adults.
3. Finally, you would arrange transportation of the books collected to the Mankato Ziegler Equipment drop site on Tuesday October 8, 2013.

We are challenging each club that participates to collect 100 books and make a donation of $50-$100 dollars. The money will be used towards the cost of shipping the books both nationally and internationally.

The books collected will be distributed in the following manner: 25% - Internationally, 25% - Locally, 50% - Nationally

Ziegler Equipment has very graciously offered to help us gather the books in one location and hold them until they are picked up for distributed. Books will be divided and donated to different organizations including: Bernie’s Book Bank in Chicago (www.berniesbookbank.com), Operation Paperback and the Reading Action Program (supported by LCI) to help start a library in Africa.

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