

Guidelines for Sending Books to Pacific Islands.

In times past, any books being discarded from Australian homes or school libraries were considered suitable to send to our SDA mission schools because SOMETHING was better than NOTHING.

THIS IS NO LONGER THE CASE.

Reading should be attractive and fun, but many books available discourage children from even opening the covers.

What we would really like to see is people donating new books of high quality - with intentional sponsorship of strategic titles.

In talking to Pacific teachers this is what they could use:

- PM Readers and similar early reading booklets.
- Readers in good condition.
- Ellen White Books - particularly Desire of Ages, Patriarchs and Prophets, Prophets and Kings, Acts of the Apostles and Great Controversy.
- Uncle Arthur's Bible Story
- True Story books
- Bedtime stories
- Illustrated children's dictionaries
- Daily devotional books
- Childcraft books
- Illustrated Encyclopedias printed after 2000.

ANY BOOKS SENT TO PACIFIC SCHOOLS SHOULD BE:

In good condition, clean, covers intact no ripped/torn pages.

They should be well illustrated with clear print.

Nothing printed before 2000, (except for EGW, Bible stories etc.)

Some schools would appreciate a **set of recorders or musical instruments**

Vocational schools would appreciate basic tools - hammers, saws, chisels, measuring tapes, squares etc.

They do NOT want and cannot use:

Novels, Fairy Tales, Books depicting fantasy - fairies, witches, monsters, Spiderman etc.

Books with only secular values.

Where possible ask donors if they are willing to help pay the freight costs.