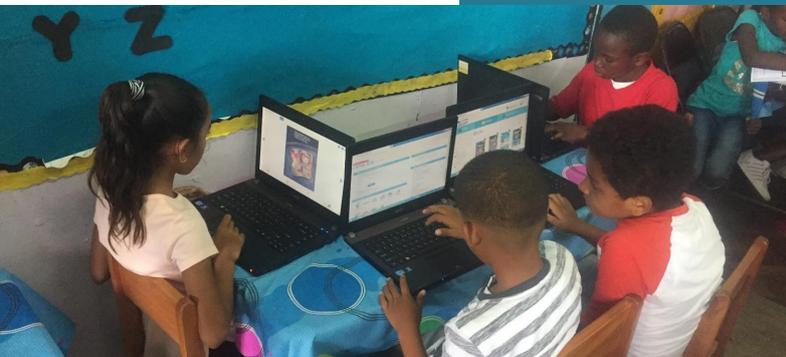


LITERACY WITHOUT BORDERS

An update on the Belize Literacy Project



Computer Assisted Learning Software (CALs)

Funding was provided to Restore Belize to purchase permanent software licenses, as well as a sustainability study to support 22 CALs sites in Belize. In addition, 6 primary schools were provided Scholastic Literacy Pro (LitPro) licenses for 245 primary students.



Rhymes That Bind

Rhymes that Bind (RTB) program training was provided to 25 participants, consisting of preschool teachers, librarians and teachers, who received training over a span of three weeks.

RTB uses rhymes, songs and play to facilitate early language and literacy development with babies, toddlers, and young students. This program is now being utilized to supplement literacy development in pre-schools, libraries and communities throughout Belize City.

Donated Literacy Materials & Learning Equipment

Funding was provided for renovation and purchase of literacy materials and resources for school libraries and computer labs. In addition, 35 classrooms were provided Scholastic Grader Reader sets.

LWB received and distributed donations of learning equipment, books, laptops, and various classroom/teaching resources. Donations were received from individual supporters, schools and businesses in Canada.





Playgrounds & Sports Equipment

As of February 2020, the Playgrounds Program, lead by the Rotary Club of Edmonton and joined by many partner clubs and organizations, has built a total of 10 playgrounds in Belize City and surrounding areas.

In addition to the Playgrounds Program, Edmonton and area sports teams/associations donated various forms of sports equipment to fill the playground shipping containers headed to Belize. Since 2017, the following donations have been distributed to youth in Belize:

3,000 + soccer jerseys | 1,500 + soccer balls | 400+ soccer shoes and cleats | Soccer shorts, socks, and shin pads | Basketballs, jerseys, shorts, and shoes | Volleyballs and jerseys | Baseball equipment and caps



To all of our partners, supporters, and literacy advocates, we want to express our sincerest thanks for everything you have done and continue to do to support the fostering of language literacy in Belize and in developing nations.

For more information, and a full list of our partners and supporters, visit literacywithoutborders.ca

“Understanding the importance of literacy and an unwavering commitment to foster the kind of classroom environment that all children need in order to have the best opportunity for optimum learning and a head start to a rich and productive life will be the driving force behind the partnership between Rotary, Literacy Without Borders and the [Belize] Ministry of Education.”

Dr. Carol Babb, Chief Education Officer, Ministry of Education, Youth & Sport (Belize)