



The Peace Corps' Model for Sustainable Library Development

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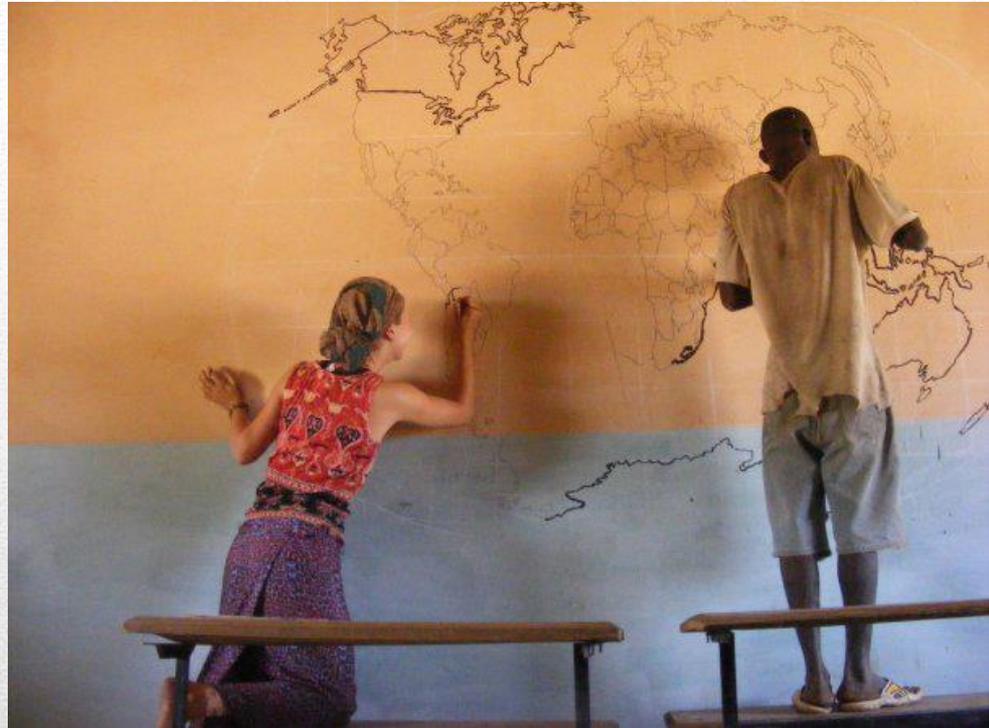
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What is the Peace Corps?

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- Peace Corps officially established: March 1, 1961
- Americans who have served: More than 225,000
- Host countries served to date: 141
- Current number of countries served: 61 posts, 65 countries

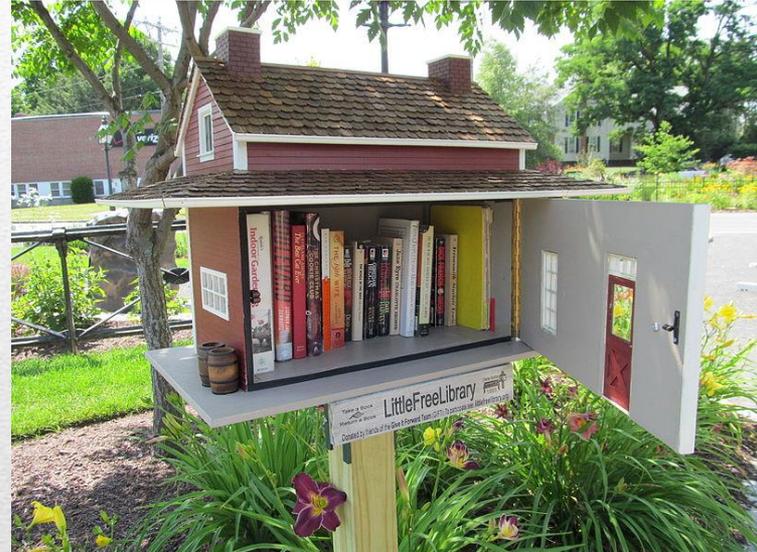


Peace Corps: An Introduction



PEACE CORPS LIBRARIES

The Process and the Products



What Makes a Good Library?

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Chained Books: <https://www.cilip.org.uk/library-information-history-group/events>

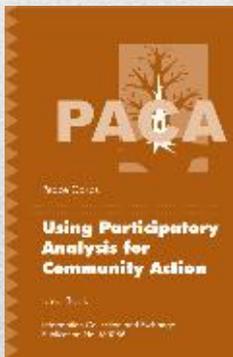
Little Free Library: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Little_Free_Library,_Easthampton_MA.jpg



Peace Corps Resources

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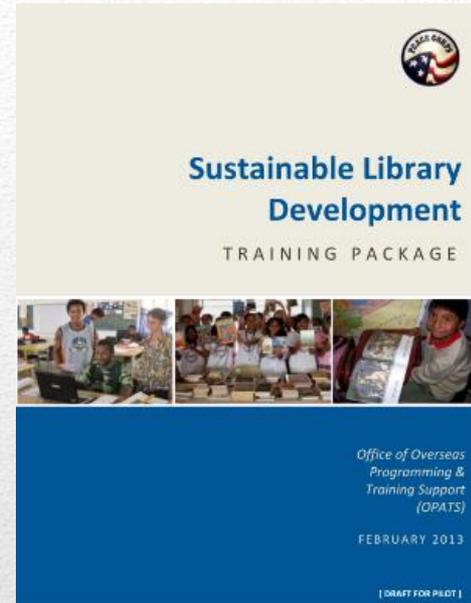
Using Participatory Analysis for Community Action is a manual developed by the Peace Corps that helps volunteers gain community information for information-driven projects. This manual is available to the public at pclive.peacecorps.gov

Community-First Thinking

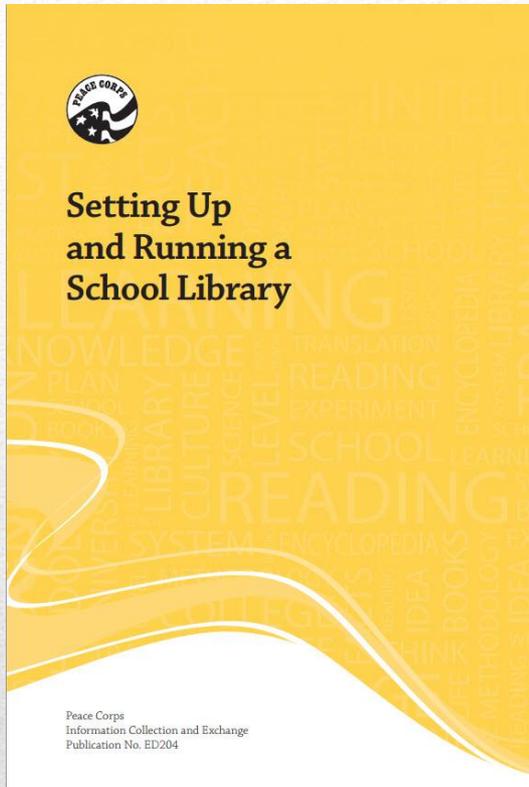
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- Teaches staff how to train Volunteers on sustainable library development
- Includes handouts and activities
- Still in development



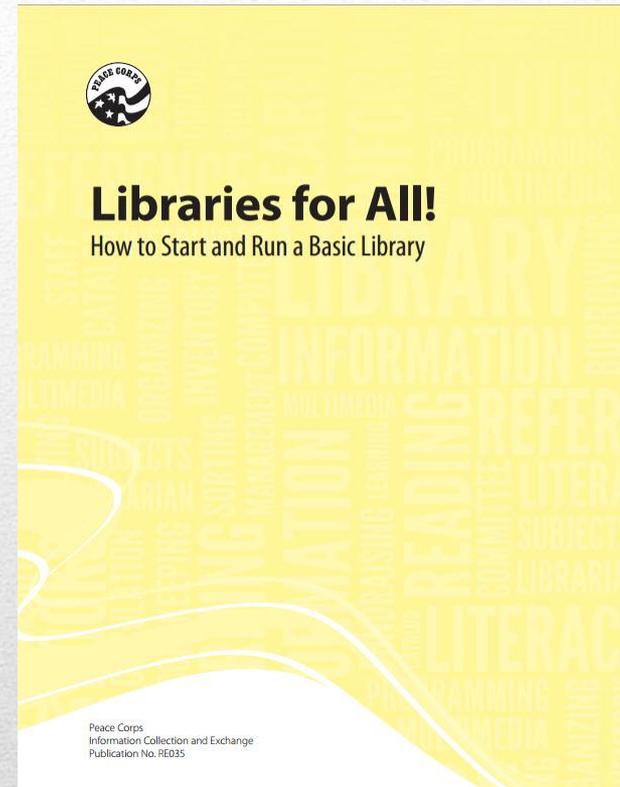
Sustainable Library Development Package



- Specific to School Libraries
- More in-depth information about categorization systems and lending

Setting Up and Running a School Library

- Focused on Community Library Development
- Can be more difficult to start a library without the support of a school
- Many communities only have school libraries



Libraries for All!



- PCLive
- Flash Drives
- SolarSPELL

Digital Resources

Photograph Sources:

Man, girl, and computer: <http://medialibrary.peacecorps.gov/p897655438/h237fd8a5#h237fd8a5>



Successful Libraries

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“Lending a few books is a small thing, but I observed its impact in my community. Children are encouraged to read to each other, learn to read sight words, practice spelling using letters written on bottle caps, get help with homework and cooperate and play with each other ”

-By Joan Komolafe, Peace Corps Response Volunteer in Liberia

Little Porch Library



“The recent implementation of a library at my school has led to increased student leadership, English reading and speaking, and a safe space for engaging and learning.”

Library in Tonga

Photograph Source: <https://www.peacecorps.gov/tonga/stories/volunteer-reports-describe-successes/>



“”But after Miles explained how the SolarSPELL worked, and pointed out some of the new content, they were off and running! They became far less shy, and we were so happy to see how second-nature it was for them to connect to the library and start surfing, whether on a tablet or smartphone.”

Solar Spell Digital Library: Vanuatu

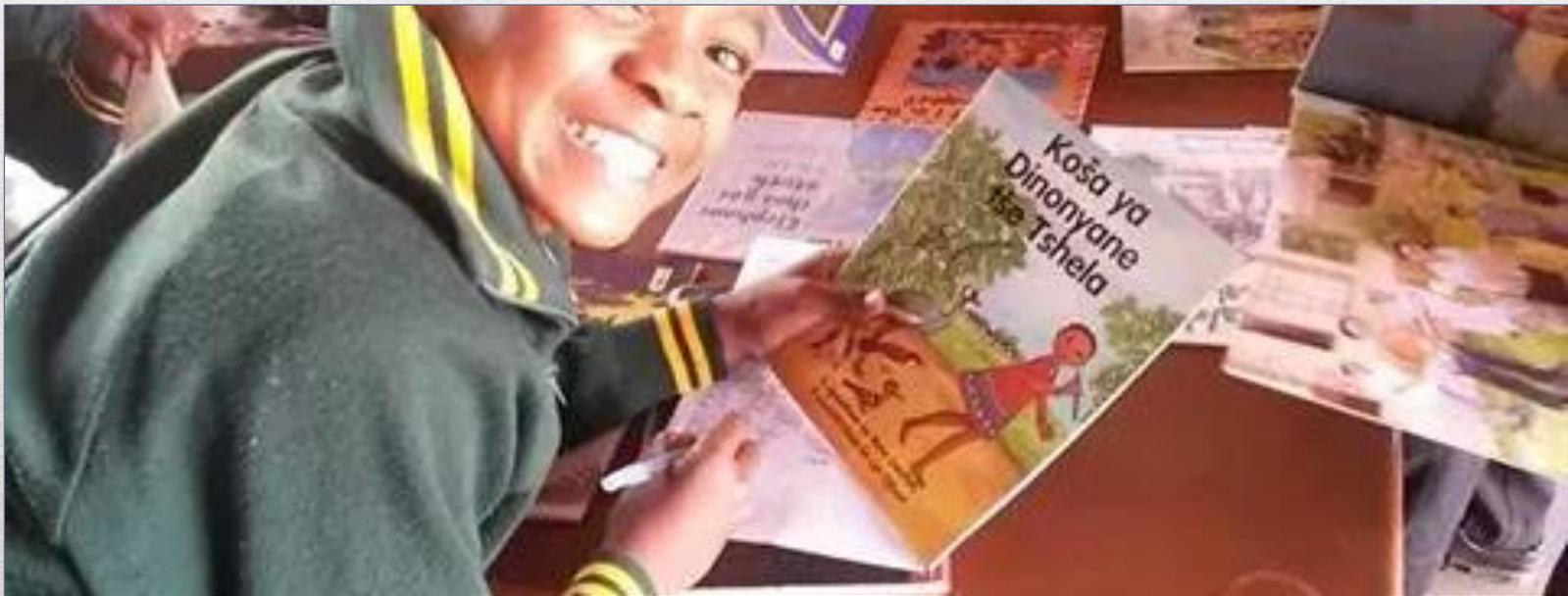


Common Threads

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Good Library Projects Have....

- Community Involvement
- Sustainable funding
- Locally appropriate resources



Good Library Projects Should NOT Have....

- Book dumping
- Technology without a purpose
- A culture-specific ideal





- Avoid organizing book dumping drives
- Support Peace Corps Partnership Grants
 - <https://donate.peacecorps.gov/donate/projects-funds/#issue>

How You Can Support Peace Corps Library Projects



THANK YOU!

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