

NEA's Books Across America Ensuring Great Public School Libraries for Every Child

NEA, together with The NEA Foundation, First Book, and The Heart of America Foundation, launched “NEA’s Books Across America,” a groundbreaking initiative to provide funds and books for public school libraries in need. In the first year of “NEA’s Books Across America,” NEA members and their students contributed more than 365,000 books and raised \$185,000 in donations and book purchases for Gulf Coast public school libraries damaged or destroyed by the 2005 hurricanes. In addition, more than 500 NEA member schools from 47 states “adopted” Gulf Coast schools or classrooms to rebuild their libraries. And this was just the beginning.

NEA’s Books Across America went national in 2007, helping public school libraries across the United States. Please get involved today and help a public school library in need. There are several ways educators, parents, students, community leaders, businesses, and anyone can help a school library in need:

- Donate money or buy books.
- Coordinate a book drive or fundraiser.
- Volunteer and spread the word.
- Make “NEA’s Books Across America” your charitable cause or project.

Visit www.nea.org/booksacross for more information on how you can get involved today. You can also go directly to www.neafoundation.org/contribute to contribute money online.

NEA’s Books Across America Library Books Awards provide disadvantaged public school libraries nationwide with funds to purchase books and learning materials. Application criteria and more details can be found at: www.neafoundation.org/grants.