

## Buy a Book for Burma (Myanmar)

Banyan Tree Reading Centre is launching a non-profit public library in Burma (Myanmar).

The Reading Centre will be only the third public library in Rangoon (Yangon), a city of about 5 million people, and will provide English and Burmese books, reading / literacy classes and a children's reading area to its members.

The Reading Centre needs book and monetary donations to stock its shelves. You can support the Centre by sending a book, a donation, or running your own fundraiser to support readers in Burma (Myanmar).

Banyan Tree Reading Centre aims to raise \$30,000 to establish the library and cover its costs for one year. You can make a donation online with our PayPal account ([donations@banyanreading.org](mailto:donations@banyanreading.org)).

The Centre also hopes to collect 4,000 books. You can help by sending in old books or buying a book you loved and sending it to us in Australia. Books for Children, Young Adults, Adult novels and English as a Second Language readers are a key priority. Non-Fiction and general research books are a second priority. Academic texts and cookbooks from the 1950s are not wanted!

The library will house a compilation of Burmese and English language books and offer membership to the public at a cost of 8,000 kyat (approximately \$5) per year.



Banyan Tree Reading Centre's key goal is to encourage early literacy in Burmese and English languages, alongside well-developed information literacy skills and a love of reading.

The Centre will also establish a "Mobile Library Service" to offer books in rural areas outside Rangoon (Yangon).

Average monthly wages in Burma (Myanmar) are under US\$40 per month. The cost of shipping books to Myanmar makes buying books too expensive for the majority of people. Libraries offer one of the few opportunities to read. With few prospects for decent schooling in Burma (Myanmar), independent reading and study is one of the few options for educational development.



the website: [www.banyanreading.org](http://www.banyanreading.org).

**Book Drops** are located in Bangkok, Brisbane, Perth and Melbourne. If you live outside Australia or Thailand, you can purchase a book online and have it sent to the Bangkok drop point.

Send your books c/o Banyan Reading Centre to:

**Bangkok:** 102 Thanon Nakhornchaisi, Dusit, Bangkok THAILAND. 10300

**Brisbane:** 8 Williams Close, Brookfield, Queensland AUSTRALIA. 4069.

**Perth:** 16 Fitzroy Place, Heathridge, Western Australia AUSTRALIA. 6027

**Melbourne:** 43 Victoria Road, Northcote, Victoria AUSTRALIA. 3070

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