

Kalimat Foundation For Children Empowerment

We believe in the power of a good book.

About:

***Kalimat Foundation for Children Empowerment (KF)** is a non-profit organization based in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. KF is dedicated to providing Arabic books and reading material to Arab children in underprivileged communities- such as rural areas, hospitals, orphanages and schools; Arab children that are affected by war and are living in refugee camps, shelters, or have migrated to a foreign country. KF also serves children with disabilities and aims to ensure and fulfill every child's basic need to read.*

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Kalimat Foundation For Children Empowerment Capacity Building Agreement

Brief:

Kalimat Foundation for Children's Empowerment, and the World Intellectual Property Organization, ("WIPO"), which is a specialized agency of the United Nations with its head quarters in Geneva, Switzerland has signed an agreement that ensures the availability of accessible books for children who are blind and visually impaired.

The agreement was signed at the WIPO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland by Sheikha Bodour Bint Sultan Al Qasimi, Founder and Chairperson of Kalimat Foundation, and Francis Gurry, Director-General of WIPO.



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Capacity Building Agreement:

Includes that both parties shall cover different deliverables; with the Accessible Book Consortium, ABC, a WIPO-led public-private partnership that includes the leading global organizations that represent people with print disabilities, shall provide training for the production of books in accessible formats, enabling accessible books to be produced and accessed by print disabled persons.

KF will be facilitating training, technical assistance, and support to regional entities implementing the Marrakesh Treaty and which serve the print disabled. The agreement ensures publishing 100 Arabic books, that includes assisting authors and publishers to produce works in accessible formats and working with libraries to enhance accessible publication collections.



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Pledge a Library Initiative

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About:

"Pledge a Library" (PaL) is an international initiative that was Launched at the Sharjah International Book Fair 2017. PaL aims to reach as many refugee, immigrant, underprivileged and trauma-affected Arab speaking children around the world; by providing them with portable libraries that are filled with beautiful Arabic books. The lack of reading material threatens the children's sense of identity and intellectual growth. We believe in the power of a book and strive to enrich the lives of those children with the best quality of books possible.

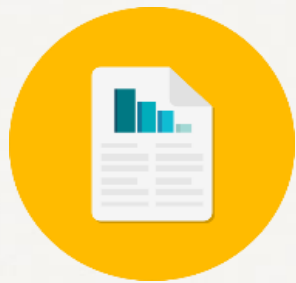


The Pledge

During SIBF 2017, support for our 'Pledge a Library' initiative poured in from various individuals, private and governmental sectors, and different organizations within the UAE. They each pledged a certain number of libraries to be sent out across the globe for children in need. Every library pledged is to be under the supporter's name, as they will receive an annual report of who has been benefiting from their pledged library, where it has been placed, and generally the feedback of children those books were gifted to.



Pledges During SIBF 2017:



No. of pledgers

18



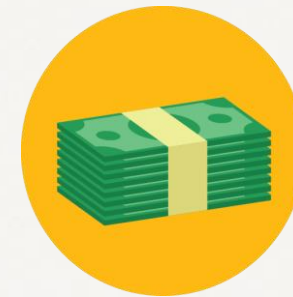
No. of Libraries pledged

100



No. of Books

10,000



Total Donation

1,000,000 AED

From SHARJAH to:



2,000
Books



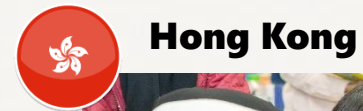
300
Books



500
Books



600
Books



600
Books

From SHARJAH to:



Armenia



1000

Books



Germany



1,200

Books



Italy



2,000

Books



Jordan



700

Books

Since the need for Arabic reading material is very high; Kalimat Foundation continuously receives many requests from different countries around the world wishing to obtain these portable libraries for the Arab children residing in their nation.



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