



**“get a leg up  
on literacy,  
support the  
jifundishe  
free library”**

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**“One of the most precious gifts to a community is a library which offers free access to the treasure of knowledge.”**

Ambassador Dr. Augustine P. Mahiga  
Permanent Representative of Tanzania to the United Nations



Jifundishe is a registered non-governmental organization that funds and manages projects for community development that provide educational opportunities to people living in rural villages. The organization was formed in 2003 and since its inception has funded and managed projects at orphanages, schools and community centers. Jifundishe is financially supported by Project A.B.L.E., a registered non-profit in New York, New York.

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**jifundishe  
free library**  
support literacy  
in tanzania



# support the jifundishe free library

In rural Tanzania, where the average monthly income is about \$33, secondary school is not free. Because of this, access to educational opportunities is limited, and educational progress is spotty.

In November 2005 Jifundishe built the Imbaseni Free Library within walking distance of several local schools. Over the next two years, patronage grew and more than 100 students, teachers and villagers were visiting the library each day. In addition the library conducted many community programs:

- Eye and dental clinics.
- Malaria prevention clinics including mosquito bed nets to over 800 locals.
- A book club for readers to discuss books in detail.
- On-going reading programs for primary school age children.
- Young Author's Program where children write and illustrate their own books in English and Swahili.



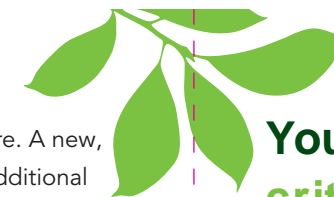
The library was so successful it outgrew the original small structure. A new, larger library that can accommodate more people and provide additional programs opened its doors on January 8, 2009. The new library offers these students access to over 4,000 books, including an expanded collection of books in Swahili, laptop computers and children's art supplies

Test scores in local primary and secondary schools have risen 75% since the library opened and teachers are sure that the access to resources, for themselves as well as their students, has been instrumental in the increase.

With four schools and one university (which does not have a library) within walking distance the potential base of students alone is well into the thousands.

Jifundishe would like to expand its community programs and its support of students.

- Adult English literacy classes.  
The ability to speak English increases the villager's capacity to do business.
- After-school tutoring program for primary school aged girls.  
This will help bridge the academic gap between genders so that girls become qualified and able to attend and succeed in secondary school.
- Domestic violence prevention program.
- Volunteer housing that can accommodate longer stays and groups who can do service projects at the library.
- Drama workshops.
- Community awareness days.
- Health related clinics.



## You can help! Your gift will provide critical support for Jifundishe Free Library and its programs. A small donation can make a huge impact.

**In addition, for every \$50.00 donated, a village student will be provided a backpack and a dictionary. To thank you for your support you will receive a note from each student who receives your backpack. In Tanzania, secondary school is taught exclusively in English, a language that most students do not know. Therefore an English dictionary is crucial to the learning process. The journey to school each day often requires at least an hour's walk; a backpack fills a real and basic need.**

**Want to be involved?** Jifundishe relies heavily on volunteers to deliver its programs. For more information on becoming a volunteer please see [www.jifundishe.org](http://www.jifundishe.org).

### I would like to make a donation to support the jifundishe free library programs

**Donation:**

\_\_\_ \$50 (1 backpack) \_\_\_ \$100 (2 backpacks) \_\_\_ \$200 (4 backpacks) \_\_\_ Other

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check payable to Project A.B.L.E.**

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