

# Thank You

## Jamaicans.com 2006 Book Drive A Big Hit With The Children



Children with donated books  
Resource District  
Jamaica



### Finally!

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I hear the same phrase year after year, "the children dem read out all of de books". This is music to the ears of anyone who is interested in literacy. Despite the never ending problems with customs, we finally received the shipment with the books donated by the members and subscribers of Jamaicans.com 2006 Book Drive.

So along with a few "community volunteers", we quickly sorted through the boxes to find the books to shelve in order for the children to have them when they return from the holidays. Incidentally, some of our darling "community volunteers" disappeared after finding a book that they wanted to read.

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Children sorting boxes  
Allen-Shaw Reading Room  
Resource District



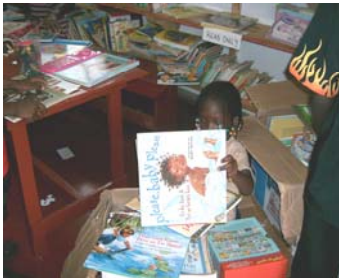
## "Footballer"

One of the volunteers caught a glimpse of the book "The Lunatic" by Anthony Winkler and dived for it. He exclaimed that he saw the movie and wanted to read the book. Instead of continuing with the sorting of the boxes, he found an unpacked box, sat down, and started to read the book. The other volunteers purposely jostled him to get him to move, in vain. When "we" were finished sorting, "he" bid us goodbye, book still in hand, walking and reading. We even glimpsed him the next day with the book, still in hand, on his way to a football game.



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Even our favorite and lovable troublemaker, who claimed that if a book had too many pages, it should not be read, could not put down the book *"What's going on down there: Answers to questions boys find hard to ask"*.



## "Mommy She Looks Like Me"

When we brought the books from the Jamaicans.com 2006 Book Drive along with the other donated books for the children section, the children who were at the library that day tore through the boxes, looking for the books to check out. We are truly excited by their

excitement when new books arrive. Even our favorite and lovable troublemaker, who claimed that if a book had too many pages, it should not be read, could not put down the book *"What's going on down there: Answers to questions boys find hard to ask"*. He giggled as he read. He was also caught browsing through *"The History of the Caribbean"*. I teased him then about "tough boys and reading". We were also able to give some of the books from the Book Drive to a local basic school which we are thinking of adopting.



Paula Shaw stocking books  
Resource Basic School  
Resource District, Manchester

## Our Thanks

The Board of Directors along with our Advisory Committee and Community Board extend our thanks to the members, subscribers and visitors to the Jamaicans.com website who participated in the 2006 Book Drive. Your donations of children books, young adult stories and historical books on the Caribbean and Jamaica is enhancing the learning experience for the community of the Allen-Shaw

Reading Room. We could not have built up our research section on the Caribbean without your help. We wish you all much Blessings for this New Year.

Regards,  
Paula Shaw  
Founder, Allen-Shaw Foundation, Inc.



Tangerine Boys-trees loaded with the sweet fruit grows behind the Library