



## **US Embassy – Public Affairs Section Micro Moving Library Project For English as a Second Language Educators and Students**

The Micro moving Library project is an initiative of the Cultural Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassy in Doha. The purpose of the project is to share English language learning knowledge and expertise through the provision of English language books to independent primary, preparatory and secondary schools. The library's resources are meant to benefit both teachers and students of English as a Second Language (ESL).

The project, which started in 2005, stemmed from the overwhelming interest of Qatar's independent school educators. In these years of unprecedented educational and cultural change, the need for this project became more apparent. Since its launch seven years ago, the project has reached nearly 75 independent schools and an estimated 10,000 students and teachers.

The library's materials include English language teacher guides and references, including practical books on classroom management and activities, as well as age appropriate fiction and non-fiction books for students. The Embassy has one Moving Library for teachers and students of the preparatory and secondary levels and another for teachers and students at the primary level. In each library, the books will be displayed on four to five shelves and divided between teacher resources and student resources.

The Moving Library is placed at a school for a period of four weeks and then it is collected by the Embassy and taken to a new school. While the library is at a school, it will be placed under the custody of the Principal/Head of the school or the school's librarian. The Embassy will provide an orientation session for teachers and students of the hosting school.

Recently, the Embassy has incorporated a Reading and Essay Writing Competition into the Moving Library Program. The competition is designed to encourage student use of the library materials. Participating students from the hosting school will be asked to read at least one book from the Moving Library during the course of the four-week period. After finishing the book, the students will need to prepare a critical essay (or book report for primary students) on the book. The Embassy will have a panel of judges rank the students' submitted work and the winner will receive an iPod Shuffle music player.

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