



Warsaw, December 10th, 2022

Dear Friends,

This year has been exceptional. Russian aggression against our neighbors generated an amazing wave of involvement on behalf of Ukrainians. We joined this aid stream from the first day of the war with the "Books give refuge" campaign.

We thank you immensely for your support of our efforts.

Thanks to your help, extraordinary things were made possible:

- we distributed **nearly 160,000 books to more than 1,000 centers** in Poland where children from Ukraine are staying.
- we sent **nearly \$160,000 in aid to Ukrainian publishers**.
- we gifted **nearly 2,500 refugee children in Ukraine with books**.
- our action was supported by people and organizations from many continents: **thank you to all our donors from Europe, America, Asia and Australia!**
- Publishers Weekly, Washington Post, The Christian Science Monitor, and the Greek daily Kathimerini wrote about our action, and we appeared in numerous Polish media. A huge **thank you to all the journalists** who took an interest in our non-obvious idea to help.

Today the world has become accustomed to the war in Ukraine, but the needs remain great.

The Russians have already bombed and burned more than 200 libraries in Ukraine. Not by accident. They know that the future of Ukrainian democracy will depend on the quality of the intellectual formation of today's youth, who should grow into democratic leaders in a few years. For that, they need books, a functioning publishing market, intellectual formation in well-functioning schools and universities. **That's why libraries are a target.**

That's why the assistance we are continuing is so important.

We are raising funds to support Ukrainian publishers and intellectuals and to continue gifting books to refugees. We are asking you to continue supporting us.

Please make a permanent donation to the Universal Reading Foundation through

www.fpc.org.pl/wspieraj (scroll down for account numbers in USD, GBP, EURO). **Each contribution counts.**

On the occasion of the upcoming holiday: Hanukkah, Christmas, New Year and other, we wish you a warm and good time with friends and family. There are many people around us today who have been made homeless. Let's appreciate what we have, and help those who really need our help.

With our very warm and thankful greetings,

The Universal Reading Foundation team

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