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SISTER LIBRARIES FOR CHILDREN'S READING REGISTRATION FORM

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Type of institution : Community Library

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Languages librarians speak : Kreyòl, French, limited English

Languages children and young adults speak/read : Kreyòl, French

Number of members (children and young people): potential to reach 2500; we do not currently have "members"

Number of children and young people visiting the library per week (members and non members) : 40-60 estimate

Number of documents (total collection) for children and YA : books, press, others (audio CDs, DVDs, CD Roms...) : We have only books at this time; there are approximately 2000 books and 99% have been donated rather than ordered from publishers as various collections. Of the 2000 books, 50% are children's books in English.

Staff of the children's section, employees and volunteers: Lovely Pierre-Louis, hired in November 2011 was trained by FOKAL in March 2012 as paraprofessional librarian; we hope to train high school students as volunteers in 2013. (Lovely had a baby by C-section in September and has been on maternity leave for 3 months.) A substitute has been in charge.

Current library programs for children and young adults: From mid-January forward, Sara plans to help Lovely develop story hours for different ages and begin some French film evenings.

Countries (for partnership) Preferred: possibly Canada; countries with comprehensive collections and familiarity with French pre-K to baccalauréat level school and community collections of quality French books. Ideally, we could speak in fluent French and English with our librarian partners.

Reasons for wanting a Sister Library relationship: The Cange Library is in need of help from professional librarians knowledgeable about books on the curriculum, AV materials, and collections in French. We also need to know about the purchase and use of electronic books, computers, and printers.

A brief history follows. In 2009, Father Fritz Lafontant, who is the founder of Cange and a champion of éducation, supervised the library. Special members of the Cange community used the library, but it was never open to the public with regular hours. Jacqueline Williams, a matriarch of Cange, and other leaders of the Cange Community first broached the possibility that Rotarians might refurbish the library and open it to school children during a visit by a Rotary District 7750 team in 2010. However, when the earthquake occurred in January 2010, the library was gutted and turned into a medical supply depot to serve the seven thousand Port Au Prince Haitians came to Cange seeking medical help and housing.

The supplies were not removed until March 2011 and our library work actually began in July 2011. Since then, the leaders of Cange have been our most important partners hand-in-hand developing the program's current and future path. Recently residents and students returned more than 400 Cange Library Questionnaires asking for feedback about their vision for the library. The initial goal is to create a collection to serve school children aged 3 to 19 years old.

We are seeking mentoring and guidance from professional librarians who can assist us in our growth and development in planning and offering effective and efficient services. It would be idéal if we could confer together in Cange and reciprocally visit the host library's site. We would also appreciate information about fundraising and Grant sources which would help us stock the Library and sustain it in future years.