Dear Students, teachers and parents at St Joseph’s Primary School Malvern,

Thank you for supporting The School of St Jude through your generous donation of $649.70. Your contribution has been allocated towards the purchase of new books and educational materials for our libraries. Because of your kindness, we have the ability to keep our shelves well stocked with books our students love. We keep our library filled with every type of genre to spark our students’ imagination and allow them to explore their interests!

At St Jude’s our students are selected based on being academically strong and from families that are struggling financially. Your donation ensures that our students can continue to have access to the very best resources available for their education. By helping to provide our students with a FREE high-quality education, you are also helping to provide them with the tools they need to pull their families and communities out of situations of high poverty. Thank you!

We take great pride in our three libraries. Our two primary school libraries at our Sisia campus in Moshono and the third at our Smith Secondary Campus, located in Usa River (a 45 minutes drive from our Sisia Campus). You can imagine with three libraries and hundreds of eager students, there are a lot of shelves to fill. We have incredibly talented librarians and volunteers that keep our libraries organized and assist our students in pursuing their academic interests and imaginations within the pages of a book. Each library also includes a teacher resource room where teachers can sign out textbooks and other resources to use in their classrooms.

Our libraries include books of every genre, from science fiction to autobiographies – we even have a special section dedicated to African authors and books in Kiswahili! Our libraries are also popular with students outside class time. At Smith, you will find many of our students using the library to prepare for exams. At lunch you’ll find our upper primary students huddled on the floor mats reading different book series together!
On Fridays, as our students from Standards Five to Seven board the buses to return to their homes, the buses are virtually silent as students read the books they’ve checked out for the weekend. You can just imagine the excitement of being able to select a book yourself and bring it home to read. We love being able to continue to inspire our young minds to imagine and explore their academic interests outside the four walls of the classroom. Checking out books for the weekend also allow our students to share their knowledge with siblings and demonstrate their great English skills with family and friends.

In just over 13 years our school has grown from one teacher and three students to over 1,900 students and 400 staff. That growth is made possible because of kind supporters like you who believe in our mission of Fighting Poverty Through Education. Your contribution makes a global difference outside the four walls of St Jude’s, by helping people realize that developing countries just like Tanzania have the potential to generate long term, positive change towards a brighter future. Thank you for being part of the St Jude’s community. Please enjoy the following pages as we give you a glimpse into the importance of books at our school and how your donation is helping Educate the Future Leaders of Tanzania!

Asante sana (thank you in Swahili) and best wishes,

From all of us at The School of St Jude

At St Jude’s we believe that the professional development of our staff is extremely important. Our librarians from all three campuses attended a course on library science and information services. With the new certifications and knowledge, our librarians can better serve the needs of our students and continue to make our libraries some of the best in Tanzania!

Jungle Book Club!

Students in standards 1-4 have the opportunity to participate in a weekly book club all about animals, at our library! Every week students select an animal to become an ‘expert’ on and share what they learned with their classmates.
Let's take a tour of our Three Libraries!

**Lower Primary Library at our Sisia Campus**

**Upper Primary Library at our Sisia Campus**

**Secondary Library at our Smith Campus**
Thank You!