

Service Opportunities for Medical Librarians

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The scope of this page includes international, national, and local programs: volunteer, grant, and donation options. The focus of this listing is on opportunities to use our expertise as medical librarians to improve healthcare for the disadvantaged.

[Book Aid International](#) - Book donation service based in London and sending books to Africa. Will accept only brand new, mint-condition reference books. Also looks for volunteers to help with donations and programs.

[Charity Village](#) - Canadian clearinghouse of volunteer opportunities includes some library positions all located in Canada.

[United for Libraries](#) – formerly Friends of Libraries USA, United for Libraries is a Division of the American Library Association. United for Libraries facilitates book donations through Better World Books. The organization unites “Friends of Library” groups.

[Global Health Corps](#) - International Service Opportunities for Healthcare professionals (all types) Focus on health promotion.

[Librarians without Borders](#) - An initiative of a Canadian Library Science program. The first project involves support for a library in Angola. Volunteer opportunities are based in Canada, but international opportunities may evolve. The [Medical Library Association](#) provides a page about the program.

[Medical Reserve Corps](#) of Massachusetts - Massachusetts web site of the Medical Reserve Corps. Volunteers serve as a team during times of emergency or need in their own community.