Established in 2002, Apple Tree Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in California. Its purpose is to establish English-language children's collections within public libraries inside China through book donations, volunteerism, outreach, programming, exchange visits, and management advice from the United States.

Activities
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- Over 270 children's programs saw over 24,000 participants in 2007
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Pioneering Projects
- Leading provider of English language collections within public libraries
- Major source of professional training, especially children's librarians
- Introduce new concepts, practices, volunteerism to Chinese libraries
- Introduce American children's theater
- Nonprofit exchange visits by Chinese students and librarians

Emerging Plans
- USAID support of English language environmental reading resources in Chongqing
- Children's theater: performance and teaching Chinese children
- Chinese student summer camp in US for English study
- Apple Tree Library Foundation annual stakeholders meetings
- Aid libraries in Sichuan earthquake area

Benefits
- Supply needed English materials to Chinese libraries
- Provide access to new information and English language books no longer unaffordable luxury
- Train Chinese librarians in library techniques
- Professional development for librarians
- Influence the way English is taught in China

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United States
- China library submits application
- Determine library qualification by questionnaire, site visits and references
- Sign donation contract & collaboration agreement
- Selection & assessment of age appropriate books
- Procure books through purchases and donations and plan for allocation among Apple Tree Libraries
- Package & ship to Ministry of Culture of China

China
- Local and central governments grant approval
- National Library of China sorts/distributes books
- Books received and processed at Apple Tree Library
- Libraries organize children's programs in English
- Library submits quarterly reports to Foundation
- Follow-up visits by and volunteer advisors by US professionals
- Library hosts US professionals and students for seminars and programs