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## GIFT AIDS CENTER FOR THE BOOK

Franklin Book Programs, Inc., which was dissolved on June 30, 1978, is turning over its remaining assets to the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress to help support the center's international program. The generous Franklin gift, which will come to the center in the spring, includes the right to all receivables held by the corporation. An additional gift from Franklin Book Programs--a 3,000-title archival set of Franklin-sponsored translations--is now in the Library's Rare Book and Special Collections Division.

Franklin Book Programs, Inc. was established in 1952 as a private, non-profit corporation to assist developing countries in the creation, production, distribution, and use of books and other educational materials. As agreed between Daniel J. Boorstin, The Librarian of Congress, and the Franklin Board of Directors, the Franklin funds will be used by the Center for the Book exclusively for international projects and programs consistent with the goals of the two organizations. The objectives of these activities will be (1) strengthening the role of books and the printed word in developing countries by encouraging the growth of publishing, improved distribution of educational materials, and the growth of library systems; (2) improving the two-way international flow of books and educational materials; and (3) encouraging the reading habit, literacy, and book use in developing countries.

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