Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
OSU Libraries including Regional Campuses
A variety of departments

Community Partners Involved
Half Price Books
Ohio Libraries
Retired Professors
Community members
Ohio State students
Ohio State faculty

Purpose
The purpose of this project is to send books to international Ohio State alumni for their university libraries. This ongoing initiative has been in existence for approximately 40 years.

Initially shipments went by mail (braille and large print books still do) but now other shipments go by 20 or 40 foot containers containing approximately 36,000 to 72,000 books (30 to 60 tons) which are shipped twice a year.

Impact
To date 1,611 shipments of books have been sent to 393 locations. For example, 11 container loads have been shipped to different universities in the Philippines. The estimated value of books, based on their last sales price, is in excess of $862 million.

To show their appreciation Professor Ockerman has received two honorary university degrees and has three international university libraries named after him, made an honorary, lifetime member of an international university alumni association, and an honorary member of three Rotary clubs in two countries.