

**SUA BOOK BUY THRIVES
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Soka University, Aliso Viejo wishes to thank everyone who has visited the Web site at www.soka.edu to donate a book...or quite a few books! As of Dec. 9, the SUA Book Buy Project reached 1,000 titles donated to SUA's new library, with a value of more than \$60,000. Already people from 17 states and a number of countries have participated by purchasing a book or books for the library and filling out bookplates with their names or names of loved ones.

This collective generosity is building the foundation of learning materials for SUA's future students. There are still more than 1,500 books available for donation on the web site and more will be added shortly — so if you would like to participate, please visit our web site, click on the Aliso Viejo campus — and then on the book symbol on our front page.

The SUA Book Buy is a good example of how SUA is using technology to work toward its goals. In this case, use of the web site for book donations has given a wider variety of supporters a chance to contribute to SUA's library — without shipping costs!

While many people have access to the Internet, we are aware that others do not. Since we are concentrating on getting the campus ready for the students, we are not able to offer other options for book donations at this time. Good and creative ideas and suggestions have been sent in and we will be sure to incorporate as many as them as possible.

Please be patient and once our library is open we will be able to offer more ways that individuals can support the library.

It has been uplifting to see the heartfelt dedications which accompany the book donations. As Library Director, I look forward to affixing those bookplates when we actually put the books on the shelves this spring.

Whenever future students open one of those books, they will see evidence of the worldwide support that SUA has received.

Thanks to everyone who has participated in the SUA Book Buy!