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Garbage collectors start library with abandoned books – 9th May, 2019

Level 0

Garbage collectors in Turkey are recycling books. They started a mobile library. It has over 9,000 books. There are books on politics, romance, history, literature and economics. The library is in a truck. It tours schools in Ankara. The library wants to make children passionate about paper books.

More people know about the library. They want it to grow. The library said: "Each day we have guests coming here to borrow books." It has books for younger and older children. Turkey has one public library for every 70,000 people; the European Union has one public library for every 6,200 people.

Level 1

Garbage collectors in Ankara, Turkey are recycling books they find in the trash. They started a mobile library. It has over 9,000 books on its shelves. There are over 20 categories of books, including politics, romance, history, literature and economics. The library is inside a truck. It tours schools around Ankara. The library wants to make children more passionate about books, especially in the age of mobile phones. Many Turkish schools do not have a library.

The library has got a lot of attention. People want it to grow and are sending their old books to it. The library said: "Each day we have guests coming here to borrow books or have a quiet time to read." It said: "We have books here for children aged from six to ten, but also books for older children....We hope that it will...arouse a passion for books." Turkey has one public library for every 70,000 people; the European Union has one for every 6,200 people.

Level 2

Garbage collectors Turkey's capital Ankara are recycling books they find in the trash. They created a mobile library full of books that people have thrown away. There are over 9,000 books on its shelves. The books are divided into over 20 categories, including politics, romance, history, literature, health and economics. The library is inside a truck that tours schools around Ankara. The garbage collectors want to make children more passionate about books, especially in the age of mobile phones and tablets. Many schools do not have a reading room or library.

The library has got a lot of attention and there is a campaign for it to grow. People in Turkey are sending their old books to the library. The library director said: "The interest is growing. Each day we have guests coming here to borrow books or have a quiet time to read." A library worker said: "We have books here for children aged from six to ten, but also books for older children, like world classics and fiction novels. We hope that it will...arouse a passion for books." Turkey has just one public library for every 70,000 people, compared to one for every 6,200 people in the European Union.

Level 3

Garbage collectors in the Turkish capital Ankara are recycling the books they find in the trash. They have created a mobile library. The library is full of books that people have thrown away. There are now over 9,000 books on the library's shelves. The books are divided into over 20 categories, including politics, philosophy, drama, thrillers, romance, history, literature, healthy living and economics. The library is inside a truck that tours schools in the suburbs of Ankara. The garbage collectors hope to create a greater passion for reading books in children, especially in the age of mobile phones and tablets. Many schools do not have a reading room or their own library.

The library has got a lot of attention in Turkey. There is now a campaign for it to grow. People from all over Turkey are sending their unwanted or old books to the garbage collectors. The director of the library said: "The interest is growing. Each day we have guests coming here to borrow books or have a quiet time to read." A worker at the mobile library said: "We have books here for children aged from six to ten, but also books for older children, like world classics and fiction novels. We hope that it will amuse them and arouse a passion for books." Turkey currently has just one public library for every 70,000 people, compared to one for every 6,200 people in the European Union.