At Bring Me A Book we want to help all children become lifelong readers. We believe that our immigrant and refugee children need access to culturally responsive books so they can see themselves—their language, culture, and stories—in the books they read.

As our Literacy Champion Dr. Don Vu writes, “If we are serious about empowering all of our students, we need to ensure that the stories they read in our schools reflect them and their importance in society.”

With this in mind, and in response to the Afghan refugee crisis, we have partnered with Tony Bloome, of mEducation Alliance, to distribute 5,000 paperback books written in Dari and Pashto to organizations that serve Afghan refugee children in Northern California.

Testimonial:

We use these books to teach Dari, Pashto, and English to the newly arrived Afghan refugee children who have been uprooted from their homes and traumatized by war, loss and dislocation. These books will help these Afghan refugee kids to enhance and maintain their native languages and to learn about the cultural traditions of their new home—the United States of America. On behalf of the faculty, staff, and the Heritage Language Program students, I would like to thank you for this very valuable, kind, and practical gift and donation.

~Sedique Popal, President of Noor Islamic & Cultural Community Center