

GUATE LEE PROJECT

1. Name of the project: **GUATE LEE**.
2. SLOGAN: **Open a book. Open a future.**
3. Project manager: **Andrea de Mazariegos, Fabiola Fuentes and Diana Brown.**
4. Name of the club: **Guatemala Oeste**
5. Rotary Area of Focus:
 - a. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
 - b. Disease prevention and treatment
 - c. Water, sanitation, and hygiene
 - d. **Basic education and literacy**
 - e. Community economic development
 - f. Environment
 - g. Maternal and child health
 - h. Does not apply / Other
6. Organizing Committee: (Underlined)
 - a. **Club Service**
 - b. Vocational Service
 - c. New Generations
 - d. **International Service**
 - e. Community Service
 - f. Public Image
 - g. Other: _____
7. Project Status:
 - a. **In planning**
 - b. In execution
 - c. Completed

PROJECT DETAILS

1. Name: **GUATE LEE**
2. Description: **GUATE LEE** is a new program of the Rotary Club of Guatemala Oeste that aims to foster reading, strengthen literacy, and create educational spaces for children and youth. As the first phase of the program, a Rotary Library will want to be built at the Esperanza Juvenil foster home, accompanied by ongoing book donation campaigns, reading activities, volunteering, and corporate sponsor engagement. As part of this project, we will purchase Rachel for the computers, a system that does not require an internet connection but instead uses an internal router to access a virtual library.
3. Community: **Esperanza Juvenil foster home.**
4. Direct Beneficiaries: More than 100 young people.
5. Indirect Beneficiaries: Volunteers, educators, families, future children entering the group homes, and the community.
6. General Objective: To promote reading habits and strengthen education by creating a Rotary Library that provides permanent access to books, educational activities, and learning spaces.

7. **Specific Objectives:**
 - a. Build the club's first Rotary Library.
 - b. Collect a minimum of 1,000 books before the inauguration.
 - c. Equip a dignified and attractive space for reading.
 - d. Create permanent campaigns to promote reading.
 - e. Involve companies, sponsors, and volunteers.
 - f. Installation for Rachel to the computer laboratorie.
8. **Project Justification:** Many children have limited access to books outside the school environment. Reading develops language skills, imagination, critical thinking, and improves academic performance. Creating a library within the school will provide children with a permanent space to learn, discover, and dream, generating an impact that will transcend generations.
9. **Identified Need:**
 - a. Absence of a library.
 - b. Limited access to books.
 - c. Lack of reading spaces.
 - d. Need to strengthen reading habits.
 - e. Need for permanent educational activities.
10. **General Goal 2026:**
 - a. Construction of the first Rotary Library by Guatemala Oeste.
 - b. Collection of 1,000 books.
 - c. Full equipment and furnishing.
 - d. Official inauguration in September 2026.
 - e. Launch of the GUATE LEE Program.

ROTARY PARTICIPATION & SUSTAINABILITY

ROTARY PARTICIPATION

Members can support through: book collection, classification, storytelling, tutoring, corporate outreach, design, decoration, transport, media promotion, and educational activities.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

The Rotary Library will be integrated into the permanent GUATE LEE program, which will continue to run annual book collection drives, reading promotion activities, reading clubs, storytelling, and volunteering. Alliances will be established with companies, publishing houses, schools, and universities to keep the reading material updated and ensure the library's continuous growth. The school will appoint a library administrator, while the Rotary Club of Guatemala Oeste will provide tracking visits and support days. The framework will be documented to replicate this model across other educational shelters and institutions in the country.