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Little Free Library Launches Action Book Club

Hudson, WI. – Little Free Library® announces the nationwide launch of its Action Book Club™, a program to encourage reading, promote community connection, and facilitate good works.

Little Free Library's Action Book Club invites groups to read books on the theme of Good Neighbors, discuss what they've read, and take part in a project to improve their community. After completing their community project, participants share their experiences online with other Action Book Club members. Through trading stories, ideas, and successes, participants will contribute to a national conversation and inspire others to take positive action in their own neighborhoods.

Interested groups can sign up for Little Free Library's Action Book Club at <https://littlefreelibrary.org/actionbookclubsignup/>.

The first 12 groups to sign up for the Action Book Club will get up to 10 free copies of the book they select to read. All who join will receive Action Book Club welcome kits.

“The Action Book Club leverages the power of books to bring people together and have a positive impact in their communities,” says Little Free Library Founder and Executive Director Todd H. Bol.

Demonstrations of the Action Book Club last fall in Louisiana and Minnesota showed how the program can work for schools and existing adult book clubs. Alysson Foti Bourque led an Action Book Club with pre-K through 4th grade students at the Academy of Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau, LA. Ms. Bourque read Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña to the students during an assembly. After discussing the value of community service and the impact of small gestures, the students decided to collect socks for those in need. At the end of October, the school's Division Head delivered more than 100 pairs of socks to the Catholic Services Office and the Faith House (a shelter for abused women).

“This was such a rewarding experience where we all had an important part of the ‘Action.’ All the kids worked together to help the community in need and the shelters were so thankful for the kind gesture,” Ms. Bourque said of the experience.

In Minneapolis, Sage Dahlen and Will Wlizlo, persuaded their book club to participate in Action Book Club. The group read One Hundred Shadows by Hwang Jungeun and then volunteered for the Midtown Greenway Bike Trail patrol program.

The Midtown Greenway is a five-mile-long urban bike trail that cuts through many neighborhoods in Minneapolis. In the past, there have been problems with crime at night. A local organization operates a volunteer bike patrol program, which is what this Action Book Club signed up for.

"By keeping eyes on the bike trail, we're helping ensure the safety of other trail users and neighborhood residents. It is a great way to be a Minneapolis 'good neighbor,'" says Ms. Dahlen.

About Little Free Library: In 2009, Todd H. Bol built the first Little Free Library book exchange and placed it in his Hudson, Wisconsin front yard to honor his mother. The idea for the handmade book exchanges with the motto "Take a book. Return a book™" resonated with people, and today the number of registered book exchanges has grown to more than 50,000 around the world, in all 50 states and in 70 countries. Through these book exchanges millions of books are shared annually. Little Free Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and has received numerous honors, including the National Book Foundation's Innovations in Reading Prize, the American Library Association's Movers and Shakers Award, and the Library of Congress Literacy Award. The organization encourages the volunteer stewards who manage the book exchanges to register their Little Libraries for listing on its world map and inclusion in a network that shares ideas and notices about events and programming. For more information visit littlefreelibrary.org.

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