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Little Free Library Founder to Tour Texas in March

Todd H. Bol will host public events in Houston, San Antonio, Austin and Plano, Texas.

Hudson, Wisconsin -- Little Free Library founder Todd H. Bol will be traveling across the Lone Star State March 2 - 15, distributing Little Free Libraries, leading volunteers in library building events, and fulfilling the national nonprofit organization's mission to promote a love of reading and bring communities together through free book exchanges.

The trip kicks off **Wednesday, March 2 in Houston**, with a Little Free Library build at the Houston [Public Library's Central Library Plaza](#) in downtown Houston, from 11:30 am to 2 pm. During the build youth and adult volunteers will construct Little Free Libraries for local distribution. The builders will be joined by special guest speakers from the [Friends of the Houston Public Library](#) and other book-friendly Houston organizations.

On Friday, March 4, Todd will be in Corpus Christi to meet with stewards. During his visit to the Texas coast he will tour Little Free Libraries in the adjacent city of Portland with Elizabeth Longo, a 17 year-old resident who built and worked to get the free book exchanges placed in local parks as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award.

On Monday, March 7, Todd will be in San Antonio leading a Library build at the San Antonio Central Library that's open to the public. Following the event, from 1 pm to 2 pm, there will be a social hour featuring a display of one-of-a-kind Little Free Library designs and special guest speakers.

On Thursday, March 10, Todd travels to Austin's iconic "Graffiti Wall" at [The HOPE Outdoor Gallery](#) for a private, afternoon workshop with media, invited librarians, students from [Radicle Roots Community Schoolhouse](#) and community volunteers. All are invited to the public [Books and Beer Happy Hour](#) with the [Texas Center for the Book](#) and [Austin Public Library](#) at [Blue Owl Brewing](#). This event starts at 5 pm and will include a display of notable Little Free Libraries, book and beer pairings and guest speakers. One attendee will win a Little Free Library.

The trip through Texas wraps up in **Plano on Tuesday, March 15** with a Library-building event with Plano Family Literacy School of Plano ISD at Harrington Public Library. Harrington Public Library is in development as a Family Place Library, which supports literacy and learning opportunities for families. This event is part of an ongoing effort of Plano Family Literacy School and the families it serves to be involved in community outreach through service learning projects.

Between stops Todd will drop by established Little Free Libraries, visit with volunteer stewards who take care of the free book exchanges, and meet with other partners and organizations.

“I’m thrilled to be traversing the great state of Texas as a part of our ‘Across America with Little Free Library’ outreach campaign. We’ll be meeting people, co-hosting events, distributing libraries, and promoting a love of reading, while building community with our free book exchanges,” said Bol. “We have more than 400 library stewards in Texas. I want to meet them and engage even more people in our movement.”

In 2009, Todd built the first Little Free Library 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, leave a book” took hold quickly and has grown to over 35,000 community micro-libraries - one in every U.S. state and Canadian province plus 70 other countries around the world. The nonprofit organization encourages stewards to register their libraries so they can be shown on the world map and be included on communications around events and special programming, such as those in Texas.

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