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**Little Free Library Founder Visits Denver to Present
“City of Distinction” Award**

Hudson, Wis. – Little Free Library® announces Denver, Colorado, as a **Little Free Library City of Distinction**, in honor of the city’s success in inspiring a love of reading through neighborhood book exchanges.

Little Free Library Founder and Executive Director Todd H. Bol will present the award Tuesday, April 18, at 2:30 PM at the Denver Public Library’s Central Branch, 10 W 14th Ave Pkwy, Denver, CO 80204.

The event will be open to the public and will include representatives from the Colorado State Library, the Denver Public Library, and the Colorado Lt. Governor’s office, among others.

“We salute the people of Denver who have worked so hard to establish Little Free Libraries as part of the fabric of their community,” says Mr. Bol. “It’s exciting to see Denver partner with key organizations to ignite the city and get to what we think is really important: to stimulate readers of all ages and backgrounds.”

While in Denver, driving his eye-catching Little Free Library trailer, Mr. Bol will meet with groups who have supported the expansion of Little Free Libraries including local Girl Scout leadership, the Colorado State Librarian and local librarians, [RiseUp Community School](#), and others.

Geometry students at RiseUp Community School recently used their math skills to construct six Little Free Library book exchanges. They then donated the Little Libraries to underserved elementary schools in low-income areas to help increase access to books.

“The students really embraced this project,” said Kate Sneed, RiseUp Geometry teacher. “Not only did they learn more about geometry, construction, and literacy than they would have in a traditional geometry class, they identified and connected with the purpose, as many of them grew up with little or no books in their homes.”

“We’re so impressed with the work of the students at RiseUp,” says Mr. Bol. “We hope the unique kindness we see in Denver will be replicated across the country.”

Mr. Bol will also be participating in activities with the volunteer stewards who own and maintain Little Free Libraries. The stewards are a crucial part of the Little Free Library

network: they help supply books and keep their Libraries in good condition. There are more than 500 stewards in the Denver metropolitan area, making it one of the most active regions in the country.

“Our goal with Little Free Libraries is to open some eyes and change some lives,” says Keith Sorci, Little Free Library steward.

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, the Library of Congress Literacy Award, and “Top-Rated Nonprofit” status by GreatNonprofits. 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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