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Hudson Elementary Schools To Receive Little Free Libraries, Start Country's First "Health Action Book Clubs"

Hudson, Wis. – An exciting new health literacy program is launching in [Hudson School District](#) this fall, thanks to a partnership linking the school district with the [Hudson Hospital Foundation](#) and the [Little Free Library](#) nonprofit organization.

All elementary schools in Hudson will receive a customized Little Free Library book sharing box, provided through funds from the Hudson Hospital Foundation. Each Little Library contains age-appropriate books on healthy-living topics like exercise and nutrition.

In addition, elementary students will be participating in the country's first [Health Action Book Club](#),™ which invites participants to read health-related books, talk about important health issues, and take part in meaningful—and fun—group projects to benefit the community.

The media and the public are invited to attend a celebration to launch the initiative:

DATE: Wednesday, October 18

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION: Hudson Prairie Elementary School media center,
1400 Carmichael Rd, Hudson, WI**

At the event, there will be a ribbon cutting for the school's new Little Free Library; story time and free books for attending students; and statements from Kari Rambo, president of the Hudson Hospital Foundation; Todd H. Bol, executive director of Little Free Library; and Joe Behnke, new principal of Hudson Prairie Elementary.

“One of the goals of the Health Action Book Club is to create open and safe dialogue for children around health with classmates or family members,” says Rambo, who adds that there is a strong link between health and well-being early in life, and health and well-being later in life.

Participating schools include E.P. Rock Elementary, Houlton Elementary, Hudson Prairie Elementary, North Hudson Elementary, River Crest Elementary, and Willow River Elementary. Health Action Book Club leaders will include media specialists, Hudson community organizations, and other volunteers.

Assistant Superintendent David Grambow hopes to expand the Little Free Library and Health Action Book Club programs to the Middle and High schools in the future based on topics explored in the existing curriculum.

Little Free Library’s broader [Action Book Club](#) launched nationwide in January, and has been featured in the [Star Tribune](#), [Shareable](#), [Book Riot](#), and [elsewhere](#). Hudson School District, however, is leading the nation’s first Health Action Book Club.

“We’re so proud that the first Health Action Book Club is happening right here in Hudson, Wisconsin—the hometown of Little Free Library,” says Little Free Library executive director Todd Bol. “We hope that Hudson will serve as an example to school districts across the country who strive to increase their students’ health literacy.”

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A folder of Health Action Book Club images is available [here](#).
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About the Hudson Hospital Foundation: Hudson Hospital Foundation is a nonprofit organization that serves the community by raising funds to support Hudson Hospital & Clinic, as well as other local health-related projects. Hudson Hospital Foundation provides philanthropic opportunities, support and direction to Hudson Hospital & Clinic and its community to further exceptional, personalized health care services. For more information visit hudsonhospital.org/make-a-gift/about-the-foundation

About Hudson School District: Hudson schools challenge students to be informed, caring contributors to our world through challenging academics, critical thinking, purposeful collaboration, applied innovation and global stewardship. As one of

Wisconsin's highest-performing school districts, serving over 5,500 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, the District's core vision is to prepare each student for post-secondary success. For more information visit hudsonraiders.org.

About Little Free Library®: Little Free Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. Since the first Little Free Library was built by founder Todd H. Bol in Hudson, WI in 2009, the number of registered book exchanges has grown to more than 60,000 worldwide. Millions of books are shared annually through the book exchanges, which are individually managed by volunteer stewards in all 50 states and in 80 countries. In its short history, Little Free Library has received recognition from the National Book Foundation, the Library of Congress, and many others. To obtain a Little Free Library and learn more, visit littlefreelibrary.org.