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Little Free Library to Donate 100 Book Exchanges to Police Departments Across the Country

*Reading brings officers and youth together through Little Free Library's
'Kids, Community & Cops' Program*

Hudson, Wis. – Today, Little Free Library announced it is [giving away 100 Little Free Library book exchanges to U.S. police departments](#) in an effort to connect officers with neighborhood youth. The initiative, part of the nonprofit organization's [Kids, Community & Cops](#) Program, was announced at a news conference at the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) 4th Precinct.

At the event, officers built Little Libraries to be placed locally, and the MPD unveiled that two squad cars will be the nation's first official "Mobile Little Free Library" vehicles, allowing officers to share books while on their beats. Minneapolis Bike Cops already [refill neighborhood Little Free Libraries](#).

"Reading is such a powerful tool and books represent an incredible way to empower our youth and reach out to them in a positive way," said Chief Medaria Arradondo. "As we aim to connect with our community members outside of crisis calls, I believe these mobile Libraries will give the MPD another great bridge to help us connect."

Police departments around the country are invited to apply to receive one of 50 standard Little Free Library book exchanges or 50 mobile Little Free Libraries at littlefreelibrary.org/impact-apply-police. The gifts are made possible in part by the Lawrence Grauman, Jr. Trust.

“We’re excited for police and their communities to connect through reading and hope this program helps foster strong relationships,” says Little Free Library creator and executive director Todd H. Bol.

Kids, Community & Cops is active nationwide in cities like Cleveland, Detroit, and [Los Angeles](#), where every LAPD precinct has a Little Free Library and officers host story-times for kids.

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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 in 2009, the number of registered book exchanges has grown to more than 60,000, in all 50 states and 80 countries. Little Free Library has received recognition from the National Book Foundation, Library of Congress, and others.* littlefreelibrary.org