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

Hudson, Wis. – [Little Free Library](#)® announces Tempe, Arizona, 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 Tempe City Council with the award on Thursday, April 27 at 4:00 p.m. The presentation is open to the public and will be held at the Tempe City Hall, 31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, AZ 85281.

“The activity in Tempe has been phenomenal,” says Mr. Bol. “We appreciate and salute the movers and shakers who have worked so hard to bring Little Free Libraries to their community and increase book access. We hope Tempe will be a model for other cities around the country.”

The city of Tempe offers a [Neighborhood Library Rebate Program](#), which reimburses homeowners and nonprofit organizations up to \$300 toward the cost of purchasing, installing and registering a Little Free Library book exchange.

Tempe’s rebate program has been hugely successful. “I am so excited they have decided to continue the program!” says resident and Little Free Library recipient April Cylwik. “We are so enjoying stewarding a library for our neighborhood. Thanks so much for issuing the remaining funds. I can't wait to see who else is able to build a library next year!”

While in Arizona, driving his eye-catching Little Free Library trailer, Mr. Bol will meet with groups in Tempe and Phoenix who use Little Free Libraries to inspire readers and build community. He will attend the Phoenix State of the City luncheon on Tuesday, April 25, at 11:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix Ballroom.

“It’s exciting to see Phoenix partner with key organizations to connect the hearts of the community through sharing books,” notes Bol.

Mr. Bol will be present for a **Little Free Library unveiling ceremony** on Wednesday, April 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The event, hosted by new Little Library stewards Jamie and Jad Levi, is open to the public and will take place at 2639 N. 15th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85006. Photo and interview opportunities will be available.

Also on Wednesday, April 26, **Mr. Bol will be the featured guest at a public reception** at The Coronado, a cafe at 2201 North 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85006, from

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A \$10 suggested donation includes one free raffle ticket and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Mr. Bol will share how Little Free Libraries became an international sensation and talk about new programs such as the [Action Book Club](#), which combines reading with positive community action.

On Friday, April 28, Mr. Bol is pleased to attend a public **Little Free Library unveiling ceremony** at 4:00 p.m. at the home of steward Mary DeMers, 20425 No. 31st Avenue in Phoenix. The public is invited to attend the unveiling, which is followed by a private wine-tasting event for local Little Free Library stewards. Photo and interview opportunities will be available at the unveiling.

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. To obtain a Little Free Library and more information visit littlefreelibrary.org.

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