

Little Free Library Milestones

- 2009** • Todd H. Bol designs and builds the first Little Free Library at his home in Hudson, WI
- 2010** • In May, Bol has garage sale and neighborhood excitement grows around his Little Free Library
 - Bol gives away 30 Little Free Libraries to friends and family and has a vision for accelerated expansion after watching them multiply
- 2011** • Additional builders join Little Free Library to assist in the growing demand
 - Plans begin to become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- 2012** • In May, Little Free Library is officially established as a Wisconsin nonprofit corporation
 - In August, the 2,510th Little Free Library is built, and the goal of surpassing the number of Andrew Carnegie's free public libraries is reached
 - In November, Little Free Library moves from Bol's deck to an official workspace in Hudson, WI
- 2013** • *Reader's Digest* names Little Free Library No. 11 in their "50 Surprising Reasons We Love America"
 - The National Book Foundation awards Little Free Library with an Innovations in Reading Prize
 - *Library Journal* presents Little Free Library with a Movers and Shakers Award, highlighting the thought leaders in the library industry
- 2014** • Public libraries begin partnering with Little Free Library and expand the impact
 - Little Free Library earns more than \$1.5 million in revenue, the majority from library sales and registration fees
- 2015** • In April, *The Little Free Library Book* is released, chronicling the journey of Little Free Library and stewards worldwide
 - In October, Little Free Library is awarded the Library of Congress Literacy Award for its effective implementation of best practices in literacy and reading promotion
- 2016** • 50,000 Little Free Libraries are now found in all 50 states and more than 70 countries worldwide
 - Little Free Library's Impact Fund launches, helping provide no-cost Libraries to communities where they can make a difference
 - The Little Free Library Festival, held in Minneapolis, MN attracts 9,000 visitors
 - Whoopi Goldberg includes Little Free Libraries at the top of her "Whoopi's Favorite Things" list on *The View*
- 2017** • Little Free Library launches the Action Book Club, an initiative that combines reading with positive community action
 - In October, Little Free Library receives Women's National Book Association's Second Century Prize for work promoting literacy and lifelong reading
 - 60,000 Little Free Libraries are now found in all 50 states and more than 80 countries worldwide

