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Little Free Library Announces New Action Book Club Theme ‘Come Together’

The book club that combines good reads with good deeds is hosting a national book giveaway to celebrate unity and understanding.

Hudson, Wis. – Today [Little Free Library’s Action Book Club](#), which blends reading with social engagement, launches a new theme: **Come Together**, celebrating the power of unity, equity, and understanding in a divided world. In honor of the new theme, the LFL nonprofit organization is hosting a national book giveaway for Action Book Club members.

Those who sign up their Action Book Clubs by August 31 will be entered to win one of several book packages of Action Book Club titles. (Existing Action Book Clubs will be automatically entered.) Winners will be announced by email on September 5.

A [recommended reading list](#) for adults, teens, and children appears on the Little Free Library website with books that reflect the “Come Together” theme, which will be active through January 2019. Books include Amy Bass’s *One Goal: A Coach, a Team, and the Game that Brought a Divided Town Together* and Matt Lamothe’s *This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from around the World*.

“I’m thrilled and honored by the Action Book Club’s selection of *One Goal*, says Bass. “The mission of this organization—to bring people together in their very own neighborhoods through reading—is on point with my hopes for this story about family, community, and soccer.”

“The Action Book Club embodies one of my favorite aspects of reading books; sharing your ideas with others,” says Lamothe. “For me, *This Is How We Do It* has the potential to jumpstart a dialog among children about their lives. I hope it lends to a larger discussion about what makes us unique and what bonds us together.”

The Action Book Club invites groups to [sign up](#); read and discuss books together; and then take part in service projects to benefit their communities. When Action Book Clubs [share their stories](#) online, they inspire a ripple effect of positive activity across the country and around the world.

Little Free Library founder and executive director Todd H. Bol sees the Action Book Club as a powerful way people can foster understanding and positive change in their neighborhoods. “The dream starts with a book,” says Bol. “And there can’t be any better place to begin than with the Action Book Club.”

Existing Action Book Clubs have generated a wealth of community service projects including:

- A group of teachers and high-school students in Mooresville, North Carolina, read *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas and then created no-sew blankets for newborns in need.
- A third-grade classroom in Cleveland, Ohio, read *Look Where We Live! A First Book of Community Building* by Scot Ritchie and then started a school recycling program.
- Neighbors in Minneapolis, Minnesota, read *Tribe* by Sebastian Junger and then packed nourishing weekend meals for underserved schoolchildren and their families.

To sign up for the Action Book Club and learn more, visit littlefreelibrary.org/actionbookclubsignup/.

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