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Barrie	G.	Calgary	Alberta	Canada	<p>It is often the small ideas that eventually have such a wonderful massive impact. I loved Todd's 'Little Free Library' innovation when he first started. He motivated me to make one and have since made many others and given to schools and organisations. He visited Calgary some years ago and kindly gave me a ball cap that I wear proudly regularly. So very sorry to hear of his passing. His influence to encourage reading and community interaction will be remembered and hopefully continued to all parts of the world.</p>
Germanno	D.	Sao Paolo	SP	Brazil	<p>Hi all,</p> <p>I can't explain exactly why, but knowing about his passing got me really sad, just like if he was from my family, even though I just knew about Todd's history and the Little Free Libraries a few dozen minutes ago.</p> <p>His legacy is inspiring, make us reflect about our lives and what we have been doing, and make me think we can always do better, we can always have a huge impact in the world with actions and things that may be laying around us without being noticed.</p> <p>God bless Todd's soul and his family & friends.</p> <p>Best regards from Brazil, Germanno</p>
Patricia	H.	Phoenix	AZ	United States	<p>In april 2017 I established a Little Free Library in a homeless shelter in Phoenix, Az. It is an apartment complex purchased, and renovated to assist families with obtaining employment, housing, child care, and beginning new productive lives. It is sponsored by Paradise Valley Junior General Federation of Woman's Club (GFWC). My husband and I visit it weekly and rotate the books held in a four shelf bookcase, providing Adult, Teen, Middle School, and Preschool reading from the 2000 books in our garage. The Library is a huge hit for the residents. and it recently was awarded an international Community Improvement Award at the international convention of the GFWC. It has been a privilege and a honor to be the steward of such a wonderful project started by Tod. My husband and I were delighted to meet Tod when he visited Phoenix. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tod and his family. Patricia and Jerry Hiland.</p>
Casey	R.	Los Angeles	CA	United States	<p>My Dad helped build a Little Free Library after my mom found out about the great idea. Her life has always been filled with books and she has shared her love of reading and passed it on her whole life. She has loved watching people come sit on the bench by the Little Free Library in our yard. It brings a smile to her face every time. Thank you for the wonderful way of bringing light into the world.</p>
Bill	P.	Statesboro	GA	Bulloch	<p>Todd, what joy my Little Library has brought to me and the many people who continue to use it day after day. Thanks for coming up with the idea and developing it. You are in my prayers.</p>

Ursula	O.	Silver Spring	Maryland	USA	We first heard about Todd Bol's Little Free Library movement in 2011, when Jean Feraca did a show about it on Here on Earth, her Wisconsin Public Radio program. I sent an email with a few questions about becoming an owner, and to my surprise, Todd picked up the phone and called me. He was warm, encouraging and inspiring. We built the library that winter. It was the first one in the state of Maryland, and we were proud to be pioneers in this way. We have loved it ever since, and have been delighted to see so many more popping up around our neighborhood. Some years later, when LFL was a much bigger community, and Todd a well-known crusader for books and reading here and around the world, he came to Washington and we met for coffee. We talked about work we might do together to bring libraries to refugee camps in the Arab region, where my work is focused. I'm sorry we never had a chance to implement those ideas together, but they will live on, as will his extraordinary legacy.
Kelly	R.	Crown point	In	USA	My daughter Emma, sister Eileen and myself had the pleasure of meeting Todd and Margo at a Girl Scout Conference. In Ohio last year ... we were at the hotel sitting by the fire pit and he was there also. We started talking and he told us about little free library and that we needed to visit his booth the next day ... after we talked for a while Emma's birth date came up 06-06-06 and he said really ... she was like yep ... he said Stay here it'll be right back he brought back a LFL plaque with the number 666 on it ... he said I don't know why I carry this around in my briefcase but I want you to have it he said I didn't give it out because I didn't think anyone would want that number we had such a great visit with him !!!!! RIP Todd Bol 🙏🙏🙏
Kristi	G.	Bloomington	MN	USA	Our townhome association president and his wife created a beautiful LFL for our community. It is located next to our outdoor pool, and along a popular walking route, so it gets a lot of use! One of the distinctive features of our small community is our roofs, which are covered with cedar shakes. During the time of our LFL's construction in August 2018, our roofs were being repaired with new shakes to replace the ones that were broken or worn. The roofing contractor was kind enough to supply a bundle of special small shakes, and the craftsman working at the time used his expertise to install them atop our LFL. It's now the cutest and most visited little house in our community! #ThankYouToddBol
Judith	R.	Wascott	Wisconsin	USA	My son-in-law built this lovely LFL for the entrance to our shared cabin road. Our neighbor who controls right of way said he didn't want it there. It would draw "too much traffic." So we asked the next neighbor down. It's been shining its light for over a year now (without a traffic jam--only a disarrayed obstructionist).
Rita	M.	Gunnison	Colorado	USA	It was an honor to meet Todd this summer at the NEA Representative Assembly in Minneapolis. The news of his passing is extremely sad and yet I imagine him in a peaceful place with a Free Little Library on every corner. We are proud to have eight, newly built Little Free Libraries ready to be posted here in our community and we will put each one in place with a silver ribbon in memory of Todd. Todd's legacy will continue forever all over the world. He is someone who had a beautiful idea and made it happen, and look at the results we see today. Book exchange boxes all over the world. Thank you Todd! We will continue your dream. (The attached photo is a group of Western Colorado University students and teachers who worked putting together Little Free Libraries on their day of service last weekend.)
Anna	K.	Uxbridge	Ontario	Canada	My deepest condolences to the family of Todd Bol. As a steward I am grateful to witness on a continuing basis the joy that reading brings amongst our neighbours. We have no one to thank for this but Todd and his vision. I will be tying a ribbon in memory of a man I did not personally know but undoubtedly must have possessed a great heart. May his goodwill live on.
Marge	P.	Reno	NV	US	Our new Little Free Library was open starting on this date, Oct 18, 2018. What a way to remember the day. So sorry to lose such an inspirational man.

Sharon	K.	Saint Paul	Minnesota		<p>In the fall/early winter of 2012, I drove to Hudson to pick up my Little Free Library at Todd's home. I knew I was retiring from 43 years of teaching elementary kids at the end of the 2012-13 school year and I wanted a Little Free Library when I retired to put the many children's books in that I had collected. I live in a low-income neighborhood where the kids needed books of their own. When I met him I thought, "what a great guy, to think of this idea!" He was so friendly and enthusiastic about the libraries! My brother erected it for me and I put up a "take a book and pass it on" sign. I have so many books and I wanted to give kids the books to keep. One day in the winter of 2015, I was out blowing snow. I saw written in the snow right next to the Library "Thank you for the books" My heart was full and I owe this to Todd's great idea. The kids in my neighborhood have an unending supply of books to keep due to this sweet man.</p>
James	S.	Regina	Saskatchewan	Canada	<p>We are so sad to hear about Todd . We have added a silver ribbon and we are flying our flag at half mast. Our thoughts are with you James and Karin Stevens</p>
Diane	T.	Madison	WI		<p>Thanks for starting such a wonderful movement.</p> <p>#ThankYouToddBoI</p>
Stephen	E.	St. Louis	Mo	USA	<p>The view from our kitchen window of the activity surrounding our library brightens our day...every day! Our family and our St. Louis Hills community thanks you.</p>
Kay (Katherine)	S.	Saint Paul	Minnesota	USA	<p>I was fortunate to meet Todd in person as he came along with a helper to install my Little Free Library a little over 5 years ago in my front yard garden. My house was a gift from a non profit and houses were just starting to go up around St. Paul. Have a framed picture on my book shelf of the day and later a team from AARP came to take pictures and write an article for their BULLETIN.</p> <p>Hundreds of books have found readers from the Library and silver ribbons fly from it today. Todd would have loved the dedicated 7 year old boy discovered this winter sitting on a snow covered sidewalk reading a book with his mittens on! Added a bench after that for snow covered readers,</p> <p>His Library will be kept running as long as I own my house and my son is helping me now when weather doesn't always allow me to check it daily.</p> <p>What an amazing man and what an amazing idea for readers world wide.</p>

Jane	S.	Oxford	Michigan	United States	<p>To Todd Bol's Family,</p> <p>My husband and I are deeply saddened by the news of Todd's passing. We hope that you will find comfort in knowing that his kind and generous spirit will live on through each little free library around the world and the thousands of people that he connected with. We are indebted to him for sharing with us, his amazing idea of creating little libraries as neighborhood free book exchanges. It was that idea that changed so many lives for the better. He made a positive difference!</p> <p>We are proud stewards to three LFL's and have tied them with white ribbons to honor his memory. Little Free Libraries have provided thousands of books to people around the world, and all for free! Take one, Return one! A dream that started with one truly amazing man's ideal</p> <p>Sending peace and comfort to you,</p> <p>Don and Jane Saxon</p> <p>LFL Oxford Michigan Charter #19748</p> <p>LFL Bokeelia Florida Charter #35623</p> <p>LFL Bokeelia Florida (#2) Charter #38650</p>
Diane	O.	Omaha	NE	usa	<p>I am so sad to hear about Todd. Never met him but felt like I have. My little free library is one of the best things I have ever done, I had no idea I would enjoy watching my neighbors and their children leave me notes and take books, leave books, comment on books. It has been a uplifting experience to which I owe Todd. Thank you Thank you !!</p>
Bob	O.	Grand Junction	Colorado		<p>Our Little Free Library has found kind notes of thanks tucked inside & knocks on our door expressing gratitude for sharing books with our community. Our library has created a connection to others we never imagined would happen when we built it. Thankful for the experience and happy to be giving the gift of reading to others.</p>
Katie	B.	Binghamton	NY	United States	<p>I met Todd almost exactly one year ago when we did a panel together around literacy activism. He was immediately warm and made me feel like a fellow superhero on a path to change the world. He's really created something wonderful and I hope those who love him find comfort in how he spread sunshine to so many lives.</p>
Kathleen	B.	Charlotte	NC	United States	<p>I don't have a story. But I just wanted to give my condolences to Todd's family, friends, and coworkers. I'm grateful for this movement he started. By making books readily available he has enriched readers lives by opening their hearts as well as their minds. As an author I find it very inspiring. I'm so sorry for your loss. 🙏</p>
miri	d.	beer yaakov		israel	<p>I was incredibly sad to hear the news. Tod was an inspiration for me to dare put up a library in an open garden and to trust the community to love and respect it as they do. The library has become a regular spot for people to sit with toddlers to tell a story, to borrow a book for themselves. Children come on their bikes to pick a book. It is truly wonderful.</p> <p>I attached my announcement on our FB page, with a translation of Tod's words of inspiration.</p>

Ruth	T.	Memphis	TN	USA	Todd and I met when he came to the Student Program for NEA. I was just amazed and blown away by his story. He touched my heart and made me so excited to bring this amazing Little Free Library back to my community. Todd and I kept in touch because I would let him know that I am trying to build one at my community. He was so kind to give me one of his books to let me share with the student chapter. When we were conversing, I just remember how much he valued literacy and his job. The way he poured out his passion, I knew I wanted to be like that when I become a teacher. I will never forget his kindness and his warm smile. Todd, I want to thank you for creating this amazing idea and being a friend to me. You will not be forgotten.
Stephen	D.	Geneva	IL	USA	Our tree was hit by lightning and Todd gave us inspiration for a Little Free Library project.
DeLonn	C.	Mound	MN	United States	<p>If we're talking about impact, Todd has had perhaps more impact than anyone I've known. Few people can say that they've reached millions of kids / parents and encouraged them to do something (read, socialize) that has nothing but positive, life-long societal benefit.</p> <p>Although we associate Todd with literacy - which is amazing - his bigger purpose was to bring people together. In fact, my family has met more people around the community after putting up our library than the 5 years prior. And this matters even more today than ever.</p> <p>I hope the history books will reserve a spot for Todd. One way or another, I'll be sharing Todd's story and passing on his public service to my kids...</p>
David	C.	Apple Valley	Minnesota	USA	<p>I have had a Little Library box for over 2 years . My neighbors love it and get a lot of joy from reading. Thanks Todd; Through your idea of the Little Library box your vision and your ideas will always be remembered. Rest in Peace!</p> <p>My favorite slogan is: What lies ahead of us is Tiny compare to what lies within us!</p> <p>Thanks, David Cutaia</p>
Iris	H.				Thanks you Todd, foto giving my mom zo much Joy through her lfl in her last year of her life. I hope she will be there to meet you wegen you arrive above. I'm sure she had made a lfl in heaven. Thanks you again for her good momenten through lfl
Grace	D.	Sun Prairie	WI	USA	<p>I first met Todd at the Minneapolis Library event and was so honored to get his autograph on page 220 in Margret Aldrich's book where a photo of my Little Free Library is pictured. I also got Rick Brooks's autograph and, of course, Margret's. I told Todd that one of my coworkers had a LFL at his cabin and it was positioned too high so he was wondering what would be the ideal height. Todd said it should be bellybutton height and we realized that he towered over me and my friend. We had a good laugh about the fact that his bellybutton was a lot higher than ours. I also got to chat with him at the LFL Festival at Minnehaha Falls Park. My friend and I volunteered at the book donation table and had so much fun. Todd joined in the parade and we saw him gimping along, using a cane, and wearing a green and yellow tutu over his khakis. I think he fell off a ladder and sprained an ankle but can't remember for sure what caused his injury. It didn't stop him from participating in the tutu parade. On that day, I also won a LFL in a drawing and I installed it in the business park where I work. So, now I am steward of two Little Free Libraries and couldn't be more proud to be a part of Todd's wonderful legacy.</p>
Margaret	T.	Saint Paul	MN	United States	In this topsy turvy world, we are fortunate to have Todd's Little Free Libraries to remind us of the importance of being kind to each other.

Merian Leslie	V.	silang		Philippines	<p>#ThankYouToddBoI</p> <p>Thank you for sharing us your vision. Thank you for allowing us, from Thousand Books Project to with your team-Little Free Library with this Storytelling Event in Pampanga. You were a great man sharing your vision and your singing voice even in Philippines. A nice big guy who shared his smile, time, effort, resources, vision and Beef Jerky to people around him and also with kids. We honor you and will continue to share the same vision with you.</p> <p>and in deed, "What a wonderful world" you had shared with us. -Leslie, Thousand Books Project, Philippines</p>
Cindy	R.	Cedar City	Utah	USA	<p>God Bless You Todd for being a force and inspiration to all people. Encouraging friendship with neighbors and community and advancing literacy through out the world. Your vision lives on.</p>
Lori	M.				<p>We love our Free Little Library ðŸ™Š" thank you for bringing people together and sharing your love of reading and community. May your legacy be a comfort to your loved ones.</p>
Carolyn	H.	Durham	NC	Durham	<p>Even though I just heard about Todd. I do not know anything about him but I really appreciate what he have done to help the many boys and girls in the world my condolence to the family</p>
Kailli	B.	Eagan	MN	United States	<p>On behalf of the Dakota County CDA, I extend my most heartfelt condolences at this time of great loss. Though we did not know Todd personally, he has had an impact on so many communities - including our staff and local Dakota County CDA communities. I coordinate our Agency's LinkedIn page; today was just one of several posts that show the impact Little Free Libraries has had (and will continue to have) for the children of our workforce townhome developments: https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6459168703664709633 Our Little Free Libraries are stocked with books that have been donated by our staff and/or in partnership with our local libraries after book sales.</p> <p>I wanted to try to keep this message brief, but if you have any questions or would like me to elaborate further, I would be delighted to do so. Again, our sincere sympathies and warmest thoughts at this time; wishing you peace.</p> <p>Kailli Braz Administrative-Communications Coordinator Dakota County CDA</p>

Patti	E.				<p>I met Todd on a flight from Calgary in 2013. I wasn't one who typically interacted (or even made eye contact) with those I sat next to on business trips, yet when I sat beside Todd, I could sense that he had something to share. We talked the entire flight to Minneapolis and his inspiring vision for Little Free Library compelled me to connect him to folks at my company to think through LFL strategy, and more importantly compelled me to become a steward in honor of my cousin who had recently passed away from cancer.</p> <p>Todd and I spoke several times over the years about ways to build community, increase literacy, and just be a good human. Every time I walk past a Little Free Library (which is quite often these days), I smile knowing that Todd's vision is alive and present throughout the world. Todd will be missed.</p> <p>Sending many prayers to Todd's family and the Little Free Library community.</p> <p>Patti Engstrom</p>
Paula	D.	El Paso	Texas	United States	<p>I am a Public Relations staff writer for the Socorro Independent School District in El Paso, Texas. In the last year, the district has added more than 20 Little Free Libraries at its elementary and middle schools. They have been donated or built by high school students in an engineer class, Boy Scouts, a principal and parents. Many of the small libraries are in communities that are economical disadvantaged and, in some cases, have no public library. The Little Free Library has been a God send for so many. You have placed books in the hands of children who have never seen one in their home. This year, H.D. Hilley Elementary, located in a poor area of El Paso County, was named the national winner of the Scholastic's Summer Reading Contest. The 500-plus student population read more than 4.2 million minutes from May 15 to Sept. 15. No other school in the country came close. They have a school library and a little free library. That's it. Thank you for helping push literacy in our area. God bless you all. If you ever feel like donating a little free library, we would welcome it. We are trying to work on it ourselves, but we have many more schools that need it.</p> <p>Sincerely, Paula Diaz</p>
David H.	A.	Gowrie	Iowa	United States	<p>I wish I could thank him personally for his great contribution to the world and to those of us who love holding a real book. There are countless numbers of people young and old who benefit from his vision. Todd will be in my prayers thanking God for sending him to us.</p>
star	e.	denver	co	usa	<p>Here is my memorial to Todd on my little free library....</p>
Carol	A.	River Falls	WI	USA	<p>I am the proud steward of 1 of 6 original Little Free Libraries in River Falls, WI. As a book lover and avid reader with an extensive home library - sharing my love of reading with neighbors and acquaintances who stop by to browse for books has brought such bright joy to my life! It is fantastic to discover a Little Free Library - sometimes in the most unexpected places when I travel. And when I moved my residence - my Library came with me. I was so honored to have had the opportunity to meet Todd several years ago and I will always remember his quiet sense of pride. What a legacy and inspiration he leaves for book lovers everywhere - and I mean everywhere!</p>

Sandy	Q.	Roseville	California	United States	<p>Weâ€™re so sorry to hear about Todd Bohl. Weâ€™re sorry for your loss â€” an extraordinary man!</p> <p>We built our LFL in September of 2015 when my brother was visiting from Kansas â€” we live in California. My husband and brother built it mostly from siding and roofing material that was left over from when my husband built our backyard shed. Other material came from thrift stores (except for the plexiglass for the doors). We used picture frames for the doors but replaced the glass with plexiglass.</p> <p>What he started has blossomed into something awesome! I see Little Free Libraries everywhere now! Itâ€™s amazing!!! Our number is 29,981 and Iâ€™ve looked at ones while traveling around and, I think, the highest number Iâ€™ve seen is 79,000+ - Iâ€™s mind blowing!!!! That many new ones (about 50,000) in only three years!!! Itâ€™s an incredible legacy!</p> <p>We especially get lots of kids at ours and go through a lot of kidsâ€™ books â€” I usually shop at garage sales, library sales and thrift stores. I try to keep with the holidays â€” there are lots of Halloween books in there right now. Last year, I bought solar Christmas lights to string around it for Christmas and hung a couple â€” ornaments inside.</p> <p>We see families walking around the neighborhood and stopping by to choose several books before continuing on.</p> <p>We love having our Little Free Library. We wish you all the best in continuing with his legacy.</p>
Marytza	R.	Santa Ana	CA	US	<p>We are so sad to hear about the loss of Todd H. Bol, founder of the Little Free Library organization. Todd gave communities of readers so many opportunities to meet their neighbors and share knowledge freely through more than 75,000 Little Free Libraries worldwide. Makara was honored when Todd visited Santa Ana on November 4, 2016 to help us plant the 50,000th Little Free Library at Illumination Foundation's Children's Resource Center at 1215 N. Ross Street. He treated everyone with warmth and kindness, making literary jokes and fun puns, and even led a sing-a-long of "What a Wonderful World" with the neighborhood kids. The world needs more people like Todd, who worked hard to fulfill his vision to "see a Little Free Library on every block and a book in every hand." We remain inspired by his joy, optimistic vision, and dedication to books, reading, and a lifetime of learning.</p>
Sherry	G.	Minneapolis	Minnesota	US	<p>I saw the Little Free Library truck in my neighborhood recently and it was like a celebrity sighting for me! I love books and love the movement, but wish more of these boxes in poor neighborhoods--my prosperous community has many. Long live the memory of Todd and his mother!</p>
Carolyn	S.	Morehead City	NC	United States	<p>My son built me a Little Free Library for his Senior High School project in 2015. Our neighborhood has enjoyed it so much that another family around the corner from us built one on their street as well. It is so wonderful to see the kids and adults in my neighborhood sharing books and keeping alive the constant discovery and imagination books offer to us. We are so grateful to Todd for starting such an amazing and thoughtful endeavor and knowing neighbors are continuing to build their own Little Free Libraries we know his legacy will always continue on. Our deepest sympathies to Todds family and the LFL family.</p>
Angela	C.	Medford	MA	US	<p>To the Bol family,</p> <p>I am deeply saddened to hear about Tod's passing. Although I never met him he has brought great joy to so many people through the LFL vision. The libraries bring so much to our communities, not just reading but good neighbourliness, the thrill of finding a new library and creativity. My library was custom built by my husband as a birthday gift and I can honestly say it was the best and most thoughtful gift I have ever received. Our library is a little over 18 months old and it brings me pleasure every day and just thinking about it makes me remember how much I am loved.</p> <p>May Tod rest in peace. Thank you for creating such a wonderful vision</p>

Jeffrey	D.	Chanhassen	MN	United States	<p>Amazing man. Amazing passion. I met Todd once for a news story and will never forget when he said he wanted to build more libraries than Andrew Carnegie! There was no doubt in his mind that he would do it! He succeeded a short time later.</p> <p>On a recent run, I passed a beautiful Carnegie library and immediately thought of Todd. I could have sat and talked with Todd for hours that day, he was just that kind of guy. So engaging, so fun-loving, so creative, a true gem of a man. We should all be so fortunate to have a legacy that far exceeds our mortality. Prayers to his friends and family as I know the loss of him is great. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5TJH5hmRE8</p>
Judy	E.	Lake Worth	Florida	United States	<p>Had the pleasure of meeting this most incredible man when he visited Lake Worth for our Biblioarte event this past April. With over 100 LFL in our city we were most anxious to meet the man who started this movement. I simply cannot put into words how honored this city was to have Todd, along with Tony and Margaret make the trip to Florida to see how our LFL system worked. I adore my LFL and am so happy to have met the man who had the vision to change lives by reading and the availability of books. May you rest in peace Mr. Bol, We will miss you but you will most definitely live on in the hearts of every LFL Steward and the people they serve.</p>
Pamela	Q.	Saint Paul	MN	USA	<p>My Little Free Library has brought my entire family such joy! We live on a corner and it gets constant use, both with people dropping off books as well as those selecting one. The children's books are always first to go! I also use Goodwill if my selection seems less than stellar. Todd's vision has touched so many people of all ages and walks of life. In these difficult political times, he was a refreshing soul and I am so very grateful for his leadership.</p>
Virginia	C.	Holley	NY	US	<p>Todd reminds us all that it is possible to change the world one book at a time.</p>
Camila	T.	Toronto	Ontario	Canada	<p>So sorry to hear this news. Todd's work has touched more people than we will ever know. For myself, I never knew him but I was so inspired by him. Here is a blogpost I wrote in 2014. I'm in the process of exporting this post to a new site called "Building up Kids" - hope to have it up and visible there soon. http://camilatroughnton.com/new-blogs/2014/1/15/little-free-library</p>
Andrew	D.	Ottawa	Ontario	Canada	<p>Twenty years ago, I ran a "book and magazine exchange" in the apartment building where I lived with and took care of my grandmother. So I was so pleased two years ago to find, quite by accident, a Little Free Library here in Canada's capital. Checking the website, to my surprise and joy I found there were over 30 Little Free Libraries locally, each of which I now visit monthly - removing books that have given a lifetime of service to readers and are now falling apart, adding new books, and shuffling a few books from location to location to enhance the variety available at any given Little Free Library. My aim is to do my part to help ensure that each location has a quality, diverse, browsable collection. At each visit, I leave at least one children's book, one non-fiction book, one fiction book aimed at women and one fiction book aimed at men. A mixture of hardcover and soft. These four categories seem to cover most books out there. Hats off to Todd H. Bol for creating an organization and a movement around the sharing of books, encouraging literacy, and building and maintaining community. The dreamer may die, but the dream lives on. Rest peacefully, Todd.</p>

Cathy	C.	Rochester	Mn		<p>I received my library in 2013 through a grant our public library had. I never registered because of cost but felt connected to the movement nonetheless. My oldest child was an infant when we installed it. Installing the library is the single most important action I have taken for my neighborhood and my family. The daily joy and neighborly connections and love of reading we have gained cannot be understated.</p> <p>I'm very glad Mr. Bol knew how appreciated his idea was and how many lives he has touched. It surely does not take a doctor or a politician or wealth to change lives. Thanks.</p>
Farah	P.			Philippines	<p>With the Founder of Little Free Library, from Wisconsin USA, Mr Todd Bol. The kids was so happy to hear him do Story Telling. Thank you Mr Todd for visiting again the Philippines and for the wonderful presents for the kids of Paaralang Pantao, Payatas Q.C. Philippines</p>
Marilyn	B.	Lake Mary	FL	USA	<p>On the day Todd passed I discovered another LFL in Orange City and shared on social media.</p>
Rachael	S.	South Lyon	MI	USA	<p>I never had a chance to meet Todd but his vision and legacy are so inspiring. I felt a real sadness to hear of his illness and passing. His work has made such an incredible impact in our community--a small Michigan town just north of Ann Arbor--where our Little Free Library has become a piece of public art and an outreach hub for literacy, story times and even programming. Thank you, Todd. You left the world a much better place than you found it.</p>
Joyce	M.	Centennial	CO	USA	<p>I got started on my little free library journey when I saw an article in our local paper about Todd and the movement. I became so enamored that I fought for two years against my HOA to get approval to build my library. I was so impressed by the reason he did it, the way he did it, and the way he grew the movement. I truly think that we stewards are a living, breathing organism that is stretched across the planet in harmony. I feel a connection to all of the stewards because of him. I have made great friends and wonderful acquaintances. I can't wait to see how his legacy survives and grows. I am so grateful I got to meet him and spend a few minutes of his busy life. He certainly changed mine.</p>
Antoinette	A.	Accra		Ghana	<p>So sad to hear this. Am in tears. Todd Bol supported little free library in Ghana. I will forever miss this Great Man</p>
Kate	G.	Columbus	OH	United States	<p>Todd never met someone he didn't consider a friend. He was wildly passionate about Little Free Libraries and had big ideas. I first met Todd at the American Library Association - well more literally at the airport, but when we discovered we were both heading to ALA, we shared a cab. Then when my friend and I discovered that Todd was the founder of the Little Free Library Movement, we were overjoyed to meet him and shared our personal stories - she and her husband had just built one. We met up at subsequent ALAs and he would give me updates of the movement's progress. He was always so excited about the growth of the movement which was so very personal to him. I will never forget the twinkle in his eye or his passion for life.</p>
Suzi	H.	SOUTH PASADENA	CA	United States	<p>In April 2017 Todd (and Tony) were in So. California to attend the LA Times Festival of Books. A gathering of So. Cal. Stewards was scheduled before the Festival. I was lucky enough to host it. A wonderful evening of Todd's stories and sharing literary snacks. Some folks were inspired to start LFL's. Others of us stepped up our participating and reaching out to communities and readers in need.</p>

Gary	V.	Ham Lake	Mn	Anoka	Todd and I crossed paths around 1984. He was a substitute teacher at the school I taught at. One day he approached me, in the Industrial Arts Department, and asked if I would help him repair his parents sleigh. Within a short time this beautiful sleigh showed up at my house and Todd and I repaired it. A lot of work but fun. I could tell he enjoyed building and crafting things. He was very interested in one of my passions. I built and taught grandfather clocks. He convinced me to join him in a venture to be part of the Renaissance Festival. We rebuilt a building in the Renaissance venue and opened up a shop to sell some clocks and give classes in etching glass primarily glassware. We did this for about 3 years. I have very fond memories of Todd and his never ending ideas. Todd moved to the Shakopee area and I totally lost contact with him. I am very saddened to hear of his passing. Todd was one of a kind.
Christina	D.	Hastings	MN	USA	We are proud to be LFL #3599 and we are honored to have been able to meet Todd at a LFL Stewart party a few years ago. It was wonderful to meet someone who loves books and loves sharing them so much. He was such an amazing person. My mom is LFL #36822 and there is one up at my dad's home church Mount Hope in Bloomington MN. We will continue to share books and carry on his amazing legacy. Todd, we love you and miss you. You inspired us all.
Cecilia	P.	San Antonio	TX	United States	I have been an LFL Steward for 3 and a half years. I had the honor of getting to spend some time with Todd back in the Spring of 2016, when a fellow LFL steward in San Antonio hosted a gathering for him during his Texas LFL Road Trip Tour. He was kind, generous, patient, and smart. He put up with all of my fangirling, and questions, and regular nonsense that comes with interacting with me. I was in tremendous gratitude and much awe of him. I asked him far too many questions. He didn't mind and answered them all. He never got annoyed or impatient. I'm grateful that I ever got to meet him. I'm saddened by his loss. I know that his passing will have a huge impact on the LFL community. He certainly lives on in my LFL. He keeps me inspired to do good in my own community and continue to work to establish a sustainable literacy-rich environment wherever I go. I can only hope that my literacy legacy becomes just a small fraction that his will. May Todd rest in peace. May there always be books.
Katie	S.	Bangor	Maine	United States	Hi - I have a Little Free Library 2 doors down the street from Stephen King's home. The first time I ever read about LFL, I signed on immediately. I thought it was the best idea. Now, we bring pleasure to people from all over the world who come to Bangor Maine to see his house. I have a book of post-it notes, so people can leave me messages - and now with more people knowing about the libraries, they come ready with a book to leave. Thank you for this most wonderful addition to all our lives. You have made SUCH a difference in this world at this time. My prayers are with you.

Michele	C.	Charlotte	North Carolina	USA	<p>Our team is just very grateful for you, Todd! Cassidy and I have discovered some of our favorite books in your Little Free Libraries.</p> <p>Dearest to me is how my youngest, Cassidy, has come to treasure books. As she entered reading age, I fully anticipated her tucking into her top bunk and whiling away the hours reading – she was born to two voracious readers so how could she not? Well, she could not. It was a disappointment to discover that Cassidy had little to no interest in reading or in books. Okay. It wasn't disappointing. It was a platinum dagger to my bibliophile's heart. :)</p> <p>Cassidy struggled to read. How can you enjoy something that creates pain and strife?</p> <p>It was a dark and stormy night (actually, it was a bright and sunny day) when we happened upon a Little Free Library. I screeched the Mustang to a halt, smoke still billowing from the tires, and jumped out to investigate. I'd never seen one of these before but I could smell the books a mile away! As I was pawing through the bound treasures, trying not to drool noticeably and throwing furtive glances over each shoulder (at this point I know nothing about Little Free Libraries and I'm certain a neighborhood resident is going to shoo me off with the bristle end of a broom any moment), Cassidy sauntered up beside me, reached out a hand and pulled out a book saying, "Hmm, this looks good."</p> <p>My heart froze. Could it be? Could it possibly be? Could a spark be igniting this very moment?</p> <p>A spark ignited! A burning desire ensued!</p> <p>There are no words. My gratitude is boundless.</p> <p>A few months ago I happened to look up the origin of the Little Free Libraries (which we regularly visit all around town and there's even one on our street!). I was awed to learn how you set up the first one outside your home as an honor to your book-loving teacher/mother and how a philanthropic friend helped grow this nationally and then internationally. This has inspired me deeply. You, and everyone involved in the Little Free Library organization, will be forever in our hearts and minds.</p> <p>With Love,</p> <p>Michele & Cassidy</p>
Kenneth	B.	DUNWOODY	GA	United States	<p>He came into my life earlier this year and poured into every aspect of my life; personal, professional, business, vision, mission, etc. He donated 15 Little Free Libraries to our Real Dads Read work. Every time I turned around there was another box showing up from him. He was a man on a mission and wanted to bring me along with him. I am going to greatly miss our long conversations on how we were going to save the world together. Him and I had a favorite thing that we discovered; the song, "A Wonderful World." As God would have it, I video taped him singing it to a class of students here in Atlanta. I only pray that I can live up to his expectations of me.</p>
Cindy	A.	Lake Worth	FL	USA	<p>Meeting Todd at ALA in Chicago!</p>
Lora	G.	Phillipsburg	PA	USA	<p>Our Bellefonte, Pennsylvania's Woman's Club, as a result of a service project, was able to create our own thriving network of local Little Free Libraries at the neighborhood schools, as well as encourage their spread to neighboring communities and even states. Tod Bol's humble vision has fostered an enormous new enthusiasm for literacy here and abroad. LFL #13688 (pictured) is stewarded by a Woman's Club member and is in Phillipsburg, 20 miles west of Penn State University.</p>

Cindy	A.	Lake Worth	FL	USA	Todd in action at Barton Elementary School in Lake Worth, FL.
carol	s.	Hudson	WI	US	Not a story, just admiration for Todd and his heroic efforts to move literacy along in such a wonderful way. We lost one of the good guys today... :(
Renee	L.	Albert Lea	Minnesota	USA	I don't have a "Todd Story" but I couldn't be more sad than if he were family. I'm so sad about his passing. He truly made the world a better place. My deepest sympathy to all who loved him.
Meeg	P.	Carlsbad	CA	United States	THANK YOU, Todd, for creating Little Free Library! I am the steward of this lovely turquoise Little Free Library, which I stock with books mostly for the neighborhood kids. It brings so much joy of reading. As a person who has loved libraries my whole life, and writes and edits books for a living, I was so thrilled to find this way to have my own little free library and share it with others. You have created something truly beautiful that will live on in our neighborhood and so many others. Sending you much love, gratitude and prayers. May you go on your journey knowing you leave behind something truly wonderful that will continue to grow.
Tim	J.	Hudson	Wisconsin	St. Croix	Todd was an inspiration and his dream of brining communities together through the Little Free Libraries worked incredibly. My wife and I both did library builds through Luther Hudson Chevrolet GMC and CVTC in River Falls. I believe we built 50 or so libraries for communities throughout St. Croix County. Todd was a friend, cared deeply for people and will be missed very much. "Todd was a true ambassador of the written word"
Gerrit	F.	Zoetermeer		Netherlands	So very sorry to hear this news. My thoughts go to his family and all the people who were, worked, lived with him. He inspired me to start a LFL, a 'minibieb' as it is called in The Netherlands, more than four years ago. I have 2 now: one for grown-ups and 1 for children. Todd started the LFL as a tribute to his mother, the teacher; he built her classroom in his garden and filled it with books. So everyone can read. And how far did he bring this ideal!! He honoured his mother with a LFL, we will honour him with a continuous growth of LFL's; stimulating the possibilities to read. He will be remembered.
Rae Lynn	W.				I appreciate Todd thinking of this idea and bringing it to life! I have loved the LFL's all around my neighborhood in Houston -- we have LOTS of them, and more it seems every day. There is one about 1/2 block from my house too. They are like a little breath of refreshment, just going to look inside to find something I might want to read or try out. And I love to take my daughter by them to foster a love of reading books. It is a wonderful thing, these Little Free Libraries! Thank you Todd!
Jacques	Z.	Leidschendam	Nederland	Nederland	Rest in Peace. Your First Little Library is a Never Ending Success Story!
Dianne	W.	Exeter	Ontario	Canada	Todd's story has been very inspirational to me since I saw a news report about the Little Free Library movement in 2013. As a retired Grade One teacher, it was a perfect opportunity to share the books I had brought home when I retired. I have met so many people from my own neighbourhood and others out checking out Little Libraries for fun. Thankyou Todd and family for inspiring this movement. I know your mother must be so proud of you and I believe you are together again in Heaven.

Karen	C.	Belleville	IL	United States	Adding my little free library to my yard has created an opportunity for me to connect and share with my neighbors and to add to the sense of community in my neighborhood while supporting and advancing literacy. I am forever grateful for Todd and the legacy he leaves behind in neighborhoods all over the world.
Cher	H.	Moorhead	Minnesota	United States	What a wonderful man. He was in Fargo-Moorhead for TedX and an initiative we had to create and donate Little Free Libraries. He was fun and oh so committed - and very supportive. He awarded me a pink Little Free Library hat, which I treasure and will wear in his honor. Rest in Peace, Todd. 悼詞
Lanie	T.	Austin	Texas	USA	RIP Todd Bol. I enjoyed meeting him when he and his brother visited Austin. When I return home from Denver, I'll hang both white & silver ribbons on my LFL in solidarity with other stewards around the world. When Todd heard I'd been to Cuba, he told me he'd give me ten LFLs if I could take them there. I sought out ways to do that, but didn't succeed before the prevailing winds shifted in DC. Todd's simple idea touched many people around the globe with his love of reading: "Take a book. Leave a book." I've done that myself in Austin, Santa Monica, Denver, Grants Pass (OR), and Dubrovnik (Croatia). I marvel at the messages of gratitude left in the guestbook of my own LFL in my front yard in Austin. Todd, you will never be forgotten. 悼詞 & 悼詞
Linda	B.	Arlington Heights	IL		Dear Todd and Family, Just a note to let you know how much we love our Little Free Library. People in our neighborhood love it, too. Thank you for coming up with this wonderful idea and contributing to literacy around the world. Linda Bain
annye	c.	Nantucket	MA	usa	Dear Tod, With your concept of Little Free libraries, you have enlivened my health food store, Annye's Wholefoods Market on Nantucket island, Massachusetts. I am a former bookstore owner and publisher, and when I learned about LFL, I knew it would be a great way for me to stay connected to readers. Our library is indoors, with five shelves (because much of the year we have inclement weather). Nantucketers and visitors are enthusiastic readers and happy to share with others. I estimate that 10 to 15 books go out of the market daily! At least once a week, I visit our thrift shops for books to make sure we have enough books, especially in the summer. And the conversations we have are fun and engaging. This is all because of you--what an achievement, what a gift to the entire world. I hope that you realize you were the spark of a true revolution. Thank you for all your devotion and hard work. We are sad to hear that you are ill. I will keep you in my prayers and my heart. With love, Annye Camara
Muffie	G.	Stockton	NJ	USA	Dear family and friends, I m soo saddened to hear of Todd s passing. Such a visionary! I believe we were the first Little Free Library in NJ, if not one of the first. We are a tiny town, blinking light in the center of town and still rural. Although we are supported by libraries in our county, our Little Library is well received and used. Deeply saddened Muffie Geissler
Sarah	G.	charlotte	north carolina	usa	For nearly 5 years, having a LFL for kids was on my bucket list. Last Christmas, my family gave me one, along with gift certificates to our neighborhood book store. I was thrilled! In April, it was installed, and has been a hit ever since our "grand-opening". We have steady customers...in strollers, on foot, bikes, and scooters. Who knew such a small gift would bring so many children together!

Kristi	g.	whitefish	Montana	US	How wonderful it was to read the back story of who started these Little Libraries! But, so saddened to hear that you are so seriously ill and in hospice. The world is a better place because of your ideas and your big heart. Your legacy will be the profound changes you have made in the lives of countless people and the ripples of your goodness that will go on and on. Sending my gratitude and love, Kristi, in Whitefish, MT.
Jill	J.	Boise	ID		Thank you so much for all your work to establish the Little Free Library system. What a legacy of literacy and neighborliness you have created for everyone.
Andrea	G.	Paddock Lake	WI	United States	Thank you for starting the idea of the Little Free Libraries. It's a great idea and I started my own Little Free Library (# 70320) this past spring. All the best to you! In His name, Andrea Guastadisegni
Kimberly	W.				Todd - Your contribution to the WORLD is phenomenal! Thank you so much for sharing your vision to make books available in all neighborhoods. May you and yours find peace in the days ahead - you are honored, loved, & supported.
Ann	J.	Antwerp	Antwerp	Belgium	You are a great person to have made a big difference in the world of the book!
Amy	B.	Fort Dodge	Iowa	USA	We are so sorry to hear of your illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
					Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for starting the Little Free Library Program. Our community has over a dozen LFL's and they are very popular. We also have the first Little Free Library on wheels - the JoyMobile! It brings books to festivals, sporting events, farmers' markets and many other public events.
Patti	L.	St.Paul	MN	United States	Tony, I am so sorry about your illness. You've given us all a great gift - accessibility to learning through books available everywhere - and for free! Thank you for the privilege of seeing your work, working with you for a short time, your most admirable vision of the world filled with little libraries and most wonderful books is a vision you made into a reality. Thank you.
Karen	B.	Hopkins	MN		Dear Todd, Your impact cannot be overstated; what a wonderful legacy. Loved hearing that you did this in honor of your Mother. I too had a mother who loved books. Thank you so much. God bless you and keep you.
star	e.	denver	co	usa	Todd, I am so sorry to hear of the news of your health + will keep you in our prayers. Heartfelt thank you for all you have done with the libraries. It has been life changing and I love this avenue of reaching out to people and talking books. All the best to you and your family. Star

Jennifer	C.	Duluth	MN	United States	<p>Todd, thank you for your mission, work, and joy, all the best kinds of contagious. My work is in sustainable community development and your little free libraries has sparked in me to create a little free greenhouse. im working on a prototype from upcycled materials in my garage. just want you to read another way youâ€™ve helped and inspired the world. There are probably a dozen or more LFLs in my neighborhood. my kids love them, they get so excited to check them out :) peace and love to you.</p>
Ellen	P.	Ashland	VA	USA	<p>I loved the story of Little Free Libraries from the very beginning and always try to seek out a new one in my travels, including overseas. Thank you for your efforts to make this a kinder world in which we want to share the books that we have enjoyed with those strangers and friends whose paths cross ours through the Little Free Library system.</p>
Valerie	G.	Tucson	AZ	USA	<p>Dear Todd, So sorry to learn about your illness and that you are in hospice care. Our prayers are with you, and we thank God for your beautiful legacy of Little Free Libraries. I am the steward of the two well-used ones we have in our community. God bless you for using the talents He gave you to make our world a better place!</p>
Sally	P.	Brandon	MS	USA	<p>My library is in Ouray, CO and has been enjoyed by so many people - from my kitchen window, I can see people browsing and exchanging books. What a great idea this is! Thank you and best wishes.</p>
Patty	C.	Port Royal	SC	United States	<p>I've been a Steward of a Library of Distinction for 3 1/2 years (12078), and I am so very proud of my library. I get thank you notes from my community and my library is very supported. I can't thank Todd enough for his inspiration that has changed the reading world. I've learned of new authors I would have missed if I didn't have my library. In my book, Todd ranks with Jim Henson, Steve Jobs and Bill Gates for modern visionaries in improving our lives. God Bless you Todd.</p>
Aethan	H.	Hudson	WI	USA	<p>Several years ago, I urged the Red Cedar Canyon Town Home Association to obtain Little Libraries. After all, I can practically see the World Headquarters from my home (at least with a drone). Much to my amazement they were installed.</p> <p>This summer one suffered a broken door and I reported it and a repair was completed. I guess that makes me a Steward of sorts.</p> <p>In a strange twist the day it was repaired, I visited my friend George Vondriska at his woodworking shop in Hammond. I have built guitars for Guitars4Vets with George several times. He was building Little Library boxes in his shop. We talked about how valuable these wooden destinations are in a community.</p> <p>I am saddened to learn of your journey. My wife traveled the cancer and hospices road and I have some idea of the pallet of emotions experienced.</p> <p>I offer you prayers for peace. I'll take the action step and today I will do my weekly arranging of the contents of the Little Libraries and plant a some seeds on the shelves.</p>
Jay	H.	St. Paul	MN	USA	<p>I read about your illness and am thinking about you.</p>

Laura	G.	Roslindale	Massachusetts	United States	Thanks for launching a community building movement at a time when we really need to strengthen our connections to one another!
Riose	B.	Morris	Ct	USA	Sending you healing, love and Light Todd and Susan. I am so happy you came to visit our Little Free Libraries on our piece of the planet. We carry on with the mission of bringing books to as many people as we can to our communities. Harvey Hubble has committed to putting one in every school in Waterbury Ct and we will have his crew rolling tape soon. We have students in 3 high schools at the ready to help us with our mission. So we carry on! 📖📖 Rose @ StoneHill!
Susan	M.	Manchester	CT	US	I had been wanting a little free library for our yard for a while. I'm a librarian and we live in a great neighborhood with lots of people walking so I thought it would be the perfect fit. After many hints, my husband purchased a little free library for me last Christmas. This summer I painted and stained it, and my husband helped me install it in our front yard. (We had to dig three holes before he was finally able to dig deep enough for the post without hitting tree roots!) He was skeptical at first as to whether or not people in our neighborhood would actually use the library. It took a week before there was any activity. The children's books have been a big hit and several parents have stopped him while walking our dog to let him know how much their children have enjoyed the library. Thank you!
Costanza	C.	CAPRI	Na	Italia	Dear Todd, your dream was arrived in Italy! Only heroes can do so much! And then if you are a hero you can do it all!!!! Good luck from Capri, Italy, LFL 50368. !!! With Love.Costanza
Sharon	W.	Minneapolis	Minnesota	United States	I'm an aspiring writer. So I read...a lot. I figure it's my part time job. I love Little Free Libraries. Todd, you did such a great thing for the world of readers. Now, whenever I pass a cute library box - and they are everywhere - I wonder, what's in that one? If it looks stuffed, crammed, or stacked to the mini-rafters, I feel compelled to check it out. I'm reading, "The Goldfinch" (I found that one at the Isles), and "The Girl on a Train." I found that one at the end of my block. (That's my favorite library, because someone - a mysterious neighbor - loves dark thrillers, just like me) Last year, I also found, "A Reliable Wife" and "The Kind Worth Killing" in my neighbor's box. Believe it or not, I'm finally reading, "The Davinci Code." I found that one near Lake Harriet. Score! After I'm done, I return them at different locations around my Minneapolis hood. The search continues...thanks to you!
Lindsey	B.	Phoenix/Mesa	AZ	US	Someday, I hope to see my unpublished novel, "Chorus of the Crows" in a Little Library. That's my dream. I'm an illustrator, so I'll upload my cover art. It hasn't happened yet, but I'm working, endlessly editing, hoping, dreaming, praying. Todd, I'm so sorry about your diagnosis. I'll always think of you and your family when I visit the beloved boxes.
					Hi Todd - thinking of you and sending you blessings. I wanted to let you know that I became a library steward 3 years ago and have loved every minute of it. I also work for the City of Mesa in AZ and was recently able to launch a city funded program that provides residents with little libraries. We have a volunteer build day next weekend and will be adding 11 new libraries and library stewards to our community in addition to 10 other libraries we are supporting and many other libraries that were already up and running before our program that we were able to support with Ili registration funding to connect them back to you and put them on the world map to make them more accessible. I am grateful for you and your original idea to make a little library part of your community...it is beautiful to see how much your idea has grown all over the world. I am happy to be one little part of it and want you to know what an impact you've made on me, my family, my community and the world. many blessings. Lindsey
Teri	H.	Goodlettsville	TN	United States	Todd, I have just registered my Little Library for my neighborhood and am getting it up and running. We have a beautiful round-about with benches and I'm excited to add this little gem for our residents. Thank you for thinking this up and making it happen. Blessings and peace to you. Teri Herrera, Windsor Green HOA

Kristin	P.	Decorah	IA	United States	<p>A few summers ago, Todd and his wife passed through Decorah, IA, and happened to see our Little Free Library downtown at the Northeast Iowa Montessori School. After swiftly captivating us with his exuberant personality, Todd came into the school to chat for a while. We sat on tiny kid-sized chairs and discussed the Little Free Library movement and their road trip. Todd offered us stickers, signed books, and even a pre-built Little Free Library with registration. After Todd left, I passed out the stickers and autographed books to all of the Little Free Library stewards in town. Then we auctioned off the Library at our fall fundraiser, made \$250 for the school, and established a Little Free Library on the Trout Run Trail, a bike trail around Decorah. I believe that the Winneshek Medical Center now maintains that Library. Our Little Free Library is a thing of happiness, pride, and community sharing. It ignites conversations and helps the school promote reading for all kids who visit it. We stock it with books from the county recycling center, so it's almost always full of great kid reads.</p> <p>Thank you Todd for helping us connect to one another. I am sorry to hear that you have pancreatic cancer. Your enthusiasm is a gift to the world and we are saddened to lose that bubbling optimism! May we carry on your spirit after you go in many good reads and community conversations over our Little Free Library.</p> <p>With gratitude, Kristin Propson, Decorah Iowa Northeast Iowa Montessori School</p>
Susan	M.	Reedville	VA	USA	<p>Todd, I have repeated the story of your first library before various committees and civic groups since we launched our project in 2013. We have 13 LFLs, soon to be 14, in our rural community. Our original goal was four book swap boxes. Our church felt the LFL idea was neighborly and a little quirky like our congregation. Similar to the LFL organization itself, our project morphed into a literacy project. We looked at our community and realized our collection of donated books was not reflecting the diversity in our community. We latched on to this idea of "mirrors and windows." We learned to write grant proposals. We reached out to our local sheriff to add books to community policing efforts. We don't know where this simple idea of a book exchange box will lead us next. Thank you for your idea, your vision and your commitment to sharing life with neighbors and friends through books. We are honored to be a part of your project. Susan May, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Community Literacy Project, Kilmarnock, VA</p>
Dp	C.				<p>Hi Todd, I want you to know that you changed my view of humanity, community and you awakened my love for people, books and sharing. I made my Little Free Library seven years ago when I was inspired by your story. Since then, I have met so many people in my neighbourhood and I have helped others find joy through books. Your light shines all over the world! Thank you!</p>
Jenn	U.	Minneapolis	MN	USA	<p>Todd, you are frequently in my thoughts. It's been one of my greatest honors to work with you in order to create LFL as well as to help the organization conquer its challenges and seize its opportunities. You succeeded beyond my wildest dreams and will leave an incredible legacy of love, literacy, and service. Godspeed, friend.</p>
Cheryl	R.	Boulder	CO	USA	<p>Todd (and Family), thank you for your vision and your leadership in creating little free libraries all over the United States and across the world. My heart lifts everytime I drive through a neighborhood and see a little library. Our little library at our church (Mountain View UMC) has been a wonderful means to reach out to the in-house preschool, the K-8 school across the street, and our neighbors. Without your leadership, this wouldn't have happened. I keep all of you in my prayers.</p>

Jennifer	M.	Springville	New York	United States	<p>You're an inspiration Todd - thank you for creating Little Free Libraries! Sending love from Springville, NY to you and your family in Wisconsin</p>
Barb	O.	Jefferson	SD	USA	<p>First and foremost I would like to say Thank You for the wonderful work that you have done by starting the Little Free Library Concept! What an honor to your Mother! You are definitely doing God's work here on earth by spreading love, helping neighbors reach out and getting to know one another, sharing wisdom and the importance of reading as well as giving everyone the opportunity to use their imagination, and dream bigger dreams for themselves, their families, their neighborhoods, their communities and the world.</p> <p>My husband built a Little Free Library for me and we installed it in our neighborhood in Wynstone (a gated community near McCook Lake, SD 57038.) Our address is 960 Wynstone Drive, Jefferson, SD. Our neighbors were thrilled and excited to be getting a Free Little Library. Our H.O.A. did not want to register it so I was a bit disappointed but it still is a blessing to have. My husband has a family owned business, Novelty Machine & Supply Company. It's over 140 years old and part of the business is a machine shop. Needless to say, when I presented him with the idea of building and donating a Little Free Library, he jumped on board and didn't hesitate. He sort of took over. Anyway when it was all said and done with time and materials was just over \$3000 - He built it with quality materials to make it heavy duty and withstand the elements! We have a neighbor who has a friend who lives in Omaha, Nebraska who would like to put one in her neighborhood. She asked if John would build it for her. He agreed but said he would scale down the cost a great deal to make it more affordable. Almost everywhere I go we see some sort of a free little library. Last night at my granddaughters dance studio they had two crates designated to take a book, leave a book concept. Thank you for starting the Little Free Library Concept. What a wonderful idea and it is spreading like fire. That's a great thing!! We are so sorry to hear of your recent diagnosis. Cancer is a dreadful disease but will not win. Jesus has fought the battle for us and He has the victory! God has a plan for you!</p> <p>(John 14:2-3)</p> <p>2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. God is with you.</p> <p>(Joshua 1:9)</p> <p>9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.</p> <p>We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers! You are not alone! God is with you but I'm sure you have so many grateful people praying for you. Also you are in the care of Hospice, (Angels here on earth!) They will take excellent care of you and do all that they can to keep you comfortable! We know because we have experienced it with family members of ours throughout the years. May God Bless you and keep you in His tender care.</p> <p>With warmest wishes, Barb & John Olson</p> <p>P.S. - Our Little Free Library with two of our granddaughters, Anikah & Melody</p>
Beverly	S.	Tampa	FL	USA	<p>Todd, our fellow worker, Janine Crouch, passed on information concerning you and your health issue. In reading the article in Little Free Library, I am sad to hear you have a heavy load health wise at this time. I will be praying for you and your family.</p> <p>God Bless you and take care.</p>

Dionne	P.	Old Bridge	NJ	USA	<p>Hello Todd,</p> <p>I don't have a story, But my school purchased a little Free Library a few years ago when I restored my former elementary school garden.</p> <p>I wanted to send you and your family pedals of the yellow flowers that we planted that float in the air as the fall winds blows across our garden. I hope they reach to your window with all of our prayers and songs of joy.</p> <p>Thank you for your gift to our lives.</p>
Linda	B.	Westby	WI	Vernon	<p>This saddens me so. I painted on your libraries, the songbird. Im so sorry to hear this Todd and Susan. I was honored to work with Todd. You are such a visionary, my prayers are with you and your family.</p>
Richard	S.	beachwood	Ohio	United States	<p>Todd, our heartfelt prayers are with you here from Cleveland Ohio. You are an inspiration to us all. We enjoyed you visits here in Northern Ohio, as together we have set up over 20 Little free libraries. Sincerely, Richard Schwalberg, Chair FBICLECAA Cleveland</p>
Barbara	F.	Medford	Ma	2155	<p>Dear Todd and family,</p> <p>So very sorry to hear of this terrible news.</p>
Krystyna	S.	Clifton	NJ	United States	<p>Thanks to the Little Free Library that I installed in front of my house, I've met the neighbors from several streets away that I never would've met under other circumstances. I look for a Little Free Library everywhere I go and happily I've seen more and more of them recently. I've been a reader, and addicted reader, since I was a child. I've worked for 10 years helping second graders learn to read and sold the idea of a Little Library to the teacher who's class I worked in. There's a town nearby that has a Little Free Library at every public school, they were all donated by someone in town. You've created a legacy of readers. You've opened the world up to people who are unable to travel. I will be forever grateful.</p>
Michelle	R.	Town 'n' Country	Florida	usa	<p>Todd, Janine shared your story with us here at In The News just wanted to say thank you for all you do and we will keep you in our prayers. Michelle</p>
Jodi	B.	Davison	MI	USA	<p>Who knew when it started that the Little Free Library movement would ever go as far as it has and continues to go. What an amazing legacy. Thank you, Todd for the gift you have given the world.</p>
Katy	Z.	Pepper Pike	OH	United States	<p>After much discussion in our well-to-do city, I was granted permission to install a Little Free Library in our city park. No one thought it would be successful since our families can certainly afford to purchase books. We are on our third year and have trouble keeping it stocked, books go through it so quickly. The Little Free Library Journal is filled with heart warming stories from children & families, some have stopped by on their travels through the state just to swap out books for their kids to read in the car! Thank you Todd for your vision!</p>
C	S.		WI		<p>With a "little" idea, you have made a huge change in the lives of millions of people! Your dedication to reading has been a tremendous, ongoing contribution to making the world a better place! Wishing you only the best in your health fight.</p>

Oliver	V.	Recklinghausen, NRW		Germany	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>joining LFL community, participating in a project which brings together friends, neighbors and even book-loving people you never saw before is a great feeling for us. Many thanks to you and your friends for spreading out your idea around the world. Of course: People who read improve their education, literate people know how important democracy, environment, freedom and peace are. People who share the language of literature share the concept of diplomacy (not war), too. So your idea of little free library is a peace keeping project in fact ! Be proud of your achievement, dear Todd, in my opinion a piece of Nobel Peace Prize belongs to you.</p> <p>May God bless you and your family in the coming days. Whatever happens: you are not alone.</p> <p>With love Oliver and family</p>
Bill	T.	Normal	IL	USA	<p>Todd,</p> <p>I am very sad to learn of your cancer diagnosis and pray for you. I remember when you visited us (Tina Sipula/Clare House) in Bloomington, IL, bringing a trailer full of Little Free Libraries to people and giving us an extra one, which we gave to a friend who has a religious/family counseling outreach. For the past 6 years, I have placed literally thousands of books in Little Free Libraries in our community and in the hands of people-- especially their children--who cannot afford books. They have eagerly taken them and, because of your vision, have opened their lives and those of their children.</p> <p>When Tina Sipula installed a Little Free Library in front of Clare House, I was inspired to get involved in this movement by my wife's many years as a librarian in the Normal (IL) Public Library. Along the way, I have been helped by the donations of books from many sources, churches, friends, family, the Normal Public Library, just to name a few.</p> <p>I will continue my commitment to your vision as I'm sure many others will. You have created a true social movement to encourage and enable people to improve their lives.</p>
Ana	D.	SĂo Paulo	SĂo Paulo	Brazil	<p>Some years ago I was sent by LFL 15 registration numbers to install Little Free Libraries. In the name of all small communities in many different places of Brazil, I would like to thank you for this awesome initiative. Many people were exposed to books and reading because of the little houses full of books you started. A simple and wonderful idea!</p> <p>You gave hope to many people and them all wish you have all this hope back. Be well and many blessings to you and your family.</p>
Sharon	C.	Burr Ridge	IL	USA	<p>I am speechless. Todd, you know how inspired I've been to keep trying; keep being; keep ... Mattering. You matter to us out here. And we will never stop carrying your message of hope and light and goodness.</p>
Yvonne	R.	MURPHYSBORO	IL	United States	<p>I forgot this attachment with my noteâ™ </p> <p>Blessings, Yvonne</p>

Yvonne	R.	MURPHYSBORO	IL	United States	<p>Todd,</p> <p>God's blessings to you and your family at this most difficult time.</p> <p>By founding the Little Free Libraries you have done amazing things for so many! We have met so many wonderful people all over the country while visiting Little Free Libraries on all of our trips! We've visited places on our trips we never would've gone, because of your LFL map! We consult it everywhere we go! We've left our "reading comfort zones" and have enjoyed countless hours being absorbed in books in new genres and by countless different authors! We always keep a box of books in the car that we've bought so we can leave as many as any LFL we visit needs to make it fullâ™™)it is a wonderful thing to share!!!! Thank you so much!!!! May the Lord bless you for all eternity ~ as richly as you have blessed usâ™™)</p> <p>Love in Christ, Yvonne & Ken Roberts</p>
Latrece	J.	Mobile	AL	United States	<p>Thank you for your vision. Praying that the peace of God, who is a healer, covers you and your family.</p>
Ashira	M.	Rockville	MD	United States	<p>Hi, Todd.</p> <p>I'm sorry I haven't met you. I am completely obsessed with Little Free Libraries, and they have probably changed my life in lots of ways; some days, I say it's a nice day to go 'Little Free Libraring,' which means going around to as many Little Free Libraries as I can find and putting things in them. I've done this in the D.C. area (mainly Takoma Park, Maryland), Athens, Georgia, and Asheville, North Carolina. I kind of judge a city or other place now by how many Little Free Libraries they have ... and I like to visit places that have them. :-)</p> <p>Since I travel a lot, the Little Pea Library (as I call mine) is a mobile one, and here is a picture of Sweet Pea and Sugar Plum looking out the window on its side.</p> <p>Thank you for giving me and so many people something so cool to look for and forward to in so many places around the world – it really is incredible!</p> <p>Ashira Malka</p>
Amber	E.	Phoenix	AZ	United States	<p>Thank you for starting this beautiful movement and bringing so much joy to this world.</p>
Kathie	O.	Redmond	OR	United States	<p>What a wonderful thing you started! Our golf resort that won't allow mailboxes or newspaper boxes on the streets now has FOUR Little Free Libraries and everyone loves them. You've truly changed the way people think about books. Many, many thanks!</p>

Wendy	W.	Farmington	Minnesota	United States	<p>Years ago, I saw my first little library in St. Paul, and, curiously, I knew what it was! I had never heard of such a thing but there it was, inviting me to stop the car and take a book. Not only that, I wanted to build one myself. It would be some time before the brilliantly simple idea born in Hudson, WI would get an article in the St. Paul newspaper and I could fully appreciate the origins of the idea and the movement I could become part of when I landed myself somewhere suitable. It would be years before the item on my Bucket List came to the top at the same time I had a plan for a friendly design at the bottom of our farm driveway. I joyfully registered online and shopped for my custom sign that welcomed people to Windswept Hill Farm's Little Free Library. Then I realized that the headquarters was only about 30 minutes from our farm. Our Airedale, Brick, hopped along for a ride on a very snowy afternoon. We pulled up to a small building off a quiet road and marveled that the worldwide movement of LFL was managed from such a humble, little place. Inside, we were welcomed warmly (Brick, too!) by Kimberly, Dan, and Lynnea, who offered a tour through the offices back to the shipping department. From Hudson to the world by a small team of maybe a dozen dedicated staff. It was astonishing. As we walked back through to the front Kimberly stopped me and introduced me to Todd, who had just ended a meeting in the conference room. He and Brick and I took a quick turn to new topics in a delightful mental mud-wrestle. Todd asked me, "Do you know what this movement is really all about...it's living in community! Yes! It had happened right in my own rural neighborhood where we have all lived near one another for decades, but apart. Time went by as the snow fell harder and none of us cared. Todd walked to his office crammed to the ceiling with books and countless pieces of his idea gone global and came out with a children's book "What a Wonderful World." He stood next to me near the front door and started to read aloud, but of course that beautiful text can no longer exist without the music. And so, we sang it. I cannot find the words right now to capture how that impromptu duet filled my soul, but it did. That afternoon did more to jazz me up than anything I can remember: Todd's first-person account of creating the first library; the stories of where people have taken the idea that now belongs to over 75,000 charter stewards; his vision for global work, especially in Philippine schools; his keen acumen for creating a sustainable nonprofit with business principles and best practices. I drove home with my imagination reeling with ideas, still humming. That night, as the snow slowed my trip home, I hoped our ragged rendition of the song made so famous by others made it out the door to bounce around the earth. That remarkable, fateful moment of my life captures the essence of Todd's vision more than anything else I can think to say today. I send a prayer to him today, and his family, and the staff. And I say to myself, what a wonderful world he has made.</p>
Douglas	E.	Duarte	CA	US	<p>Thank you for the vision of celebrating literacy in our nation's neighborhoods. You are a historical figure for confronting the love of technology with the passion for reading!</p>
Barry	P.	Jeannette	Pennsylvania	United States	<p>We will be much in prayer for you and your family. Barry</p>

M H	D.	Phoenix	AZ	usa	<p>Thank you, Todd, for starting this wonderful LFL concept in honor of your mother -- and for personally helping us celebrate our grand opening last year. It has definitely been a boon to the neighborhood and we appreciate your personally stopping by enroute from the Los Angeles Festival of Books. We had a wonderful wine-tasting and light supper and shared stories about Hudson, where I used to live.</p> <p>I am saddened to hear your news and wish you well. My stepson was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and we are all very hopeful that the surgery and chemo treatments he is taking will get it all. Best of luck to you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. There is a very interesting on-line cancer summit this week, featuring a pancreatic cancer survivor that might be worth watching if you and/or relatives have a chance to catch it: https://wlc.foodrevolution.org/?utm_campaign=wlc18-oct&utm_medium=email&utm_source=email-automated&utm_content=4743&utm_term=existing-email-list&email=contractconsultants%40gmail.com&firstname=M+H&lastname=B&rid=89790&opid=294</p> <p>Best wishes to you and your family. You have made a tremendous difference in the lives of so many people, including me and all those who participate in our little neighborhood LFL. THANK YOU!</p> <p>Mary D</p>
Cristina	D.	Victorville	CA	United States	<p>I met Todd at the Festival of Books in Los Angeles a few years ago. Being a special education teacher, I was dedicated to bringing a library to our neighborhood and school site. Todd was so amazing. He was so enthusiastic when I mentioned my ideas to him. I didn't realize or know who he was, so it was amazing when he said "I will make sure that you get a library!" That summer - he followed through on what he had promised. A Little Free Library was delivered and set up on our school site in Victorville, CA. Thank you so much for your vision and generosity. Praying for comfort and peace during this time for Todd and his family.</p>
dixie	w.	Berrien Springs, Michigan	Michigan	United States	<p>Our thoughts and prayers are with Todd and his family. As a Rotary member I was excited to hear about the Little Free Library. Todd's work inspired us to apply for a Placemaking Grant from the National Association of Realtors to install a Little Free Library in Berrien Springs, Michigan. 49103. We just finished renovating our Little Free Library with the help of an Architect from the Andrews University Architecture Department. We are happy with our location in front of Neighbor to Neighbor (like Goodwill). Our supply of books is endless. Thanks you Todd for your support. Dixie Wong</p>

David	E.	Herndon	VA	United States	<p>So many stories. I met Todd in 7th grade and over the past 50 years we shared a lot of meals and several beers. We double dated for our high school Prom and for Spring break canoed the St Croix from Danbury to Taylor's Falls. Todd, through the years has always been great fun to be around - a ton of positive energy and never predictable.</p> <p>However, I'll never forget the Monday night almost 10 years ago when I went over over to Todd's to watch the Vikings. At halftime, Todd pulls out a little house with a big door on the front. "It's a library," Todd tells me. "I already put one up on the street in front of the house." I'm thinking it's awfully small to be a library. It's a nice idea but I wasn't sure this was going to go all that far. After all, the scrap lumber in the garage would run out before too long. But Todd, ever the outside the box thinker, had big plans.</p> <p>Not long after that evening in Hudson my wife and I moved to the Washington DC area and before long we were reading stories in the press about the Little Free Library movement. We saw them popping up around northern Virginia. I even came across a "knock-off" LFL in Bratislava, Slovakia several years ago. Amazing? Not really. Just all that positive energy helping make the world a little better.</p> <p>Four years ago I was back in town for our HS class reunion weekend. On Sunday, Todd and Susan gave me a tour of the rapidly expanding HQ. His pride and excitement were contagious as he was telling me about all the new and better ways to get LFLs to every neighborhood that wanted one. I imagine there have been a lot of people at LFL and around the world that have caught some of Todd's energy and they won't rest until they get a few good books to everyone that wants one. Way to go Todd.</p>
Shyanne	O.	Snoqualmie	Wa	USA	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>I want you to know what a positive and lasting impact our Little Free Library has had and will continue to have on our neighborhood for years to come. Without your vision it wouldn't be there bringing smiles to the neighbor kids' faces each day. Being a LFL Steward has been one of the greatest experiences of my life and I have you to thank for that. Please take comfort in knowing us Stewards will continue your work and our passion for sharing books. It has become our passion too! You are and always will be a light. Little Free Libraries are bringing peace to our world. I can't think of a more wonderful legacy than that. I wish you and those closest to you comfort during this difficult time.</p> <p>Sincerely, Shyanne Olsen Owner/ Steward of Meadowbrook Little Free Library in Snoqualmie, WA</p>
Elizabeth	P.	Pasadena	CA	USA	<p>Pasadena, California is Mecca for Little Free Libraries ! I see them all around; the schools have them, and the parks. They are busy and ever-changing. I visit them though I'm not a steward myself. Thank you and bless you for having this wonderful idea !!</p> <p>Peace and love, Elizabeth Pomeroy -- wishing you the best !</p>
Craig	D.	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	US	<p>thank you for connecting us!</p>

Jessie	D.	Wellington	NV	United States	<p>I sort of ran into the first LFL by accident. I was walking and not paying attention, so yes, right in the side of a LFL. I was so taken by the idea that I saved up to join the movement.</p> <p>I have tired 3 different versions of a small library, but they didn't last through our winters here in the middle of no where. I'm now planning something bigger, and weather bear and mountain lion proof. I still go around and stock some of the older ones in Oakland CA (I think number 97 is still there...its been a while). I believe in reading and everyone should be able to read a good (even a bad) book.</p>
Nonny	M.	Chandler	AZ	US	<p>I just want to say thanks so much for facilitating this charity. Spreading literacy and a love of reading is such a great Good in the world, I hope you can reflect on this with satisfaction and I wish you continuing joy.</p>
AJICIA	T.	San Francisco	CA	United States	<p>Hi Todd,</p> <p>Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. I'm a librarian, have been for the last ten years, never expected to be. I thank you for all the love, inspiration, and creativity you've spread throughout the world. Every time someone walks by a Little Free Library, they are reminded of hope and happiness in a world that can often seem dark, cruel, and unrelenting. Four years ago, I was inspired by Little Free Libraries and wanted to put one on the back of a bike, thus creating the Bibliobicileta here in San Francisco. I often describe it as "It's a Little Free Library...on wheels". It's been an amazing ride to dish out free books, take donations, and see neighbors connecting with one another. Thank you so much for all you do and have done. My heart overflows with gratitude.</p>
Julia	C.	South Pasadena	CA	United States	<p>Thank you so much for the gift of Little Free Library to our world. I am a huge advocate for literacy. I have taught for 28 years as a Reading Specialist and a First Grade teacher. I think it is my mission to teach children to read, but the Little Free Library movement has made me passionate about spreading literacy with adults as well. I love getting and giving books to the libraries and I tell people about the LFL movement all the time. A LFL box in a neighborhood means that neighbors have an opportunity to get a little closer. We have more in common with our neighbors than we know and LFL helps build these relationships. Thank you so much! I am offering prayers for you and your family.</p>
Maria	T.	Clinton	Ma	Usa	<p>I am keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Our high school students Designed a library in June (2018) and we had our unveiling on a beautiful Friday afternoon. An officer on the Clinton Police force was our first visitor. You've inspired many in my community and your Mom is so very proud of you.</p> <p>God Bless and Peace be with you. Maria</p>
Holly	P.	Apple Valley	CA	United States	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am deeply concerned, but hopeful for the next chapter in Todd's life and legacy. Todd, your vision of LFLs helped me through many sad moments and dark times. My LFL has given me a positive purpose in my community, but the little libraires have additionally helped me find life-long friends across the nation! I have been fortunate to know and ride along with Tandem-poets Maya Rachel Stein and Amy Tingle as they expand the LFL movement in the midwest and to establish a quirky friendship with Loyce Smallwood in Northern CA. Your vision has encouraged life and love and community. Be proud. Be strong. Know that LOVE is winning!</p>
K R Mahendra	K.	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	India	<p>Hope you're fine now. Whenever I contact you to have a few words for the upliftment of "Free Library" concept, I don't know why it is not fruitful. Kindly allot a time so that I can get across the proposal of "UFL" (United Free Libraries) which doesn't require money for implementation. Only a good heart & intention will do. By UFL, more & more people will be benefited & prime locations throughout the world can be had for our libraries when we work as a single umbrella unit. It'll be "World's largest Network of Free Libraries" once start functioning. Kindly hear me, pt. Thanks.</p>

Jan	R.	Lafayette	LA	United States	<p>Todd and family, know that we are sending love from Lafayette, Louisiana. You are a force of nature and have truly changed the world. We are grateful for your passion and the fervor you spread the gospel of Little Libraries.</p> <p>We loved your visits to Lafayette and are happy that you came into our lives. Sending you our very best. I'm attaching a pic of you talking with library stewards here in Lafayette on your 2014 visit to Lafayette when I took you on a tour.</p>
Diane	G.				<p>I was momentarily devastated when I read this news! My younger brother battled pancreatic cancer some years ago. Todd, how to thank you for being the creative spark that has launched more than 50,000 little gems of LFLs (so far!) all over the world! You will always live as long as we have Little Free Libraries. I will always be grateful to you for this gift, and I will never forget you! Prayers for you and your family, Diane of LFL #29790</p>
Lorry	E.	WARRENS	WI	US	<p>We installed our first Little Free Library in July 2012 after hearing Todd doing an early interview on Wisconsin Public Radio. I personally had a chance to meet Todd in August 2015 when he was on his way to Cashton to pick up more Little Free Libraries from the Amish carpenter. He left us an autographed copy of the LFL book. Another Warrens resident happened to meet Todd and his wife in July 2013, when they were headed back to Hudson with more Little Free Libraries. Todd graciously posed for photos both times.</p> <p>In Warrens ~ population 360 ~ we now have two year-round LFLs, another LFL stocked with books for preschoolers coming to school with their parents to pick up older siblings, and a seasonal LFL at a farm market/vegetable farm just south of town.</p>
Jan	P.	Lynn	MA	USA	<p>I was inspired to invite Todd to be a keynote speaker at our annual Legacy of Teaching Institute for Early Childhood Educators held a few years ago in Danvers, MA. I am convinced that Little Free Libraries are a game changer for underserved communities. The REAL Program (founded in 2013) has been able to collect and distribute over 90,000 children's books for children in Lynn, MA where the poverty level is 86%. We have nearly 50 Little Free Libraries placed in Lynn now with the goal of getting 50 more established in 2019. Thank you Todd for your leadership, inspiration and thank your mother-the teacher who inspired you.</p>
Patricia	B.	Saline	MI	USA	<p>Todd, your story inspired me several years ago and our painting group has painted 5 Little Free Libraries and placed them in Detroit, Ann Arbor and Higgins Lake, Michigan. What an inspiring man you are to live this dream and to reach out to so many people with books to read and educate themselves. Blessings to you and Peace!! Pat the the Village Painters of Livonia, Michigan</p>
Harriet	S.	Schoolcraft	Michigan	USA	<p>God bless you. Thank you for everything you've done. Am bowling in a Strike Out Cancer fund raiser this Saturday. Wish I could do more to help you. Peace.</p>
Susan	B.	Canyon Lake	TX	USA	<p>While I don't know Mr Bol personally, I truly admire his vision and dedication. He is one of just a few people who can say that they have made a lasting difference in this world. He has impacted the life of countless people and will continue to for years to come with this fantastic movement he has started.</p>
BETTY	A.	GRANADA HILLS	CA	United States	<p>I have had my Little Free Library only since March 2018. Thank you for your vision of books/reading/neighbors that this program promotes. You are in my prayers. May God bless you & the work that you have done.</p>
Peggy	K.	Gardena	CA	US	<p>The "Little Libraries" - such a great idea! I love watching people select a book, or put one in, in my little library in my front yard!</p>

Sandra	A.	Belmar	NI	USA	<p>Dear Todd, I read about the Little Free Library when you first started the organization. I lived in a condo at the time and so wanted to have a Little Free Library to steward. I think I bought my house two years later just so I could start one. I thought the idea was phenomenal. I am a bibliophile and aside for having a place for my books to go, just knowing that I can promote something that mean so much to me to others in my community.... Brilliant. It took me many years to set one up. I wasn't handy and the Joys of homeownership always interfered with purchasing one. Water heater, dishwasher and all I wanted was a little library. Finally, I posted on Facebook it was number one on my bucket list and a dear friend built me one for my birthday. BEST GIFT EVER. My community loves it. I've discovered so many other little free libraries throughout the world (I'm a flight attendant). And all 8 of my godchildren now search for little libraries in their travels. The most significant thing that ever happens to me with a LFL was about a year after my Mom died. I was visiting a close friend in her home in Hawaii, she was Mom's favorite of all my friends. We talked about Mom (another bibliophile) her love of reading and I introduced them to the Little Free Libraries. We decided to see if there was one nearby. And We found one 1/2 a mile away. We all packed into the car looking for the library. When we got to it, the kids all ran out to it in wonderment. (I wish you could've seen their expressions). We opened the library and the FIRST book we all see facing us, Cervantes' Don Quixote, Mom's favorite book. In Hawaii. And it was old copy, published the year my friend was born. We KNOW Mom was saying hello. I'm sure this is only one of the meaningful experiences the Libraries via YOU have inspired. I can't thank you enough for setting up magical spots all over the world. What a beautiful legacy! I'll be thinking of you friend.</p> <p>16thAvenueLittleFreeLibrary #47324</p>
Tracy	L.	Rockville	MD	United States	<p>We have never met, but I wanted Todd to know that your spirit of generosity, curiosity and creativity have touched my life and the lives of all my patrons through my little libraries. A life well lived...hoping for peaceful days ahead.</p> <p>Tracy L. RFR-LFL Steward Rolling House Road Rockville, MD</p>
Lisa	R.	Portland	OR	USA	<p>I spoke to more of my neighbors in the first year after putting up my LFL than in the previous 20 years I lived at this address! It's been a total ice breaker. And I've Had people share how grateful they are for certain books; which makes me feel good & makes it easier to release books I'm Fond of.</p>
Jacqui	C.	Menlo Park	CA	United States	<p>I am so saddened by this news. I love what you have done. I have a LFL in front of my house, and I've spent a couple of years trying to work with my city to place some in our city parks. I wrote a grant for another LFL for the elementary school where I have the tremendous honor to connect kids with books all day. You started something so amazing and I am certain the world is already better because someone found a book they connected with on their morning walk or playing at their park. Thank you for your gift! You definitely left your mark on the world in the most wonderful way.</p>

Carol	P.	Fort Collins	CO	USA	<p>¡¡¡¡¡</p> <p>I am one of your many stewards and, regrettably I have never met you. And yet you have touched my life and those in my neighborhood in ways I never could have imagined, but I bet you could have.</p> <p>I want to share an actual scene that I hope brings you as much joy as I did me. And still does.</p> <p>Imagine the giggles of young children and the deep roaring sound of a father. They are on my front lawn under a shady tree as the Coloradoan sun beats down. The LFL, which I established, is mere steps away.</p> <p>I don't recognize what book he is reading from but he is certainly doing a dramatic presentation with his voice pitching high and low. The youngest child lies on his chest ... say she is 3 or 4; the older child sits by his side. She is probably 6. On her lap is a stack of books that she has just collected from the LFL.</p> <p>The sight charms you. The laughter lifts your soul. There is a joy.</p> <p>The children soon cry out for another story, but I hear the man say that they needed to get home now. Later, he would read them another story. He promised.</p> <p>This is what you have created. The LFL charms, lifts one up, and brings joy. With the children who knows where books will lead them.</p> <p>May you feel now this joy that you have given the world.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>God's peace be with you and yours. I hold you in prayer.</p> <p>Carol Podmore Fort Collins</p>
Gretchen	G.	Warwick	RI	United States	<p>You are in my thoughts and prayers. You have done a great thing with the Little Free Libraries! I love them! Hoping to have one myself. Thank you!</p>
Kathy	M.	Pasadena	CA	US	<p>My friend Karen and I were so pleased to meet Todd and his brother in South Pasadena last year. He has given all of us a mission to spread the love of books for all of our days here on earth.</p>
Karen	K.	Tyler	TX	US	<p>My LFL was a gift from my children and their families for my 65th birthday. It is now 5 years old and has brought much joy to me and my neighbors. My thoughts and prayers are with the Bol family during this difficult time. It is my hope that Todd Bol leaves his earthly home knowing that he has indeed made a difference.</p>
Christy	H.	Marengo	OH	United States	<p>Hi Todd, When I first saw the story about your LFL on the news, I knew I wanted to be a part of it. I put the charter number on my own LFL and am helping to share the joy of reading a real book in your hand. Look what you did! They are all over the world! What a great vision! Thank you!</p>

Gina	D.	Brooklyn	New York	United States	Dear Todd, We've never met, but you changed my life immensely for the better. I first became aware of Little Free Libraries when I was on a business trip to Washington, D.C. I had gotten out of an all-day conference and was heading back to my hotel thinking to myself, "Oh no! I forgot to bring a book!" It was far too late for any book stores to remain open. A few minutes later, however, I noticed a strange little "house" in front of a building I was passing. I stopped and saw that it said "Little Free Library" on the front. I opened it and it was filled with books. Really interesting ones, too! I still remember the book I chose, <i>Ninety Percent of Everything</i> by Rose George. Great book! As soon as I got home from the trip, I told my husband, "We're getting a Little Free Library for our yard." We got one shortly thereafter (#22722, Brooklyn, NY). Our LFL has been such a blessing and a community builder in our neighborhood. We go through a very high volume of books. People strike up conversations...it's like a neighborhood water cooler. Several times a month people stop me and thank me for bringing it to our neighborhood. Children, especially, love it, so I make sure it's always well stocked with children's books. By creating and spreading the beautiful gift of Little Free Libraries you have blessed humanity with a legacy that transcends borders and brings people closer. You have benefited my family, my community, and my world. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Sending you warm wishes and love -- Gina Duclyan
Lynda	L.	Huntsville	AL	United States	Iâ€™m a steward to a Little Free Library in Huntsville, AL. I was introduced to the idea by my daughter & family who use little libraries in their Salinas, CA neighborhood. Thank you.
Marge	S.	OAKDALE	MN	United States	Todd - what an inspiration you have been with the creation and evolution of our wonderful LFLs! This seemingly simple act of giving away books will be creating readers for decades to come! Thank you for living your mom's legacy! May God bless you.
Elaine	R.	Douglasville	GA	USA	I met Todd in Atlanta "Good Dads Read" conference. I was inspired by his personal story about founding Little Free Libraries in honor of his mom. I came home and ordered a two story FLF. I hired someone to paint tiles to decorate the box on each side and back with an illustration from Caldecott books and books from my childhood. Then I went around town to Friends of the library to get inexpensive children's book. I also have three mobile units one for the Douglasville Police Dept., one for the Douglas County Sheriff Dept., and one for our juvenile judge to allow me to aloud to children while waiting on the results of custody cases. I'm doing a talk on LFL their history and locations around our area in a Daughters of the American Revolution in January. Many of our public parks, some schools, playground, etc. are installing LFL's at an encouraging rate. I would be willing to donate my library in Honor of Todd if anyone wants to contact me. I will have to get someone else to help me upload pictures of my LFL.
Patricia	O.	VAN WYCK	SC	United States	Todd, my prayers are for you and your family. I'm so thankful for what you have done to promote literacy, the love of reading for all ages, and a feeling of community for Little Free Libraries. I think you will never truly know all of the lives you have impacted in such a positive way. Pat Oglesby, Steward, LFL #45447, Van Wyck, SC.
Marilyn	K.	Waterloo	NE	USA	The idea of Little Free Library was genius. Thank you for bringing the joy of reading to so many.
Anna	M.	Hillsborough	NJ	United States	Our LFL just celebrated its 4th anniversary. It has been a source of joy for me as a steward, and a very special part of our neighborhood. My heart goes out to all those who know Todd personally, he has been an inspiration to so many.

Alys	M.	San Jose	CA	United States	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>I'm sure I speak for many when I say you've been an inspiration to book lovers everywhere. You took a gem of an idea, and turned it into a movement. Our Little Free Library feels like an extension of our home, with all visitors welcome.</p> <p>I'm sorry to hear of your recent diagnosis. I hope you are surrounded by those who love you. I'm with you in spirit.</p> <p>Best,</p> <p>Alys in San Jose, California</p>
Jani	C.	Redondo Beach	CA	USA	<p>My 12-year-old daughter met Todd at the Los Angeles Times Book Festival last year. He was giving out copies of The Little Free Library Book and my daughter noticed our library was in it and went back and talked to Todd about it and he told her it was one of his favorites. That means a lot to us. She really enjoyed meeting him. Thank you for a vision that has spread across the globe and allowing us to be a part of it. We have enjoyed it so much. I was going to say "We have enjoyed it more than you can imagine..." But you know what...you CAN imagine. That's why we are all here. Thank you from the Cantrell Family.</p>
Sarah	D.	Phoenix	AZ		<p>I met Todd when he was traveling through Phoenix. This news is devastating. He has done so much and the Little Free Library movement is an inspiring legacy. Iâ€™m so saddened by this news. Read on and share the love.</p>
James	D.				<p>I hope you get better Todd and I pray you become a cancer survivor and God be with you.</p>
Dawn	Z.	Hudson	WI	USA	<p>We moved to Hudson 6 years ago and I'm so proud that little libraries started here and that we are a steward of one. My mother was also a teacher in a one-room school much like the one you first made. Thank you so much for starting the LFL movement. My husband also made a library for my daughter (who is best friends with Maja-your nephew's wife. We had a wonderful conversation with you at their wedding). You will be in our prayers...take care.....</p>
Lisa	F.	Dothan	Alabama	United States	<p>Dear Todd, blessings of love are being sent to you and your lovely family and friends. Please know you are in our hearts and prayers. Sending you Reiki energy for love and peace. You are an amazing guy that has started a wave of bright light towards fellow man by your journey. Being a fellow librarian you have given me and so many others a chance to give back to others in our love of reading and books. We love what you have done and your legacy continues on in all the people you have touched. Your matrix of love is spread far and wide throughout this beautiful world we live in. You are amazing and I wish you much love and healing. You are so loved. Thank you so much for all that you have done and continue to do. Much love to you and your family, library steward for life, Lisa Ford</p>
Natasha	S.	Gardendale	AL	United States	<p>Dear Todd, We are thinking of you and sending lots of love to you and your family. Thank you for your vision and for starting the Little Free Library. Mark & Natasha Stanger</p>
Sarah	N.	Cleveland	Ohio	USA	<p>I'd like to than Todd for creating the free little libraries! Such a cute and thoughtful idea! I'm sorry to hear the news about Todd's health, he is in my thoughts and prayers!</p>

Andrea	L.	Lake Worth	FL	USA	I fell in love with LFL quite a few years ago but it wasn't until the last year or so I participated in being a roving Steward and then finally a steward of my own LFL. Thank you for having the vision that books and an open heart could bring communities together. It takes a special individual to dream that. Thank you.
Tanya	A.	Cleveland	Ohio	United States	Todd, Thank you for your vision and legacy. May God continue to bless you and your family.
Heidi	E.	West Valley City	UT	United States	I don't have a personal story about Todd, but I do want to thank him for all he has done. My Little Free Library has been a bright spot to me in a lot of stressful times and helped me to connect with others, which as an autistic adult I find very hard to do.
Mary	L.	Hilton	NY	USA	Dear Todd, While we've never met, your work has touched my life. I write a newsletter for the Village of Hilton in New York. The newsletter is published twice each year and is mailed to every home and business within the village. This past summer I was inspired by a member of our community to write an article about the Little Free Library, as a new one was recently installed outside our Village Community Center. Previously I was unaware of your organization but after learning about it I wanted to let others know about it too. In my research I discovered that there are several little Free Libraries right here in our community. It is my hope that through the article many more people will come to know the organization and mission that you have founded and the work that you have begun will continue to grow! I am deeply saddened by the news of your illness. I hope it brings you comfort to know that you will be remembered in my daily prayers. May God bless and comfort you and fill your days with His love and mercy!
Wendy	J.	Coeur d Alene	ID	United States	Hello Todd, I'm sending my thoughts and prayers to you and your loved ones and also much gratitude to you for founding LFL and all it means to its users and communities. Wendy Jones, steward of a LFL in Coeur d Alene, Idaho.
Terri	G.	Longmeadow	MA	USA	Iâ€™m a new steward (summer 2018) and am indebted to Todd for starting such an important project. I know his mom was a teacher and I hope he knows how proud of him she would be. As a former teacher, now teacher educator specializing in literacy, I am honored to follow in Toddâ€™s footsteps by sharing books with my community. I am keeping Todd and his family in my thoughts - if he feels well enough to read Miss Rumphius, a picture book by Barbara Cooney, may he take comfort in knowing he has done something that truly has made the world more beautiful. 謝謝 ！
david	u.	minneapolis	mn	United States	Todd - my friend and high school classmate My favorite movie 'It's a Wonderful Life' contains my favorite line of dialog 'each man's life touches so many others' Todd, you are personification of this sentiment! Thoughts with you David Ulrich (and Grandson Theo David - LFL #62534)

Cheryl	T.	Stow	OH	US	Thank you for opening up the joy of reading in a fun, community-oriented way and creating such a great community of stewards. Your history will be expansive and wonderful. Blessed be.
Amy	A.	Annisston	AL	USA	My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time! I pray for you to experience renewed strength and miraculous recovery! You have done a wonderful thing for the world by starting the Little Free Libraries! I am a teacher and know how important it is to get kids interested in reading. Your LFLs have certainly done that! Thank you for your vision that worked! Amy
Lake&Tom	A.	Ocean Springs	MS	USA	Just today I dropped off a book in Shrewsbury, MA. I am visiting the area and put on the first page: greetings from #23133. Will surprise them since I live in Mississippi. Your idea brings us such joy. We go to thrift stores and buy a bag of children's books and clean them up. And put out a sign: Special this week. All Children's books! Thanks for your great inspiration.
Susan	R.	Boulder City	Nevada	USA	This LFL is located within the Community Gardens in Boulder City Nevada
Diane	C.	Pearland	TX		Thoughts and prayers for you and your family. What you have done with the LFL organization has reached and touched so many people everywhere. We've taken ours out camping. The children at the camp grounds enjoy it and often make repeat trips while we are there
Mary-Lythe	M.	North Chicago	Illinois	USA	Very sad to hear about Todd and can only thank God he shared an idea that has done so much for me and my neighborhood. A neighbor once told me she'd moved here because when she saw the Little Library she felt it would be a happy safe place to start over with her kids. Another said he was sure if there were one on every block it would be a safer city. Literacy and appreciation of books can turn a world around.
Lake&Tom	A.	Ocean Springs	MS	USA	Just today I dropped off a book in Shrewsbury, MA. I am visiting the area and put on the first page: greetings from #23133. Will surprise them since I live in Mississippi. Your idea brings us such joy. We go to thrift stores and buy a bag of children's books and clean them up. And put out a sign: Special this week. All Children's books! Thanks for your great inspiration.
James	W.	St. Louis	Missouri	USA	Dear Todd, your Mom would be proud of the work you have done in her name. I know I am proud to have a Little Free Library in my yard. It took a while for my husband to agree to have one but I kept at him & he even decided to build it himself. Now he loves to see people using it & if he gets a chance he tells people your story. I even had a Grandmother & her grandchild sit in the front yard reading their book. That's the best! May God Bless You!
Jeri	E.	New Orleans	La	USA	Todd, I built my library years ago and had the pleasure of meeting you. My library is used by so many people and will continue to be for many years to come. Please know that I am praying for you and your family. Jeri Enright
Kristi	B.	Overland Park	Kansas	United States	My heartfelt prayers are sent to you and your family. God bless.

Carole	R.	Lynnwood	WA	USA	<p>Thank you for all the joy that you have brought through the Little Free Libraries.</p> <p>Our library is in front of our beach house. It has created a sense of community.</p> <p>One retired woman said she never had time to read before, but she is now a regular reader due to the books that she gets from our library.</p> <p>One family was evacuated from Eastern Washington, and stayed in a home in our little area. They left a note letting us know that the books made their time away from home more tolerable.</p> <p>Senator Patty Murry has a vacation home not far from us. She happened to walk by while we were installing our library. She asked lots of questions, and said she loved the concept.</p>
Annegrete	E.	Phoenix	Az	USA	<p>Wishing you well. Thank you for making this possible</p>
Winnie	D.	Lafayette	LA	USA	<p>Todd, so enjoyed your visit to Lafayette several years ago. My library is still blowing and going. So very sorry to hear of your illness, you are in my prayers daily.</p>
Jacqueline	LaC.	Minneapolis	MN	United States	<p>Dear Todd, While I have never had the pleasure of meeting you in person, your presence is felt in my home and many homes around the world. I feel so much joy every time I look out my window at my LFL and see people of all ages browsing for a book to read. I am honored to be a steward of your legacy. You have created a movement to encourage literacy, building community, sharing & giving. Thank you, thank you for making a difference in my life and the lives of anyone who has the opportunity to take a book or share a book because of you!</p>
Nicole	P.	Walnut	CA	United States	<p>Meeting Todd at Skylight Books in Los Angeles, again in Pomona, CA, left an indelible impression on me. Todd wore a LFL necktie, and type of vest with numerous pockets. Stashed inside each one were the essentials: notepad, pencils, pens, LFL drink coaster, and LFL bookmarks. His openness, smile, and JOY OF LIFE radiated throughout the room. This man found his purpose in life, and NOTHING stopped him! Here's a photo from of Todd and myself from that day in Pomona. It's also on my LFL Walnut Facebook page. Blessings to Todd, his family, and friends. Big Hugs from Walnut, CA, Nicole</p>
J	R.	Downers Grove	IL	USA	<p>Our hearts and prayers go out to you as you face this challenge. We thank you for your incredible idea and follow through to carry on your mom's love of reading! What an impact you have had in the world! We had the great fortune to meet you on the Fall Art Tour after our daughter worked with you at UW where she was a student. This was after we had built and installed 3 Little Free Libraries and you were already out here! Take care and know that you have done such good for communities around the globe!</p> <p>The Ruffolo Family</p>
Judith C	W.	Denton	TX	United States	<p>Sending get well wishes that you will be better soon my Little Free Library # is 20330 And my neighborhood really uses them (adult and second one for kids) and appreciates them in my yard. Many families with young children pick out books and review them while sitting on the bench next to the libraries. Thank you fir your vision.</p>
Luz	O.	Miami	FL	United States	<p>Dear Todd, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. You are a true gift to this world. We will continue to carry your wish forever. Many blessings! Sincerely, Luz and family</p>

Paige	T.	Manasquan	NJ	USA	I have never met Todd, but he has certainly added immense happiness and pleasure to my life. I am grateful for his vision and the creation of the Little Free Library. Thanks to Todd and his library, I have made friends and given smiles to many. I will pray for Todd's health and for his family as well.
Prudence	M.				We have never met, but my own LFL exists because of caring friends coming together to honor my spouse during a health challenge. I will continue to think of you and the LFL as an uplifting boost to the health of us all.
Carolyn	M.	Crescent Valley	BC	Canada	Dear Todd, I am so sorry that you are going through this. I just wanted to thank you for founding your Little Free Libraries. I lost my father to a Glioblastoma. Books have always been an integral part of our entire family and cruelest part of the cancer was that it robbed him of his ability to read. So we would read to him and some were books from one of your libraries. My first experience with your libraries was on a trip with my sign language choir (we sang in sign language to accompanying music) and I came across one of your little libraries and borrowed a book about pirates on the Great Lakes. One of my young ladies was very pleased to find that she knew something I didn't and told me all about how it worked and how much she enjoyed using the libraries with her foster mother as she worked on learning to read with a learning disability. She was so proud to tell me about it. A lovely girl, all grown up now, her foster mother adopted her, and doing well. And your libraries were a part of that. So thank you. I wish you nothing but love and the knowledge that you have made a difference and I appreciate it.
Johnny	S.	Tucson	AZ	United States	The little free library was an amazing contribution to the world! Thank You!
ellen	I.	pleasanton	ca	usa	So pleased that Little Free Libraries are spring up all over. Quite a few years ago my daughter took me to a "free library" or "book exchange" in her neighborhood, organized by a man who put books out side in a little red wagon. I took 2, left 2. I may put up a little library by my driveway, when I get organized dealing with Triple Negative breast cancer.
Brendan	L.	Westerville	OH	United States	I hope you know that you have made a big impact in this world. In school, I was asked to write about "a hero among us" who has made a positive impact in our communities. I wrote about you because you were the unlikely hero that helps bring communities together through books. Thank you for the movement you started and I wish you well! -Charter #42335 (Westerville, OH)
Karen	K.	Santa Cruz	CA	USA	I've never had the chance to meet Todd or any of the folks at LFL.org, but I'd like to say thank you for inspiring me and thousands of people worldwide to become empowered and to build better, stronger communities through literacy. I work in museums so sharing information and educational outreach is just in my nature. It took me a while to get my LFL going, but when I first heard about Little Free Libraries I knew there would be one in my future. And, truly, almost nothing puts a bigger smile on my face than seeing a child take a book from it and skip happily down the street, hugging their new treasure. Thank you, Todd, for spreading so much kindness and generosity in the world. Your legacy will ripple through many, many generations yet to come.

Hospodor	A.	Santa Cruz, CA USA	United States	US	<p>Todd, I just received my Little Free Library as a dedication to my partner, Anne Marino, who escaped our world courtesy of pancreatic cancer five years ago. I will be thinking of you and her during the dedication and wish you the best in your transition into hospice. If there is anything I can do, please call upon me. As a PhD researcher I pioneered the use of cannabinoids in treating pancreatic cancer from chemo to hospice. Happy to share more. And thank you so much for providing the ultimate memorial to Anne who was a writer and professor of literature. I never really clicked with her family. When I announced the dedication of the dedication of the Anne Marino library branch in Santa Cruz, her friends all loved the little lending library, and brought books and told stories about how much Anne loved little things - the little spoon, the little whisk, my little fast car...</p> <p>with love, Andy Hospodor, PhD 408.921.5099 (cell)</p>
Ruth	D.	Grand Rapids	MI	United States	<p>Dear Todd, It had been a goal of mine for many years to put up a little library. I finally got one this past spring and it has been the best! I've met more people in my neighborhood than ever before. I've also had great chats with teens, adults, and there little ones that visit with their parents. Thank you so much for your wonderful idea!! Thinking of you during this difficult time.</p> <p>Sincerely, Ruth DeLong</p>
Cindy	A.	Lake Worth	FL	USA	<p>Hi Todd, I am so glad you did not write me off as a crazy woman when you met me at ALA in Chicago! I was so overcome with meeting the man who invented the LFLs that were transforming my home town, Lake Worth, FL. Having you and Tony visit us for our BiblioArte week was beyond what we could have hoped for. I'm not sure if you know that our City won an state-wide award for the video that was made of the BiblioArte festival. You have made this little corner of the world a better place, thank you!</p>
Sandy	A.	Papillion	NE	USA	<p>Dearest Todd, we've never met, so I have no personal story of you. However, the stories that have evolved because of you bringing Little Free Library into my life have been beautiful treasures. You will never know the very TRUE impact your small gesture has affected in this world. We have thanked & respected you for the millions of books you have brought into our hearts. Todd, you are now on a Prayer Warriors' prayer line, & you are, & will remain, in my daily prayers! Love & Blessings to you, Sandy</p>
Jennifer	R.		CA		<p>Todd, ever since I learned about little libraries and my fiancé built me one I have been so incredibly happy to be a steward. I enjoy visiting it everyday and seeing what people have taken and shared. I am sorry to hear about your diagnosis and shed a few tears and will be praying for you. There are quite a few little libraries in my town all thanks to you and your inspiration. Please know I will be forever grateful that you started this little library revolution.</p>
Rebekah	M.	Austin	TX	Texas	<p>Todd, you are true gift in my life. Your tour with Little Free Library in Texas will forever remain one of my career highlights. I treasure you as a human and a "change maker" in our world.</p> <p>Warmly, Rebekah</p>

Wendy	W.	Farmington	Minnesota	United States	<p>Years ago, I saw my first little library in St. Paul, and, curiously, I knew what it was! I had never heard of such a thing but there it was, inviting me to stop the car and take a book. Not only that, I wanted to build one myself. It would be some time before the brilliantly simple idea born in Hudson, WI would get an article in the St. Paul newspaper and I could fully appreciate the origins of the idea and the movement I would become part of when I landed myself somewhere suitable. It would be years before the item on my Bucket List came to the top at the same time I had a plan for a friendly design at the bottom of our farm driveway. I joyfully registered online and shopped for my custom sign that welcomed people to Windswept Hill Farm's Little Free Library. Then I realized that the headquarters was only about 30 minutes from our farm. Our Aireade, Brick, hoped along for a ride on a very snowy afternoon. We pulled up to a small building off a quiet road and marveled that the worldwide movement of LFL was managed from such a humble, little place. Inside, we were welcomed warmly (Brick, too!) by Kimberly, Dan, and Lynnea, who offered a tour through the offices back to the shipping department. From Hudson to the world by a small team of maybe a dozen dedicated staff. It was astonishing. As we walked back through to the front Kimberly stopped me and introduced me to Todd, who had just ended a meeting in the conference room. He and Brick and I took a quick hello to new topics in a delightful mental mud-wrestle. Todd asked me, "Do you know what this movement is really all about...it's living in community! Yes! It had happened right in my own rural neighborhood where we have all lived near one another for decades, but apart. Time went by as the snow fell harder and none of us cared. Todd walked to his office, crammed to the ceiling with books and countless pieces of his idea gone global and came out with a children's book "What a Wonderful World." He stood next to me near the front door and started to read aloud, but of course that beautiful text can no longer exist without the music. And so, we sang it. I cannot find the words right now to capture how that impromptu duet filled my soul, but it did. That afternoon did more to jazz me up than anything I can remember: Todd's first-person account of creating the first library; the stories of where people have taken the idea that now belongs to over 75,000 charter stewards; his vision for global work, especially in Philippine schools; his keen acumen for creating a sustainable nonprofit with business principles and best practices. I drove home with my imagination reeling with ideas, still humming. That night, as the snow slowed my trip home, I hoped our ragged rendition of the song made so famous by others made it out the door to bounce around the earth. That remarkable, fateful moment of my life captures the essence of Todd's vision more than anything else I can think to say today. I send a prayer to him today, and his family, and the staff. And I say to myself, what a wonderful world he has made.</p>
Hollis	K.	Grosse Pointe Park	MI	USA	<p>I've been following LFL on FB for some time & am a frequent contributor to the LFLs in my city (Grosse Pointe Park). I hope to have one of my own some day! What a marvelous gift you have given us all and I am sincerely appreciative. Having retired 10 yrs. ago from Hospice of Michigan, I know you are in good hands w/ hospice program. May you be surrounded with much love from family & friends at this most difficult time and take comfort in their care.</p>
Tricia	K.	Hillard	OH	USA	<p>My "book club" is not very bookish. We meet monthly at the local bar and while we do talk about what we are reading, much of our time is spent catching up on each other's lives. But we did accomplish one great book-related thing for our neighborhood - we put up a Little Free Library. Everyone I know who has heard about the Little Free Library movement says what a wonderful thing this has become. How terrific that will be Todd's legacy. Our thanks to Todd for letting us be part of it and best wishes for your family's healing.</p>
Sharon	R.	Lafayette	Louisiana	United States	<p>Todd I was sad to hear of your illness today. Very, very sad. You are the gift that keeps on giving. I remember fondly your visit to Lafayette's Cajun Country and how, with great interest, you toured our LFLs then met with the stewards that evening at Jan Risher's home. We learned that the man who started this groundswell of reading and sharing books and building community...is THE REAL DEAL! You have touched so many lives by pursuing your dream of honoring your Mom with your marvelous idea of Little Free Libraries in neighborhoods around the world. I am forever grateful to you for bringing your dream to me and so many thousands of readers. The adventure continues. My prayers for you and your family as you walk this path together. With Love and Gratitude, Sharon Rue, proud Steward, Little Free Library #10988, Lafayette, Louisiana.</p>

Leslie	F.	Coupeville	Wa	USA	<p>Dear Todd-for many years in our small rural town of Coupeville on Whidbey Island, WA, an old phone booth on a small building was vacant and no longer being used. When I read about my first Free Little Library this inspired me to look further to up cycle this location into it's own sweet spot. You see, like you, my life passion has been books and building community! I am blessed to be a Library Manager in a community I am deeply rooted in. My Friends of the Coupeville Library took this project on and we now share the love of books to our tourists and locals alike. As you face this new challenge, please know a community of book lovers is surrounding you with love and prayers. You are an inspiration to us all. Hugs and love across the miles.</p> <p>Sincerely, Leslie L. Franzen Coupeville Library Sno- Isle Libraries</p>
Linell	C.	Lincoln	NE	USA	<p>Hi, Todd.</p> <p>You can't imagine how important books have always been in my life, and how wonderful your LFL idea was for me. I was potty-trained with water running as I sat and read my little books. Imagine the horror when, many years later, as a student dental hygienist then, hearing those cuspidors with water running. Oh, myyyyy. :) The only time I can ever remember being anywhere w/o a book was one day in an elevator, after having been teased by co-workers about "dragging your book everywhere". I showed them! And then the elevator stopped between floors, and I had no book! Horrors! How very boring! Was I scared? Nope. Was I bored? Yeeeessssss. Never again.</p> <p>I love so much that I can contribute to the many LFLs in my own neighborhood as well as around my town, easily. My yard isn't conducive due to sidewalk and street-crossing issues and safety, but just knowing that I always have a new home for books is the reward. It's wonderful to remind my little patients that perhaps, on their way home from a dental visit, they could stop at a LFL and choose a new book to read, and then bring one back for someone else to share. Watching their little eyes light up is priceless.</p> <p>I also have a neighbor with various disabilities but who began to learn to read at about age 50. He is a happy camper that he can walk two blocks alone and search thru some books that may have words he knows. :)</p> <p>The joy and love you've shared with your idea and fostering this 'movement' simply can't be measured...it's too big, and worth every minute and smile you've helped us to share.</p> <p>Peace and comfort are my wishes to you and to your family during this time, as you've brought much of the same to so many of us with your wonderful sharing and heart. <3</p> <p>Sincerely, from the Flatland of the Prairie, Linell Connolly</p>
Margaret	P.	Coos Bay	OR	US	<p>In June 2017 we put up our Little Free Library in honor of our son Jeb who died of an overdose at age 26. We keep bookmarks in our library explaining why we put up the library and our hopes that it will be enjoyed by the community. The bookmark says there are 50,000 libraries worldwide. After only 1 1/2 years there are now 75,000 libraries. Our library is definitely an asset to our community. In talking with several neighbors I noticed they use the term "our library." I love that! Thank you Todd for your beautiful vision and all the work you have done to create this world wide organization.</p>

Madeline	G.	Rockville	MD	USA	<p>Hi Todd, I am so sorry to hear of your illness. Know that many people care about you and want you to be comfortable and in optimum condition despite your grim prognosis. I met you when you were at the National Book Festival in the Little Free Library booth. It was an honor to talk to you. Your work with Little Free Libraries has been so inspirational to me and others. In my BookCrosding group alone, we have six LFL stewards throughout the DC Metro area. My husband is now building two LFLs, but we haven't yet selected to whom to give them. Be strong. When you're feeling down, remember how much your work has helped others. Stick around for a while; we still need you. Take care. Madeline Guzman</p>
Loli	V.	Littleton	CO	United States	<p>Thank You so much for your vision that helped me feel good about giving something to my community at the crucial time of grieving the loss of my baby. I dedicated our little library to my little sister, and hope to make another someday in the form of a Fisher Price schoolhouse, like my original vision. God bless You during this vital time. How awesome that You have made such a wonderful difference in this world! Thank You, Mr. Todd Bot!</p> <p>With lots of love in Jesus, Loli and Chris</p>
Tim	G.				<p>Hey Todd, I first discovered Little Free Library when I lived in Vicksburg. When I went to DC and now in Hattiesburg, my wife and I donate all of the books that we have read to the Little Free Library. We love it! It's so practical and allows people to read books that they otherwise couldn't afford or wouldn't even know about. You've made a big difference in this world Todd with so many people. God bless you. Best, Tim</p>
Shirley	G.	East Palestine	Ohio	USA	<p>Hi Todd, So sorry to hear you are ill. I am on the prayer chain at the Catholic Church and I just now put you on it. We LOVE Little Free Libraries, thanks to you! I love finding them, because they are adorable and always make me feel happy! We do not have any in East Palestine, Ohio. A young man, 17 years old, and a friend of mine is going to build one or more depending on how much money he raises. It is for his Eagle Scout project! Just wanted you to know that because of you our little town, will now have Little Free Libraries! I know people are going to love them! I'm hoping that everyone will want one in their front yard and we will have a competition going and people will come for miles around to see them! I recently saw the little 7" doors that a lady in Atlanta, Georgia is making and she tucks them in the cutest places around town! I plan on encouraging people to build those too! Our little town is going to be as cute as a button! It's hard to believe that no one came up with Little Free Libraries until you did in 2009 and I thank God you did! What a wonderful gift you have shared with the world! Thank you and God Bless You! You are in my prayers and thoughts! Love, Shirley Glavan</p>
John	K.	Iowa City	IA	United States	<p>I met Tod six years ago when I took over as director of the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature organization. Iowa City was one of the first cities to embrace Little Free Libraries, and I brought Tod to town to give a talk and hold a workshop so we could build on the growing energy. Tod's energy and enthusiasm were palpable, and he just sort of took over the place for the next 24 hours (I think he could have been mayor by the end of the week had he been able to stick around). We had him back a couple of years later where he set up shop during our Book Festival, building LFLs and connecting with passersby at our outdoor book fair. His passion is infectious, and I often think about him when taking on a new project: what can we do to make people as excited about this as Tod is about LFLs? He has done so much to promote reading around the world, and that has been such a gift.</p>

Karen	S.	Onalsaska	Wisconsin	United States	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>Your work has created many bright spots in my life. Every time I see a Little Free Library, I smile and it reminds me that there are kind and generous people who value books and reading, like I do. My family gives me a little good-natured teasing whenever we see a Little Free Library, because they know I'll want to stop—just to browse for a moment. I also like to have some of my books in the car, just in case I see a Little Free Library that could use a few more books. I'm sure your work has changed lives and brought joy to many. Heartfelt wishes for peace and comfort to you and your family.</p>
KRin	P.	Melbourne	Victoria	Australia	<p>Never be in doubt that the Little Library movement hasn't made a huge impact in this world. This legacy is a great one. Thank you.</p>
Claire	M.	BETHLEHEM	Pennsylvania	United States	<p>So heartwarming to see Little Free Libraries wherever I go. Thank you, Todd, and best wishes to you and yours.</p>
Susan	M.	Santa Barbara	CA	United States	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>I would like to introduce myself. My name is Sue, I live in Santa Barbara, California, and I manage the Little Free Library in my neighborhood. Our library sits at the bottom of our street, and I have a habit of glancing at it whenever I drive by, just to make sure it looks relatively neat and inviting. It fascinates me to see which books seem to be "checked out" quickly and those that tend to "linger".</p> <p>I am so grateful for your vision of Little Free Libraries in neighborhoods across our country. I am a lifelong book-lover. I take pride in donating books to our neighborhood library...books that have touched or challenged me...and in sharing stories and ideas from other places and other cultures.</p> <p>I am so sorry to hear of your health issues. I wish you and your family peace and grace.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susan M. Massanari</p>
James	R.	Madison	Wisconsin		<p>Hi Todd!</p> <p>No matter what the future holds, Little Free Libraries will always be a part of it. I will continue to do everything I can to promote and continue the work you have so magnificently begun and hold dear. The impact you have made world-wide will be celebrated for a long, long time. From Hudson to the world and back again, it's not the destination, but the journey that makes it worthwhile. We only met in person a couple of times but those are moments that I still treasure. Book forever! Your friend, James.</p>
Leslie	Y.	Arlington	VA		<p>I am not a steward but still feel like Iâ€™m part of the Little Free Library Family. I donate books to some of the libraries here in Arlington. I wish the best for Todd and his family. A beautiful vision begun by a wonderful man.</p>
jo	s.				<p>Todd, At a time in our nation's history when so much is chaos, you came up with an idea that has brought countless neighbors and strangers together—sharing a book is one of the all-time best ways to open doors. THANK YOU and bless you on this journey.</p> <p>Jo Schmidt Milwaukee WI</p>
Nancy	H.	Roswell	GA	United States	<p>I am honored that I got to meet you while you were in Atlanta and I thank you for giving me a mission that I have embraced and made a part of my life. Thank you for all you have accomplished and know that you will never be forgotten. Your Little Library idea is now a part of our collective conscience and has accomplished more than Carnegie could ever have imagined.</p>

Lina	C.	San Antonio	TEXAS	United States	<p>Dear Tod: We will never forget the day when you showed up with your LFL truck, full of books, Wisconsin cheese, flyswatters and cheer, ready to join our LFL opening barbecue and witness the craziness of our friends and other LFL stewards showing up to help us group-paint our LFL bench. It's all still standing, still generating blessings, readers, donations, messages of gratitude and presents; a true fountainhead of goodwill and community; like its thousands of siblings all around the world.</p> <p>I was very saddened by the news of your illness. I am making a special Mr. Tod Bol acorn doll for our Angels' Garden, (I promise to post a pic or several to the LFL stewards page) so that you may be always, here and there and wherever your spirit and Big Heart take you, surrounded by Love and Light.... much love, Lina Cuartas.</p>
Sandra	D.	Sunrise Beach	MO	USA	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>So sorry to learn of your health problems. You have been an inspiration to me & to many. My Mother was a teacher who instilled the love of reading in me. When I was young she read aloud to me nightly. Then later I immersed myself in adventure books-The Little House series & Nancy Drew. What wonderful memories I have of those days! Later I often took my children to the library. Just last night my soon to be 4 year old grandson said, "Our house is kinda like a library." Thank you for continuing to motivate me. I am a steward of one LFL & hope to erect another one soon. Please know that I greatly appreciate all your enthusiasm for reading. I read stories of stewards & new LFLs and get excited over & over again. Reading never goes out of style.ðŸ˜Š</p> <p>Blessings to you, Sandra Dolezal</p>
Grace	M.	Waterloo	Ontario	Canada	<p>Just would like to thank you Todd for creating such an interesting, interactive way to promote reading, friendships and neighbourlyness among people around the world.</p> <p>My family have 3 such Little Libraries and so enjoy being stewards to these.</p> <p>May you be comforted by many, many LLâ€™s up and running because of you!</p> <p>Take care. Stay strong thru your treatments.</p>
Jane	V.	Grandville	Mi	USA	<p>After teaching language arts for 36 years, I was given a cash gift. I used the money to purchase and set up a free little library. I love coming home to see book borrowers busy making selections! Thank you, thank you, thank you!</p>
Karri	C.	Lake Worth	FL	United States	<p>Todd, thank you for sharing your vision with the world. What a privilege it was to meet you and spend time with you at Biblioarte in Lake Worth. God Bless you.</p> <p>Karri</p>
Maria	M.	Potsdam	NY	United States	<p>Thank you for your dedication to the literacy of the nation! I have followed your example and in addition to sponsoring 5 free libraries in outlying rural towns in St. Lawrence County, and restocking the other Little Libraries in our area, I began a similar program called SHELFIES! - small caches of FREE books located in 80 different businesses around St. Lawrence County. The following is an article from a local forum: http://www.mpcourier.com/dco/literacy-is-the-topic-on-north-country-matters-20161020</p> <p>Thank you for being the inspiration that helped me step up - enclosed is a pic of me and my MINI Cooper - transports LOTS of books~ Maria Morrison</p>

Janet	B.	Bratenahl	Ohio	United States	<p>Dear Todd:</p> <p>On behalf of the Cleveland Chums, Inc. we are sending our love and well wishes to you today. We met you through your friend Margaret Bernstein who shared her story about your mission and the Little Free Library movement. Without hesitation, we were pleased to join the movement and became sponsors of the LFL at the Fatima Center in Cleveland,</p> <p>What was truly special about this sponsorship is that we had an opportunity to meet you, select a most beautifully designed LFL from your truck and present it to the Hough community. Thank you Todd for creating a unique way for us to celebrate and inspire the love of reading, in our communities, one book and one Little Free Library at a time!</p> <p>You are in our thoughts and in our prayers.</p> <p>With love and much gratitude, Your friends from the Cleveland Chums ~Janet Banks</p>
Maureen	D.	Seattle	WA	USA	<p>I have never met you but am grateful to you every day when I walk by my own Little Library which has brought such joy to me and the large numbers of folks who use it every day.</p> <p>Thank you fro your vision and energy and legacy to so many.</p> <p>Maureen</p>
Alison	S.	North Rigton	North Yorkshire	United Kingdom	<p>Sending love and thanks from the UK. xx</p>
Mary-Ellen	T.				<p>If, as I believe, our purpose here is to help one another, then you surely have built an incredible vision that will last far beyond your earthly time. You have accomplished the goal As Author Nelson Henderson said, <i>"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."</i> Henderson's quote in particular is about doing things in this life that will benefit people far after the time we have passed. Well, done.</p>
Leslie	M.	Amesbury	Ma	USA	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>So sorry to hear of your illness. I am a grateful Freelitlibrary steward. I live in MA and have for years enjoyed seeing the libraries that have blossomed in our area. Now I, too, am starting a library myself in a new neighborhood in which I've recently moved. With the help of some neighbors our library is now coming together.</p> <p>What an inspired idea to do this -- look how this has caught on! It is bringing neighbors together and getting people talking and reading. Thank you for your inspiration and dedication to pursuing this idea -- and including the rest of us in the process! People are excited to see these libraries; it just makes people happy. Thank you.</p> <p>I wish a healing for you to take place in all the ways healing can happen to people and between people. May you be comforted by those around you and by the thought that you have brought a smile and joy to many people you will never meet -- but who know you.</p> <p>Blessings,</p> <p>Leslie MacDonald</p>

Bill	W.	Toronto	Ontario	Canada	<p>Good afternoon Todd:</p> <p>I am so saddened to hear the news regarding your illness. I have fond memories of working with you to get Little Free Libraries going in Toronto, Canada and our suburbs over a decade ago. The whole trip was well worth the effort. Today there are thousands of them, registered and non-registered. This would never have happened without your help, direction and energy.</p> <p>Although we have not spoken to each other in a long time, you have been in my mind almost every time I go out to manage the same library I made so long ago and placed in front of our home. My thoughts and prayers and those of Carolyn my wife are with you and your family Todd with the hope that this setback will be successfully overcome.</p> <p>Sincerely: Bill and Carolyn</p>
Abigail	S.	San Francisco	CA	United States	<p>Creating an LFL has been on my to-do list for a while... It will happen. Meanwhile, I've enjoyed so many brightening my neighborhood, some of them official, some probably not. When they first began appearing I thought they were the brainchild of some imaginative and constructive neighbor. Little did I know it was already a movement! When my friend in Santa Cruz posted Facebook pictures of her own LFL, it all clicked. You have made the world a better place in a tangible way. Thank you. That LFL is coming from me...I promise.</p>
Charlie	C.	Berkeley	CA	United States	<p>Todd - I want you to know that you have inspired me to try and create my own movement like yours, only focusing on soil, climate, seeds and community building. I am sure that there are many like mine that have taken your inspiration and made it their own in their own way and I want to thank you for inspiring so many.</p> <p>Attached is a picture of our Community Seed Bank, focused on seed saving and sharing, improving our soil, our climate, sharing garden books and ultimately breaking bread together while building stronger, more resilient communities, one seed at a time. Thank you for making our world and our community a smaller and more open place to share and be together. With great respect, Charlie Costello, Berkeley, CA #MarilarkFarms</p>
Mary Lou	M.				<p>Thank you, Todd, for your dedication to the LFL movement. You have done an amazing thing, that has exploded with greatness. When I started my LFL about 3 years ago, I was number 30136. I don't know how many there are now, but I do know it has at least doubled, that's an incredible tribute to you! I will pray for you, and always remember your tenacity.</p>
Veronica	P.		California		<p>Hi Todd,</p> <p>I'm so saddened to hear about your battle. I pray that you are comfortable and at peace. thank you for everything you did to bring literacy to everyone. May your vision live on through all of your stewards and libraries worldwide for years to come. Keeping you and everyone in my thoughts during this difficult time.</p>
Lorraine	H.	Chana	Illinois	United States	<p>The LFL is such a great idea and a true blessing to children who do not have access to books in our rural communities. Thank you.</p>
Kristen	L.	Royal Oak	MI	USA	<p>Singing it's a Wonderful World with you which I will continue to do! Thank you Tod!</p>
Catherine	P.	Alexandria	Virginia	United States	<p>Thank you for starting a movement that has changed the world, one reader at a time! Being a Little Free Library steward has not only enriched my neighborhood, it has made me feel more connected to my community and to the worldwide community of book lovers. Not everyone can say, "I have made a difference." You have, and because of you, thousands of others have a chance to do so, too.</p>

Grace	M.	Waterloo	Ontario	Canada	<p>Just would like to thank you Todd for creating such an interesting, interactive way to promote reading, friendships and neighbourlyness among people around the world.</p> <p>My family have 3 such Little Libraries and so enjoy being stewards to these.</p> <p>May you be comforted by many, many LL&C's up and running because of you!</p> <p>Take care. Stay strong thru your treatments.</p>
FRANCISCO	A.	Bellflower	CA	LA	<p>Good afternoon Todd,</p> <p>It saddens me greatly to hear about your difficult times, Cancer is a huge threat to our society it seems like it is taking all our greatest minds. I met you a few years ago in a small house in Pasadena California and it was amazing to see the size and scope of your dream, I want to reach out to you and say thank you! Your vision is one of admiration and one of HOPE, in this difficult time in your life I will like to wish you all the best and hope that you will get better. May your dream continue to grow and propagate through out the country and the world. May the good lord bless you with fortitude and wisdom so that your trials do not overwhelm you. May the lord also bless your family so they can help and guide you on this difficult trial.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Francisco Altamirano.</p>
Maria	B.	Minnnetonka	MN	55305	<p>I don't know you, Todd, but I do want to tell you that my Little Free Library has brought me so much happiness and fulfillment. As intended, it is a gathering spot in my neighborhood, for people of all ages. The library was a great comfort to me as I grieved the loss of my best friend, Camille, a reading teacher, and now I love to see the little kids paging through picture books on the stump stool, or my venerable neighbor John, who donates the best books, but regularly pushes all the books to the back of the box. Thank you for the joy you have brought to me, my neighborhood and to more than 75,000 neighborhoods out there in the world. Your mama is proud.</p>
Laureen	A.	Cleveland	OH	United States	<p>Todd - Thank you so much for all you have brought to Cleveland. The Literacy Cooperative staff is so honored to know you and to receive your City of Distinction award to recognize the visionary leadership in Cleveland. It will always be cherished! Please know you are in all of our thoughts and prayers.</p>
Shelley	F.	orlando	Florida	United States	<p>Thank you, my friend, for changing the lives of my retired parents. They knew nobody in their neighborhood until we put up a Little Free Library for them for Christmas several years ago. Since then they've had a steady stream of people and have made many new friends. They have read more and kept mentally sharper because of your simple idea to touch lives. You have played a part in their emotional and mental well being without even meeting them. Very few people on earth will ever be able to say that. God bless you for your wonderful idea.</p>
Steven	W.	Hudson	Wisconsin	United States	<p>Todd, as a fellow Rotarian and like you, active in service in our home community my heart goes out to you my friend as you battle forward. Positive thoughts, exercise in any form, managed diet as you are able will all move your fight in a forward direction. Your community of Hudson is behind you for a positive outcome.</p>
Patricia	H.	Lake Worth	Florida	USA	<p>Todd thank you for sharing your love of words. So many people will benefit from everything you have done. It might have been a tribute to your mom. But it has turned into a blessing for almost everyone on this planet. Your legacy will live on in each and everyone one of us. Thank you Todd and rest easy as your job here is almost complete.</p>

Vicky	H.	Ann Arbor	Michigan	USA	Todd, your legacy is a worldwide community of libraries, of neighbors, or readers, of friendships. Thank you for your inspiration!
Barbara	S.	West Bloomfield	MI	USA	<p>I would just like to thank you so much for your passion of LFLs. When I heard an interview with you years ago, I went to our church's Church and Society Committee and asked for their support for us to do this. They give me several hundred dollars each year and I have placed and steward/supply 10 LFLs in the greater Detroit area. Several of the communities are Hispanic and I am able to get good childrens books in Spanish from the First Book Marketplace. Whihat you have inspired us with is wonderful!!!</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Barb</p>
Deborah	B.	Raleigh	NC	USA	Todd, please know that you have made this sometimes difficult and challenging world into a better place. LFL has given communities a way to relate and connect by sharing the joy of reading. A big thank you and lots of love is traveling on sunbeams to you. Hope you can feel it.
Douglas	C.	Sylmar	Ca	Usa	A pleasure to have spent time with you on your journey with literacy. You made me a better person and master builder of Little Free Libraries. God speed.
Debbie	T.	Bossier City	LA	USA	Todd I was so sorry to hear the news! I just wanted to take this moment to thank you, for allowing me to be a part of something so magical. When I heard of LFL's I KNEW I had to create one. We just celebrated our first birthday last week! Thank you for bringing so much joy into the world and bringing people together! Praying for you. Much love from Bossier City, Louisiana. LFL #63538
Jennifer	P.	Mpls	MN	United States	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>I'm so sorry to hear your health news. I want you to know that LFL has had a huge impact on my life. Six years ago, my husband announced he wanted to move from the suburbs back to the city. I agreed, if he would get me a Little Free Library. I am now the proud steward of the Little Free TARDIS, located on a busy corner passed by dog walkers, students from multiple schools, and of course, neighbors. I have had so much positive feedback about my library and it's impact on my neighborhood. You would recognize it, it is featured on the cover of the LFL book. In more recent years, I've added a fairy garden for the local kids to decorate, and a Welcome bench where readers relax. When your story was featured in USA Today, I laminated it and put it inside my library door so everyone could read it. Last year, the introduction of the LFL Action Book Club both motivated me to start my own neighborhood book club, and empowered me to feel like I can make a positive difference when I feel like there is so much negative in the world. Through my LFL ABC I've also gotten to spend a little time with your own Margret Aldrich, who is such a delight. My LFL ABC has led me to spend more time at my local library, including volunteering there. I'm a mom myself, and I know your mom would be just bursting with pride. You have made a huge positive impact on this world, you should feel proud. Thank you for everything. Peace and love to you, Jen</p>

Joy	L.	Lake City	MI	United States	I just received my sign and Charter number this week. It's my birthday present to myself and a way of starting a new chapter in my personal book, after caring for my disabled sister for over 3 years. I'm so excited to be starting my own Little Free Library. I am keeping Todd and his family in my prayers and when my building is completed, I will be posting Todd's story inside. Hugs & prayers, Todd! (((<3)))
Ellen	M.	Oakland	CA	USA	I just want to say thank you for this great idea, and the pleasure it provides for so many people in the country, and especially my neighborhood.
Sharon	N.	Boise	Idaho	USA	Dear Todd, I want to say that I am so sorry you are ill. And I am so thankful that, because of you, the world is full of something we all need. A little, free place of beauty and giving. May your spirit soar free.... xoxxoxo Sharon,, happy "stewardess" of two Little Free Libraries!
Barbara	S.	Gainesville	FL	United States	I love your little free library idea and love being a new steward, just 8 months of LFL has given our neighborhood some much needed cohesiveness in a small way in this rush rush crazy world of today. Thank you! Peace be with you.
Cindy	B.	Austin	TX	United States	I want to thank you for your love of books and neighbors. I think that this is one of the best things that has happened in this world and I think it is needed. I also want to tell you that you and your family will be in my prayers. I am from a family of 6 where all 6 of us had cancer and 2 of us are still surviving. It is a different journey for everyone involved so I won't say that I know how any of you feel, just that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Cindy Belcher
Petra	L.	Windermere	Florida	USA	So saddened by this news. Our heartfelt prayers go out to you and your family as you go through this difficult time! Be brave. Know that you are leaving behind an important legacy of community spirit and shared joy of reading books. And for this we thank you and will remember you always for your visionary idea of a free little library. God bless.
Barb	A.	MILES CITY	MT		Todd, I would like you to know that my husband built a Little Free Library for our book club. It sits on a corner of one our member's yard. It is in a neighborhood across from an elementary school and is much used by both the children and community members. I also use one of the Little Free Libraries when I visit the Virginia Vale community in Denver which is a block from my son's house. I love it because it has lime green stones in the area around the post and makes me smile to think of children using it. You are an amazing visionary. May you find peace and know that you did make a difference!
Amy	W.	Seattle	Washington	United States	Todd, thank you for sharing your vision with the world. The first time I heard about LFLs I wanted one. I thought it was the best idea I had heard in a very long time. I'm happy to report that my library is in high use, getting visitors who take and leave books all the time. I've had fun conversations with folks as they peruse the selection. I thank you every time I see my bright yellow gem, and people stopping by.

Alice	K.	Madison	Wisconsin	USA	Todd's good work has made my neighborhood a richer place to live. How fortunate we are that Todd had a good idea and did the work to make it real. The world is better for Todd's being here. Peace and serenity, Todd, and to all the folks close to you.
Peggy	M.	Colfax	WI	United States	I have seen the difference the Little Free Libraries have made in neighborhoods, and especially the kids they serve. You have a legacy few men can brag of. Thank you from all of us for the vision and the courage to make it become a reality.
Lisa	P.	Chalfont	PA	USA	Dear Todd, My local teacher's union and I applied for a grant to place four Little Free Libraries in our communities where children and adults do not have easy access to books. We spent the majority of the school year accepting book donations throughout our very large school district. We had students in our secondary schools paint the libraries alongside several classes of first and second grade students. My own 6th grade students organized all the donated books, hundreds of them, in categories according to grade levels. We had parents assist with the dedication of all the libraries as together the students, teachers and families celebrated the many hours of their time to make a difference in the lives of so many, with so little. That was three years ago. Presently, all four libraries are in constant use. One of my greatest moments was passing by one library shortly after having my township cement the library in a local park, I saw the most beautiful sight: a young girl sitting with her daddy reading a book on the bench right next to the library. Not only were their smiles and obvious laughter, I saw her legs swinging back and forth under the table, a movement typically done when excited or when feeling special. Books were her bond with her daddy for a moment in her life, possible daily, I can't say, but for one small moment, that little girl had her daddy, she had books, and she was feeling loved and special! Thank you for sharing your idea with everyone around the globe. You truly used God's gift the way he intended you to: spreading the joy of love, literacy, friendship and kindness in a world that so desperately needs reminders that we are all neighbors, we all want to be happy, to be loved and to give love. Thank you, Todd, and for all your family, friends and stewards who will keep your message for years and years to come! God will bless you!
james and carole	w.	YPSILANTI	MI	United States	Dear Todd, We hope it is a comfort to you and your family to know what a positive impact you have made world wide. We were recently visiting Lake Maggiore in Italy and took a walking path along the sparkling lake, which ended in a beautiful park. Much to our surprise there stood a Little Free Library! Most of the books were in Italian, of course, but there were a few in English and we took one hoping to be able to return one on a future trip! The presence of the Library helped us feel more at home in a foreign country! Only wish we could have met the stewards as well. You and your family are in our prayers.
Jean	L.	Heyworth	IL	USA	Thank you, Todd. You changed my life and that of my family and neighborhood. And, indeed, the world. You have made a difference! My thoughts and well wishes go out to you and your extended global family. Jean, steward of #4940
Susan	S.	Falmouth,	Maine	USA	The Little Lupine Lady is up and running thanks to all of your support and guidance. Friends and neighbors joined us for a little open house. Know that your little idea continues to grow and flourish in Maine. Best thoughts and prayers to you and your family and staff. Susan Soule AKA The Lupine Lady
Heidi	H.	Louisville	Kentucky	USA	I have a LFL at the end of my driveway. A friend made it for me in memory of my son, who enjoyed reading. Thank you for your mission of creating LFL all over the country. I so enjoy watching out my kitchen window as children and adults take books. I have two chairs by the library and many grandparents sit and read to their grandchildren each day. We are blessed by your wonderful idea. Blessings to you.

Cathy	V.	Morrison	colorado	USA	Thank you for getting all of us started with Little Free Libraries. It's a wonderful idea and one that I love being a part of!! Books are very important! My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless You!!
Nancy	D.	Hudson	WI	USA	I first met Todd when he came to speak at our Kiwanis Club of Hudson meeting as Little Free Libraries was just getting started. It has been many years since then and I always brag to friends around the world that the organization began in Hudson and I know the founder. Kiwanis is all about helping kids around the world and what better way than to give them the chance to read and own a book! Our club doesn't sponsor a LFL but we have sent over 3000 books to Indian Reservations in WI and MN, libraries in the Philippines and to the Summer Backpack Program in Hudson. What a pleasure to have known Todd and we wish his family well.
Jane	P.	Pensacola	Florida	USA	Dearest Todd, thank you so much for your inspiration and for your dedication to readers all over the world. You inspired me to provide a top-notch little free library to my community. My heart and prayers are with you and your family. LFL #78012, Pensacola, Florida
Tricia	M.		Massachusetts	USA	Todd: Your inspiration is a gift to the world! Thank you for putting into action your brilliant idea for connected communities and fostering a love of reading in such an easy to manage way! Creativity, love, and knowledge are all found in these Little Free Libraries. Sincerely, Tricia Macmunn
Heather	C.	Washougal	WA	United States	Here in Washougal WA, we were saddened to hear of your illness. Students at Hathaway Elementary School just started our little library last year. A park across from our school, once known for its drug use, has been transformed by our community outreach inspired by you and our new little library. We have distributed over 700 books, talked with neighbors who are now part of a watch, and had a wonderful time meeting new families who now frequent the park. We now have 4 little libraries close by and hear of other neighbors wanting to help others in the community. Thank you for leading the charge and inspiring us all to be better neighbors. https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1@tvVMto1xbyd2weq4dByokbyOuo00X5gRyRiIMdzk/edit?usp=sharing Heather Christofferson - Library Assistant Hathaway Elementary School
Claudia	A.	Amarillo	Tx	USA	Praying for peace at this time. As a lover of books, the Little Library has become a favorite spot for me and my family while we travel. I pray you are resting well and for your family to have peace. You are truly an inspiration to many.

Hillary	W.	Camarillo	CA	United States	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>You have made an impact upon our world that the rest of us only dare to dream. The Little Free Library movement has bonded neighborhoods, increased friendships and created pockets of "book clubs" where nothing existed.</p> <p>Thank you does not seem an adequate word enough although it seems the only thing I can say.</p> <p>I sincerely hope your journey ahead is paved with the care and love that you have allowed so many others to feel.</p> <p>-Sincerely, Hillary Wilkinson</p>
Patty	C.	Poughkeepsie	NY	USA	<p>Iâ€™m so sorry to hear about your illness. I first became aware of LFL when my dad was in his final illness. It meant a lot to me to have that project to focus on. Thank you for bringing joy to so many. Not everyone can say that. Youâ€™ve touched a lot of peopleâ€™s hearts. Patty, Charter 27202</p>
Josephine	G.				<p>Thank you for your vision and improving lives around the world with Little Free Library. Youâ€™re an inspiration. Our hearts in Carlsbad, California are with you.</p>
Laura	N.	Thompsons Station	TN	United States	<p>Todd-</p> <p>We don't know each other, but you have touch our family and your mission is an incredible one. We had a Little Free Library at our previous house and loved it so much we petitioned our HOA to put one up at our current new home.</p> <p>We used the Little Free Library as a way to celebrate our little girl's second birthday. Instead of gifts (which we absolutely didn't need) we made it Dr. Seuss themed and asked for new and donated books to fill our library. It was literally overflowing after the party!! Even more special- her daddy built it for her by hand. Our little girl, Maddy Grace, (who is now 4) still absolutely LOVES it and lots of kiddos from all over the neighborhood come to share and take books to read.</p> <p>I just wanted to say a huge thank you from our family to you and yours. You will continue to inspire, create happiness, and incite wonder in countless numbers of adults and children for years and years to come.</p> <p>Our thoughts and love are with you.</p> <p>Sincerely, The Naber Family P.s.- (in the pic on the sign) OMG stands for Oh! Maddy Grace :)</p>
Barbara	W.	Anaheim	CA	United States	<p>I love having a Little Free Library in my yard! What fun to see a Gramma reading to her grandson on the bench beside my LFL. Thank you, Todd for this amazing gift to so many communities around the world! I will pray for you and your family! Barbara Ward</p>
Carol	E.	St Paul	MN		<p>I loved the LFL idea right from the start. I drove out to Hudson to buy mine directly from the warehouse. I'm sure it was you, Tod, who I met. I appreciated your enthusiasm and encouragement. Being a steward has been a gift and a joy. Bless you on your final journey. I wish you peace.</p>

Marianna	B.	Cannara	Perugia	Italia	Anche un piccolo paese umbro come Cannara, poco lontano da Assisi, ha deciso di aderire al progetto internazionale delle Little Free Library, ottenendo un successo inaspettato, soprattutto fra i bambini ed i giovani. Nel corso delle settimane le LFL si stanno moltiplicando per le vie del centro storico e i coordinatori del progetto ne stanno preparando delle altre da installare lungo le vie di accesso al paese e vicino alle scuole. Collaborano al progetto il Circolo di lettura, lo staff del teatro comunale, ma anche l'intera comunità che si sta offrendo di realizzarle e dipingere completamente a mano. Fra loro ci sono artigiani, falegnami, artisti e pittori locali che stanno trasformando ogni library in un piccolo grande capolavoro. Grazie a Todd e a tutti coloro che stanno mettendo il cuore in questo progetto contribuendo ad accrescere l'amore per la cultura e la passione per la lettura, ad ogni età!
Betsy	L.	Allentown	Pa	Usa	Todd I am very sorry that such a visionary person is struggling with this deadly cancer. Your vision makes a difference every day in so many little ways that you will never know. There is a so much fear in this world and you have helped spread love and community. God bless you and your family. Love my little free library. Betsy
Ariella	C.	Davie	FL	USA	Hello Todd! My name is Ariella and I am 16 years old. I just wanted to send a quick message to thank you for inspiring me. I am a high school student taking all college courses and am in the process of beginning a Little Free Library Club to continue your legacy. I am very in awe of all that you have done for this organization, and find it so heartwarming. Thank you for making a difference in the community and I aspire to make such an impact on the world like you have. Warm regards, Ariella Ciuraru
Susan	L.	New Orleans	LA	United States	So happy to have had the chance to meet and talk with you, Todd, and sending you lots of love and courage. Thanks to you, I will always have a Little Free Library in my front yard! It's meant the world to me.
Jo Ann	J.	Northfield	CT	USA	Todd, Rose Buckens and I are so deeply saddened by the news of your health challenge. We are also so grateful that we got to meet you and show you how much we love our 50+ LFLs we have planted in the Litchfield Hills of CT. I know the mission will go on, because it's too powerful to fail. I believe in miracles both large and small and I will be praying that you will be surrounded by angels offering a huge miracle. We are more inspired and determined after we met you in person, and we are focusing on doing the things you recommended. Peace, Love & Happiness to you and your family.
Kathleen	C.	W.Hartford	CT	USA	I'm sending prayers for your comfort. Thank you so much for your beautiful Little Free Library idea! I remember the first time I saw one and was so delighted that I got one for myself! Bless you for all you do for little free libraries around the world! Kathleen
Gail	B.	Coon Rapids	MN	United States	Thank you, Todd, for your vision and leadership. Your legacy of improving communities one Little Free Library at a time will endure well into the future. We have been inspired by your vision and will continue working to improve literacy here in our community. Peace to you and your loved ones on this journey. Gail and Ron Bullard

Betty	M.	Orlando	FL	USA	<p>I saw Todd's TedTalk and fell in love with Todd and his simple GENIUS idea. Little Free Libraries sharing books among neighbors! I HAD to have one! Two neighbors and I got our charters and began the Three Little Free Libraries of Lancaster Park Neighborhood in June 2016. I didn't know the neighborhood beforehand, but now they are close friends. I've made other friends and shared my love of reading with many neighbors in the two and half years since.</p> <p>Thank you Todd. You changed my life for the better. Praying for you.</p> <p>Love, Betty</p> <p>Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves. James Matthew Barrie.</p>
Linda	G.	Carmichael	CA	USA	<p>Many thoughts and prayers going out to you.</p> <p>You have changed many lives with your wonderful vision of bringing literacy to every community.</p> <p>Thank you for this dedication. You are a steward and role model for all.</p>
Marilyn	H.	Mount Pleasant	WI	USA	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>You have influenced and changed the lives of so many since founding the Little Free Library movement. I have been an ardent fan from the beginning when you launched LFL in honor of your librarian/teacher mother. I had my brother Tim make me a LFL about 4 years ago. My heart is with you, and my neighborhood is HAPPIER because of you!</p>
Joanne	W.	Waite Park	Minnesota	Stearns	<p>Thanks so much for the idea. People know what to do when they see it! Again THANKS.</p>
Kara	B.	Medford	Massachusetts	United States	<p>Hello Mr. Boj,</p> <p>I want to send my strength, positive energy, and hope to you. I am 5th grade English teacher in Medford Massachusetts. I had always dreamed providing a Little Free Library for the students at The Christopher Columbus School and its surrounding neighborhood. My dream came to fruition last year when PBS Design Squad offered to build the library for us and film an episode of their engineering program called Design Squad. Please take a look at the attached link.</p> <p>https://pbskids.org/video/design-squad-nation/2365968255</p> <p>I want to thank you for your wonderful book swap idea. This has brought our community together and has provided books for many students who otherwise would not get to the public library. Thank you thank you thank you! You are an inspiration!</p> <p>Please know that we are thinking of you here at The Christopher Columbus School here in Medford MA.</p> <p>Stay strong.</p> <p>~Mrs. Kara Bates and all of us at The Columbus School</p>
Kathy	J.	Melrose	MA		<p>Saddened to learn of your diagnosis. I have just retired in April and share your hopes and desires. I have just investigated little free libraries and will be purchasing one soon.</p> <p>We are fortunate to have folks like yourself touch our lives and strive to make our world and neighborhoods a better place.</p> <p>My thoughts are with you.</p>
David	T.	Glendale	CA	USA	<p>Hey Todd! Thank you so much for your blessing of Little Free Library. It means a lot to me and my neighbors. So many have said how much they love it and use it. What is amazing to me is how much it is now supported by the community who supply it on a regular basis. Each one has a little of your beautiful spirit surrounding it. Enjoy the blessings of each day. Much love to you!!!</p>

S F H	S.	EAST POINT	GA	United States	<p>Greetings Todd,</p> <p>Best wishes during your this difficult time. There is no formula for the right set of words. However, billions of people live on this planet. Only a few leave a meaningful and permanent mark. Count yourself in that elite few. You enriched many lives. You certainly enriched my life and helped to make my neighborhood a better place.</p> <p>Increasing the PEACE,</p> <p>~SFHS ~Hajj 2017 Little Free Library Western Timbuktu</p>
Stephanie	K.	Richfield	MN	United States	<p>I will never forget when I was building my LFL (one for me and one for my mom) Todd Bol stopped by my house in-person to give us our Charter Signs: #256 and #257 - and at that time they were free!! He also convinced me to help out another Richfield resident who wanted to build a Library but felt he lacked the construction know-how. Norm was a recently retired teacher, and I showed him that you don't have to know anything about building to just go ahead and do it anyway. So from it's very start, my library has led me to build relationships and community, while sharing a love of books. Todd, needless today, was very instrumental in this. LFL is something to be proud of!</p>
Anna Lisa	L.	Fairhope	AL	United States	<p>Thank you so much for sharing this wonderful idea with us. You have inspired all of us.</p>
Karen	P.	Maryville	MO	USA	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>Your overcomer story inspires millions of people. You faced many learning challenges and rose to create an amazing grassroots movement that promotes a love of reading and brings people together around book sharing. You have a brilliant mind and a huge heart. Thank you for your many sacrifices and the hope you foster through Little Free Library. You are dearly loved and we are praying for a miracle.</p> <p>Blessings,</p> <p>Karen</p>
Leslye	S.	Prunedale	California	USA	<p>So inspired by the Little Free Library movement and how it brings together neighbors and communities. I always stop when I spot one on a trip and enjoy each and every one. Todd you made a difference in a huge positive way in my life, I love to read and appreciate and honor you for carrying such positive messages to the world through books! Sending you strength and love!</p>
Beatrice	D.	Cudworth	SK	Canada	<p>My thoughts & prayers are offered for Todd and family. Thanks for all your efforts & time in motivating us in the adventure of Little Free Libraries. God Bless...#15548 Saskatchewan Canada</p>
Susan	G.	CHEVY CHASE	MD	United States	<p>What a wonderful legacy you have. Many neighbors have commented about the great feature of having a LFL right on our block. Thanks for all your work getting this off the ground and keeping the spirit alive. You are a wonderful example of "See a need, fill a need" and "take the bull by the horns - don't wait for somebody else."</p>

Amanda	U.	Los Angeles	CA	US	<p>Hi Todd,</p> <p>I am so sorry to learn you are not well. I want to thank you for the movement you started with the Little Free Library. It's truly amazing and a wonderful way to engage with people. We have one across the street that I urged my neighbor (a carpenter) to make for our block. I am the self-appointed steward (ha!) and I try my best to rotate books out that seem relevant and fun for the kids and adults on our street.</p> <p>I met you about a year and a half ago at the Los Angeles Festival of Books. We spoke for awhile and you told me about your mother and how your vision began. I quietly wiped a few tears from my eyes, hoping you wouldn't see. And now I am shedding a few more as I write this.</p> <p>You gave me one of the libraries that was made that day to donate to my son's local public school and we are so grateful. The Little Free Library embodies community and inspires a love of reading, which I believe was your mission. It's working!!</p> <p>Todd, I wish you all the best. Your kindness and generosity will never be forgotten.</p> <p>Sincerely, Amanda Urabe</p>
Jennifer	V.	Bernardsville	NI	United States	<p>I only recently found Little Free Library and am working to getting ours and others in our town up and going. I'm so sorry to hear this news and my thoughts, love and prayers go out to Todd and his entire family (including the Little Free Library Family).</p>
Judy	A.	Berkeley	CA	United States	<p>Thanks for starting this.</p> <p>Gives me such pleasure to set at my window and watch the kids. Prayers for you, Judy, former wild Berkeley woman, now settled down..</p>
Lynn	G.	Denver	CO	United States	<p>I had the great pleasure of meeting Todd here in Denver at the Bookbar.</p> <p>I had just received my Little Free Library and was so excited to be able to meet him and share concept photos of my Library. He loved it! I never quite got around to sending completed Library photo to Todd, so here it is.... Please send my thoughts and prayers to Todd and his family and friends.....</p>
Patrick	P.	Aiken	SC	USA	<p>My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.</p> <p>It is an honor to reflect your LFL legacy into our community.</p> <p>representing St. Paul Lutheran, Aiken, SC</p>
Sara	G.	ROUND ROCK	TX	United States	<p>When I first heard about Little Free Libraries I just knew I had to have one. Finally in July of 2015 I was able to install Little Free Library #24532. It had been a mother's day gift that year. In March of 2016 I was able to meet Todd on his tour of Texas. He was genuinely a kind person who had a passion for sharing the love of reading. Over the years I have net do many neighbors because of my LFL, and now my neighborhood has 4 Little Free Libraries. To say that Todd has inspired so many to share our love of reading and to build a community around book sharing is an understatement. Truly an amazing legacy and I am honored to be a part of of the community he inspired.</p>
Carol	V.	Baltimore	MD	USA	<p>Your LFL movement has touched countless souls. These tiny structures and their simple message of caring and sharing have enriched communities worldwide. What a legacy! Your presence in this world will be missed, but your ideals will live on. On to the next adventure, Todd! Godspeed.</p>

Caroline	D.	Fredericksburg	VA	USA	<p>Hey Todd, our sincere sympathy to you and your family. You don't even know me but I have a LFL in my yard which gets used many times every day &€[and I have YOU to thank for being so imaginative to create them &€[and then following through by sharing the idea! Pretty cool, thanks!!</p> <p>Here's a cool quote which seems like it fits you: "Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny" -C.S. Lewis I'm keeping you in my prayers, Caroline</p>
Robin L.	H.	Nashville	TN	United States	You have changed the world. Thank you.
Caroline	D.	Atlanta	GA	United States	<p>My heart is saddened to hear of the health condition of my 'Little Free Library' friend, Todd. My daughter and I met him in Atlanta, one cold winter day where he visited a school and warmed our hearts relative to his vision.</p> <p>Our prayers and love are with him as he undergoes this time of illness. We pray God's richest blessings upon him as he gives his All to Him. God and prayers are the answer!!!</p>
Liz	M.	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Canada	A shortened life but one with a lasting legacy of friendship and sharing books around the world... Winnipeg, alone, with approx 850,000 residents, boasts of approx 170 little free libraries with an addition 50 plus around the province... praying that your remaining time will be filled with family friends and amazing memories... hoping for good pain control and an easy transition. Liz&€™s little free library #62920
Sylvia	C.	Anacortes	WA	USA	<p>My prayers are with you. I wanted to thank you for starting this amazing community program that has for me helped me to know my neighbors better. I live by the schools here in Anacortes and the students frequent my library often. It is a good place for books to be dropped off and picked up for the students.</p> <p>I also have a gleanng program here and have the fruit stand (all fruit free to students and anyone else wanting the fruit) which has added to the visitation of my little library. :-)</p> <p>We have quite a few little libraries in our community and I just want to thank you for starting this wonderful program.</p> <p>With love and prayers,</p> <p>Sylvia</p>
Jessica	McC.	Fayetteville	AR	United States	<p>I hope you know you're as much responsible for the mini pantry movement as I am. You absolutely changed the course of my life for good, and I am so honored to have had the opportunity to speak with you and to follow your beautiful work.</p> <p>You and your family will be in my prayers, Todd. Thank you for everything.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

Peter	B.	Hudson	WI	USA	I have had the pleasure of being on much of the journey of Little Free Library from the very beginning. Todd ad Rick had wanted to call it Neighborhood Library Builders Exchange but quickly changed to Little Free Library. Todd is such a visionary and had created a movement for the whole world to enjoy! For that we tip our caps. Memories have been made and what an undeniable spirit!!!! Long live Little Free Library and it's movement
Debby	B.	Coon Rapids	MN	USA	Thank you for starting this little Free library idea. I have had mine library for the past three years and everyone in my neighborhood loves it, from the littest ones to the very wise ones. I hope you know how many lives you have touched and doors you have opened because of this great program. I will keep you and your family in my prayers & thoughts as you go through your journey. Best wishes and Best Health coming your way! Debby
Charlene	T.	McKees Rocks	PA	USA	I live in an economically depressed area that's a book desert for many of the latchkey kids here. I opened a little free library in the park across from my house. The kids loved it. Unfortunately the teenagers with little to do on weekend nights vandalized the box so many times we could not keep up with the repairs. But, we are moving forward with a mobile little free library that we will wheel up to the park on wagon several times a week for several hours. While the costs to repair the physical library were becoming prohibitive, the children who used the library were very sad to see it go. I was sad to not be up there several times a week refilling the box. The kids would recognize the car pulling in and come running over to see what I was restocking the library with. You not only filled a very big spot in the lives of the kids on the west side of McKees Rocks, PA, you also filled a spot in my heart being able to help these kids in a meaningful way. Charlene Taylor
Liz	M.	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Canada	A shortened life but one with a lasting legacy of friendship and sharing books around the world... Winnipeg, alone, with approx 850,000 residents, boasts of approx 170 little free libraries with an addition 50 plus around the province... praying that your remaining time will be filled with family friends and amazing memories...hoping for good pain control and an easy transition. Liz&™s little free library #62920
Denise	S.	Tempe	Arizona	United States	Blessings to you Todd! Thank you for starting this journey for millions of people! Adults and children all stop by our Little Library and READ!!!! What a blessing it is to know that we are touching the lives of neighbors just by giving them a book to read! The journey of a thousand words is well traveled in Tempe, Arizona because of you!
Brenda	L.	Dike	IA	United States	I am praying for you! You have started such a legacy that will outlive all of us that are stewards now. Thank you!
Keith	S.	Cleveland	Ohio	USA	Todd, I can't tell you how much of an impact you've had on me and the Cleveland Police Department!! We now have 8 Little Free Libraries and have gone through over 4,000 books!! Many Cleveland kids don't have access to books and you and LFL have truly started a literacy revolution, and I consider myself one of you faithful and loyal generals!! God bless you!!

Friends of the Port Jervis Free Library	L	port Jervis	NY	US	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>So sorry to hear of your diagnosis and wishing you peaceful days ahead. Our community of 9,000 has had a "my little free library" for about 6 years and recently added a second. We are dedicating them to two men who, like you, believed that reading and sharing ideas help to make a community stronger and more caring. Thank you for your wonderful idea and God bless you and your family. Sincerely, Friends of the Port Jervis Free Library..</p>
Patrick	P.	St. Paul	MN	United States	<p>Todd. So sorry to learn of your illness. I wish you the best. It has been my pleasure and honor to work with you to advance education and the love of reading across the world by providing Little Free Libraries to many countries in Africa. Our latest endeavor is to ship one to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to be presented by Books For Africa leadership -- including myself -- at the African Union Summit in February, 2019. I have enjoyed working with you over the years and commend you for ALL that you have done. Thank you for the opportunity to work together.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Pat Plonski Executive Director Books For Africa</p>
Tom	M.	Marengo	IL		<p>LFL 20537, Marengo IL</p> <p>My daughter showed me my first LFL in Iowa City, IA 3 years ago. I was so impressed with the concept that my Christmas Present that year was a LFL. Marengo has used the LFL so much, I had to expand to a second box.</p> <p>Thank you for starting Little Free Library.</p>
Theresa	V.	Albany	New York	United States	<p>I want to thank you for your vision and your hard work. I have the great pleasure of assisting with several school-based LFL in Albany, New York. They make a difference in our community and I suspect that effect is repeated all around the world.</p>
Charlee	G.	Virginia Beach	VA	USA	<p>Todd - you are an inspiration to millions of people who otherwise would never have had access to these thousands of little "happy spots" in our communities. I continue to get regular comments, rave reviews, and suggestions about the 3 that we have placed in our community, all donated by groups or sponsors, and supported by our civic league. I see them popping up all over Virginia Beach and am ever grateful that you had this vision, inspired by your own mother. You have made a difference in many lives and I thank you for spreading this opportunity to others.</p>
Alyson	G.	Joliet	MT	USA	<p>My community has absolutely embraced my little free libraries. Thanks so much for being an inspiration!</p>

Tammie	W.	Los Angeles	CA		I want to thank him and his family for bringing joy and happiness to my daughter's life for all these years! She always loved to check out books, borrow and bring them back to borrow a new one! She learned how to be responsible, what community is about and what generosity and kindness truly mean! She loves books now, reads books every night and frequently goes to libraries! Thanks for all of your efforts! You will always be remembered by us as a good book loving friend! Thank you! We owe it to you for nurturing the curiosity and love of learning in our little girl!
Karen	H.	Altadena	CA	USA	Dear Todd, Few of us spark a world-wide movement with our good works, as you have done. I am so grateful to have met you, at Suzi Hoge's home in South Pasadena CA, over fabulous literary snacks. We shared the story of the homeless man who sits in the chair by the Florecita Farm LFL in Altadena CA, and our joy that he finds comfort there. Heart blessing to you as you navigate this chapter. With love and appreciation, Karen Hovanitz
Amy	M.	Parker	CO	USA	Todd, Thank you for inspiring the world, one little library at a time. My neighborhood and community have been enriched by your vision. My heart swells when I think about the moment I looked out my kitchen window to see two little girls sitting under a tree in my yard, reading to each other from a book they picked up at our little library. Imagine all of the folks you've inspired to come together, read a book, and share - it's so beautiful. Godspeed, Todd. You've certainly done your part to make this world a better place.
Phoebe	C.	San Marino	CA	United States	Dear Todd, I am grateful for your splendid idea for the Little Free Libraries. It will be a wonderful legacy for you and your family. I'll keep you in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.
Nancy	W.	Kirkland	WA	United States	Dear Todd and Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. You have made such a difference in the literacy of so many around the world, and I appreciate the LFL movement. Being stewards of our library has brought us great joy. It's a great thing you've started and new libraries will continue popping up everywhere. May you have comfort and peace as you transition. With heavy hearts from the stewards at The Emerald City Little Free Library (#27790). Ken and Nancy
Barbara	A.		VA	United States	Thank you, Todd, for touching so many lives with your generous idea and efforts. I've had my Little Free Library for almost a year and it's already become a welcome fixture in my busy neighborhood. My favorite moments are the wonderful comments in the greeting book from kids of all ages. One recently said, "NOW I CAN SIT AND READ FOR AS LONG AS I WANT!" Your impact will continue for a long time. Wishing peace to you and your family Barbara
Sharon	B.	Corvallis	OR	United States	Oh Todd. Big sigh. And a mountain of thanks for your visionary idea. The minute I read about your concept I was onboard. That following May my daughter gave me my library as a birthday gift. Shortly ther after we hosted our grand opening for our neighbors. You got your wish, we met our neighbors, we talk, we wave, we care for each other in a deeper more meaningful way. Thank you 8Y™!!

Terry	P.	Georgetown	MA	USA	<p>My husband, who was a toy maker, made our Little Free Library several years ago. We live two doors away from what was then our town public school's primary building, housing K-2 students and staff, and often had visitors to the little building at the end of our driveway. Sadly, my husband Rick passed away two years ago, but the library remains standing and I rotate the books (left over from the public library's annual Spring book sale) when I can.</p> <p>I wish you comfort and peace, Todd, as you have no doubt made many lives happier and fulfilled by encouraging this book sharing endeavor.</p>
Anna	H.	Grapevine	TX	US	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>Thank you for the Little Free Library movement. You have changed the world...You have changed my world. Books have always been a safe place for me. The Little Free Library brought us 1 books would've never read, neighbors I would've never met (and a bald patch in the grass to prove it!) and a sense of community we'd've never had. I can't tell you how grateful I am. Blessings and peace to you.</p>
Jo-Ann	M.	DePere	WI	United States	<p>Just as Todd started this movement to honor his mother, we will keep it strong to honor him. God bless you, Todd.</p>
Carl	S.	Lake Worth	FL	United States	<p>Sending love and prayers to Todd from Lake Worth Florida.</p>
Suzan	W.	CARLSBAD	CA	United States	<p>Todd, our Little Free Library has achieved exactly your goal: We know so many of our neighbors now, we say "Hello," we stop and chat and share books at the Little Free Library. The Library has really made us more of a community. Thank you for starting this wonderful program. You and your family are in our prayers.</p>
Elana	S.	Phoenix	Arizona	USA	<p>We are sending all our support and Love from Phoenix Arizona. It was such a privilege and honor to meet you when you visited with us here.</p> <p>Elana Storch</p>
Claudia	D.	Alameda	CA	USA	<p>Dear Todd, I am so saddened to hear about your battle with cancer. I want you to know that your little library project has brightened our community. I live on a small island on San Francisco Bay, and there have been countless little libraries popping up in all of our neighborhoods...they make me smile every time I walk or drive by them...my kids love them too, and we have been active participants in "take a book, leave a book". In fact, many local residents that have books to donate take the time to drive around and restock little libraries on a regular basis. What a wonderful thing to have created, you should be so proud. Your project is bringing smiles and countless wonderful hours of walking, reading and meeting neighbors to cities all around the world. Look at what you made, and look at how you are impacting communities around the globe in such a lovely and positive way. I cannot imagine a more wonderful dream becoming reality. Thank you for bringing your wonderful spirit out into our communities. You are a bright light that will keep shining for so many years to come. The world is a better place for you having been in it. Sending you lots of love and peace during this difficult time.</p> <p>Best regards, and thank you. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers, and I hope you can find peace in the knowledge that you have used your time here in such an important and wonderful way.</p>

Kristin	T.	North Chesterfield	VA	USA	<p>At the age of 47, I decided to return to school to become a school librarian. My husband gave me a Free Library for Christmas to celebrate my new degree and job. Our whole family participated in putting up our Free Library. We also put a nice bench beside the library for people to rest and read. We have had so much fun watching the people check out the books in the library. Our Free Library has been up for a couple of years and is now at the point where we don't even put books in anymore. Our neighborhood has become stewards of the library and we often find people straighten the books. The experience was so wonderful that I asked our schools PTSA to purchase a Free Library for our High School. And this August, 2018, we put a Free Library in front of our school. We are a title 1 school and books are an item rarely found in our students' homes. And this Free Library has a lot of traffic! Yesterday, a young man, recently to the USA, came into the school library and wanted to buy a book. He was so disappointed that we didn't have any books that he could buy. I decided to take him to the Free Library in front of the school and let him pick a book. Since we were having a language barrier it was hard to communicate to him that he could have a book for free. Once he realized that, his eyes grew large and he had the largest smile on his face. The Free Libraries are near and dear to my heart and wherever we travel, we always look for a Free Library. Thank you for making the world a better place.</p>
Elizabeth	B.	Long Beach	CA	USA	<p>Todd, Thank you for transforming my neighborhood with Little Free Library. I was one of the first LFL's in Long Beach (we're California's 5th largest city with a population of nearly 500k). That was more than 5 years ago - now there are several in our city. Because of my LFL, I've met neighbors I had never met before. People gathering in front of my house looking through titles. Children on their way to and from school checking out the books. My LFL has been in the local paper, and I've been interviewed on the radio about my LFL. With that said, I am literally just the steward of my LFL. My neighbors are the ones who stock the library with books they no longer need - it's rarely, if ever, empty. Thank you for having the vision of what the Little Free Library movement could do for a community, be it a small town or large city. You have made a difference.</p>
caroll	h.	london	on	canada	<p>I am so grateful for Todd's vision and love our Free Lending Library and enjoy seeing more and more pop up in the neighbourhood. Condolences to his family and friends.</p>
Cheri	F.	Lebanon	Tennessee	USA	<p>Thank you Todd for your inspiration. Bless you and all of the Little free libraries !!!</p>
Julie	H.	Somonauk	IL	US	<p>My continued prayers are with Todd and his family! Todd has done an amazing job of putting books and people together all over the world! I was so very fortunate to be gifted a Little Free Library some years back from the Little Free Library Organization to enhance library service to my community! It has brought books to a community of readers that presently is not served by a library! I can't thank you enough!!! Thank you, Todd! From: Julie Harte, Somonauk Public Library District, Somonauk, IL</p>
Barb	M.	Rochester	MN	US	<p>Thanks for the inspiration and encouragement for us to supply the children in our neighborhood with books that keep them reading all year. I have many good conversations with them as we sit on the bench next to the library and talk books. Wishing you many special memory moments as you travel this journey. You have made a difference in the world.</p>

Deborah	R.	ALBIA	IA	USA	<p>I am very sorry to hear this heartbreaking news. Please know that you have good thoughts and prayers coming from Albia, Iowa. I am the RSVP Volunteer coordinator for Monroe County and we are working on getting a Little Free Library built and set in place in our town square's courtyard. Our RSVP Volunteers will be the stewards and they are so excited to be part of this wonderful program. Our Sheriff is the person who is building our library and as soon as it is complete, I will be getting it registered with your organization. We are so grateful that our City and County leaders approved our request to have this set up right in the center of our little town. So many people take advantage of the park benches in the courtyard and we have tons of events that are focused around our town square, so it will be the perfect location for lots of wonderful reading traffic!! Thank You so much for this amazing program. It's impossible to read too many books... You are in my thoughts and prayers,</p> <p>Debi Reed</p>
Nancy	W.	Chicago	IL	USA	<p>Dear Todd, I installed my two LFLs in July in two city owned parks in Chicago. Mine are the first officially sanctioned boxes in the park system. My neighbors have warmly embraced the libraries and the ideas of engaging with each other and sharing their passion for books. The experience has been an amazing personal one as well. I've had book recommendations from homeless folks, met families visiting my libraries while their children undergo medical treatment at Lurie Children's Hospital, seen the joy of a child selecting a new book from this magic box, and discovered so many interesting authors through the variety of books which travel through the libraries! I am actively working to get the park system to embrace this 'literacy in a box in the parks' and get LFL's into less fortunate neighborhoods in Chicago where books may truly change a life.</p> <p>Thank you for coming up with this simple idea which has been transformative for so many lives throughout our country. We are better neighbors and neighborhoods because of this program which you began. I am proud to be a LFL Steward and I know all of us will work with the same passion for reading and literacy which you exemplify as we continue your legacy and spread the concept onward.</p> <p>My father-in-law endured pancreatic cancer while my sister-in-law also suffered but is still with us. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers and I wish you peace and the comfort of your friends and family in the coming days. Please know that you have brought so many people joy, community, and togetherness and we are forever grateful for you and your work.</p> <p>God bless, Nancy Wulkan #66264 and #73697, Chicago, Illinois</p>
Sandy	S.	Duluth	MN	USA	<p>Prayers to you and your family. The Little Free Library is a wonderful idea which many bibliophiles have enjoyed and will always enjoy. Seeing how people decorate their libraries, brings smiles to my face. When I come upon a library in a new city I always feel welcome there and make a point to stop and explore their books. I've found libraries in WA, IA, IL, MN, WI, MS, AL, and others. It's fun to find them, kind of like a treasure hunt. I've utilized all the libraries in my dog walking area here in Duluth and continue to share my books with them when I've finished them. Thank you for the joy of sharing the written word. Books will go on, even with the ebooks available, there's nothing like cracking open a new book and setting off on a new adventure.</p>
Mary Lou	J.	Green Valley	AZ	US	<p>I am so thankful that you came up with the idea for Little Free Libraries. I first saw them on a walk in Ballard area in Seattle, WA. I said I'm going to take that idea to Green Valley, AZ. As an ex-reading specialist in the elementary schools, I want children to read early and have access to books. I have placed on outside our Food Bank. We say, " Food for the Body, Food for the Mind". I have placed another in a nearby town between a Food Bank and a Clinic, so there is quite a bit of foot traffic. They are working well. Thank you so much for starting this venture.</p>
Tad	D.	Durham	NC	United States	<p>We just installed 10 LFL's in our historic 1920's neighborhood, and they immediately became places for sharing and interaction, thank you for the dream, vision, and making it all come true.</p>

Katherine	M.	Tampa	Florida	USA	<p>Tod I wish you the peace and comfort for the rest of your earthly journey. I am so sorry to hear of your cancer diagnosis. My LFL is dedicated to our teenage son who also passed from cancer, he loved books so much and reading gave him joy all the years of his life. Thank you for all you have done for this world it is a better place with you in it.</p>
Barbara	H.	Green Bay	WI	US	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>I have been meaning to write to thank you for being such an inspiration to me. My LFL has just been completed and I wanted to share this photo with you. As a long time member of The Beatrix Potter Society, UK, I have a fondness for Miss Potter and her "little books". My LFL reflects this passion. I am excited to be involved in such a worthwhile organization as the LFL and to be able to share the life of Beatrix Potter and her little books with my community.</p> <p>Please know you are in my heart at this difficult time.</p> <p>Sincerely, Barbara Heike</p>
Deborah	R.	ALBIA	IA	USA	<p>I am very sorry to hear this heartbreaking news. Please know that you have good thoughts and prayers coming from Albia, Iowa. I am the RSVP Volunteer coordinator for Monroe County and we are working on getting a Little Free Library built and set in place in our town square's courtyard. Our RSVP Volunteers will be the stewards and they are so excited to be part of this wonderful program. Our Sheriff is the person who is building our library and as soon as it is complete, I will be getting it registered with your organization. We are so grateful that our City and County leaders approved our request to have this set up right in the center of our little town. So many people take advantage of the park benches in the courtyard and we have tons of events that are focused around our town square, so it will be the perfect location for lots of wonderful reading traffic!!! Thank You so much for this amazing program. It's impossible to read too many books... You are in my thoughts and prayers, Debi Reed</p>
John	T.	Kollam	Kerala	India	<p>Hey Todd: here's a video I made on the inauguration of a little free library in my hometown. The title is of a poetry recital at the inaugural function. Sorry it's not subtitled but my sincerest thanks to you for this Peace be with you always. John https://youtu.be/poaMDVxf0E</p>
Kevin	R.		VA		<p>Todd,</p> <p>I don't know you, but I want you to know that our Little Free Library has changed our lives. We love it, our kids love it, our neighbors love it, and it never would've happened without your vision. Thank you for everything you have done. You have done more in one lifetime than most others will do in many lifetimes.</p> <p>Most sincerely, Kevin Rockmann</p>

Karen	M.	Denver	CO	United States	I love Little Free Libraries! [I once found a collection of brand new discs of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart!] Thank you so much for them!
Hannah	R.	Oakland	CA	USA	Thank you Todd for starting an amazing movement that brings communities together in such a positive unifying way. I am so sorry to hear about your cancer diagnosis and I wish you peace and healing. Please know you have made an indelible mark on the world and my neighborhood is the better for it. At first when I put up the little library, before I could even put a book in it (the cement was drying), someone put in the book Attachment which I had very much been wanting to read. My daughter had read it as part of a residential treatment program she had been to and I was trying to read everything she did as part of her process. She had painted the library and put a shell mosaic on the roof before she went to her program, so the significance of this being the first book in their was big for me. Then it was mostly me putting books in, getting donations from bookstores, etc. And now the library is flourishing. It truly does belong to the neighborhood as it is always full and there is barely any room for me to put books in! Neighbors are thanking me and tell me how much they enjoy it. It truly is a wonderful thing that brings people together in a complicated often divisive world. Much love, Hannah
Beth	S.	McKnight	Pa	United States	Todd, you have accomplished something amazing in this world. I am one of your newest stewards, and I am in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. I just wanted to thank you for your impact on our neighborhood, McKnight Village, and wish you all the best. It is time now to focus on you, your relationship with God and friends and family. But do so knowing that your focus on making the world a better place was fruitful and successful. God bless you!
Bayard "Stix"	C.	Orlando	FL	USA	God's blessing to you and your family, Todd. Thank you for all you're doing.
Barbara	J.	Santa Rosa	California	USA	Dear Todd, You have enriched the lives of so many more than you will ever know! One year ago my grandchildren and I moved into a new home on a beautiful, quiet street. I had wanted a little library for years and when we moved I gave myself the gift of just that. It has been a wonderful way to get to know our neighbor's as well as the children in our neighborhood. My grandchildren, Darby and Kaelin are 6 and 5. They have taken responsibility in changing out the books each week and making sure that there is something for all ages. This summer they even added organic vegetables from their garden. I don't think a day goes by that someone doesn't stop by to see what's in the library. And my dear Todd, this is all because you had a Vision, a dream and you followed it! A little piece of your Spirit is present throughout our world. I was a hospice nurse for many years.... You are in caring and loving hands during this chapter of your life. Thank You for sharing a piece of you with us. Sincerely, Barbara, Darby and Kaelin
Jan	P.	Greensboro	NC	United States	I can't remember exactly where I stumbled upon my first Little Free Library, but it was love at first sight. Whenever I travel, I always have a book or two with me for whenever I stumble across one. I made the suggestion to our city's Greenway committee to install them at some of parks along the walkway. We have two so far and they are a very big hit. Thank you so much for your vision in bringing the gift of reading to so many. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Mary	H.	Louisville	KY	USA	Thinking of you and thanking you for your dedication to LFL's everywhere from #68214. Hoping your journey ahead is bright and full of hope and light. Happy reading!

Kay	M.	Mountain Rest	SC	USA	<p>Todd - I have been a school librarian for over 20 years and can honestly say it's the best job in the building, and the perfect job for me! My husband is a general contractor and specializes in restorations. He has a shop full of all sorts of good stuff from homes he has worked on, rebuilt, restored, etc. He knew I had admired the precious Little Free Libraries we crossed paths with, so for our 30th anniversary a couple of years ago, he surprised me with a completely "repurposed" LFL! Its skeleton was an old BellSouth phone booth, the cedar shakes on the outside were leftover from our home that he built, and the window that serves as the LFL's door came from the home of a dear friend's grandparent's homestead. The LFL was made totally of recycled materials - even a hollow tree trunk was used. He placed it at the end of our driveway and, since we live in a rural area, it is very busy all the time! It has been so much fun filling it up, getting boxes of books from friends in the area, and finding sweet notes and artwork from my LFL patrons! Thank you, Todd, for being so creative by thinking of that very first Little Free Library in honor of your mom - the experience has made my life so much more fun and has given so much to our community!! (I am attaching a photo of the day my husband, Charles, and our two children, Will and Grace, surprised me with my Little Free Library in May 2016). God bless - the Moxley Family.</p>
Denise	B.	North Royalton	OH	United States	<p>Todd- May our Heavenly Father welcome you into his Kingdom and wrap his Loving arms around you. Praying for you and your family for strength , blessings and support. Thank you for all that you did for TheFree Little Library organization. We could not have done it without you helping this truly amazing organization be what it is today.</p>
Jane	L.	Walnut Creek	CA	USA	<p>Hi Todd,</p> <p>You don't know me, but your project has made my family's and community's lives better. We put up a Little Free Library a year ago, and because we live on the corner of two busy pedestrian streets in our neighborhood, we get a lot of people stopping at our Library. We even see cars stopping in front of our street, every day, to check out books or drop them off. We've had numerous chats with neighbors we didn't know before. One lady told my husband that when she visits her elderly mother who lives in our neighborhood, one of their regular highlights is coming to the Little Library. Her mother waits in the car while she looks through the library and tells her what is available, and helps her choose a book.</p> <p>Tons of kids live in our neighborhood and scoot or bike to our Little Library.</p> <p>Little Free Library is an amazing idea and organization.</p> <p>Thank you, Todd. My thoughts and best wishes are with you.</p> <p>Jane Liaw</p> <p>P.S. I'm attaching a photo of our daughter sitting on the bench, which is next to our Library. We encourage people to sit and take a rest and read when they stop to look through our books.</p>
Robert	B.	Asheville	NC	USA	<p>Every now and then a guy comes along, he's not a statesman, famous author, popular athlete, but he makes a great and fundamental change to our culture. Todd is such a person. Well wishes to Todd and his family.</p>

Ginny	W.	Cedaredge	CO	USA	The members of the Cedaredge Women's Literary Club want to extend our sincere thanks to you, Todd, for all you've done to enhance literacy around the world. We, too, strive to bring reading to the forefront of everyone's lives, and are proud to be getting ready to install our 2nd Little Free Library in our little town here on the Western Slope of Colorado. You are leaving an incredible legacy in both your and your mother's names. May your journey be one of peace and comfort in the love of those around you.
Kelly	S.	Oak Park	IL	USA	<p>Thank you so much for starting this incredible movement! I just love the little free library idea and knew I had to have one. My husband was kind enough to make me one (with the help of my kids) for Mother's Day last year. We have been open for a little over a year and it has been the most fun! I've met lots of neighbors, watched neighbors take and donate books, celebrated holidays with my LFL and secured the help of my 7 year old neighbor as my junior steward because she is one of my best customers. My LFL also led me to our Friends of the Library annual book fair which I now volunteer with every year and it also provides me wonderful books to supplement my LFL throughout the year.</p> <p>Thank you for your amazing vision. Spreading the joy of reading is my most favorite hobby. Wishing you well.</p>
Don	B.	Carmel	In	US	So sad to hear!
P	D.	Los Angeles	CA	United States	I love walking through neighborhoods and seeing these little libraries everywhere. Todd, your legend will live on through these wonderful Little Free Libraries. Thank you for your vision and dedication. Take care.
Jill	G.				Thank you for inspiring us to build a Little Free Library for the children in our community. Each year in Earth Day we have story hour by our LFL and fill it with books about planets, animals, science, plants, etc. The kids stand in line to get a book! So great.
Joanne	M.	Lakeville	MN	United States	<p>Todd,</p> <p>I've never met you, and until today, I'm not even sure if I knew you were the founder of Little Free Libraries. I'm sorry to hear of your illness, but I wanted to tell you what I'm sure many others already have: you have had a profound effect on many, many lives. I fell in love with the libraries the first time I saw them. As a lifelong teacher and voracious reader, as well as being a very sociable person, I loved the idea of sharing books. And, hopefully, a little conversation. After bugging my husband for years, my neighbor took pity on me and built me a library that looks like a school-complete with a bell tower. I would send you a picture, but it's not quite done. It has, however, turned out to be so large that my husband says we'll need to get insurance for it! I can't wait to get it in the ground.</p> <p>Thank you for having a vision and acting on it. How wonderful that you can see and know the tremendous good you have done. May God bless you and your family.</p>
Lisa	R.	East China	Michigan	US	<p>Todd,</p> <p>Thank you for all your literacy leadership throughout the last decade. We met in Detroit, Michigan a few years back at a 313 event. You were so excited to learn that I was the Michigan Reading Association President and you spoke so graciously of all the work you had been doing with states to connect our communities with books, especially those communities in need. We chatted by hone about ideas and projects and you inspired me to host a library in my own front yard as well as sponsor several more LFLs in neighboring locals. You will forever be a literacy legacy in my eyes.</p>
Kristine	B.	Renton	Washington	United States	Thank you for starting this amazing resource! You have no idea the impact you have had. Praying for you and your family as you go through this process.

Brenda	P.	Bastrop	tx	usa	You have had a tremendous impact on literacy and have touched the lives of millions around the world. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a small part of LFL. Prayers for you and your family.
Babette	W.	Valley Village	CA	United States	<p>Last spring my daughter Yvette (who is also a Little Free Library steward) and I had the great pleasure to meet and chat with Todd at the Los Angeles Times Book Fair at USC. For us it was the absolute highlight of the Book Fair. We talked about the never-ending delight we experience observing and interacting with the many, many folks - from near and far and of every age - that so appreciate our Little Libraries. Mine is a well known landmark in the neighborhood.</p> <p>My Little Library was built by Yvette and my son-in-law Fred some years ago. It was their gift to me in response to my birthday wish for a Little Free Library. I thank them for it everyday and will always be grateful to Todd for creating and inspiring such a joyful way to share books and the love of reading.</p> <p>Sending him wishes of comfort and support - Babette (Charter # 54773)</p>
Mary	M.	Minneapolis	MN	United States	I got my Little Free library in 2011, when they were still mostly local. I read about them in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune and thought it would be a cool thing to do. I emailed Tod about getting one, and he personally came out and installed my Little Free Library, which is still there - and since then I've painted and decorated it a bit. I'm very sorry to hear about Tod's illness. He was so nice and helpful and he's done a great service. I wish him the best.
Lori	H.	Phoenix			Iâ€™m so sorry to hear this news, Todd. We met about a year and a half ago at a Southwest Human Development event at Coronado Cafe here in Phoenix. I was honored to meet you because I have always been so touched by what you have done with the Little Free Library movement. You have made such a difference in the world with your vision and actions. Thank you - itâ€™s people like you who make this planet a better place. Sending you healing thoughts and light.
Jeff	R.	Seattle	Wa	USA	<p>Dear Todd, I am so sorry to hear this news. Earlier this year, I wrote LFL for permission to reuse data for a city-mapping project, and it was granted.</p> <p>While not yet publicly released, PortlandWild is a map drive web-site which integrates Portland's Heritage Tree Program, its vast public art murals AND its Little Free Libraries.</p> <p>I hope this will raise the profile of the program to new audiences and encourage them to visit different libraries. I hope you find this encouraging and hopeful. It really is amazing what you've accomplished. I thought these libraries began in Seattle and realizing that you've built a worldwide movement is incredible. What a beautiful way to bring community together. Thank you.</p> <p>You can explore the test website at alpha dot portlandwild dot com.</p> <p>If you have any requests, please let me know.</p>

Ellen	S.				<p>Dear Todd, I am sad to read this news and hope a miracle finds its way to you. You have created such a wonderful legacy for so many adults and children that will carry on for years to come. Yesterday we installed our Little Free Library and it was filled with books within an hour. Our little street in Kirkland Washington is filled with amazing families and we want to thank you for such a brilliant way to build community. Well wishes and much appreciation coming your way! Ellen</p>
Eleri	G.	New York	NY	USA	<p>We spoke this summer for an article for Martha Stewart Living and your vision, energy and enthusiasm were so inspiring. What an impact you've had on the world, what a tribute you and your work are to your mom. I'm so thrilled you acted on your great idea. Thank you.</p>
Debbie	M.	Lake Angelus	Michigan		<p>Dear Todd, Our warmest thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult days. Please know how grateful we are for your vision and efforts in establishing the Little Free Library movement here and around the world- what an amazing gift you've given to so many people and communities! This remarkable legacy reaches far beyond each of us involved in your dream of sharing literacy and building community in our neighborhoods. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Love and peace, Debbie and Paul McDowell LFL Stewards, #29860</p>
Jan	M.				<p>I am so sorry to hear your diagnosis. I hope that hospice and family help you on your journey. My sympathy. Jan</p>
Jackie	C.	Nixon	NV	USA	<p>This picture goes with my last submission with prayers and blessings, thank you for the inspiration! God Bless.</p>
Jennifer	W.	Louisville	KY	United States	<p>I lost my father to pancreatic cancer 10 years ago. My heart goes to you & your family, Todd. What a LEGACY you leave, with love & community across the world in LFLs. I treasure mine! xoxxo Jennifer Webb</p>
Barbara	B.	Atascadero	CA		<p>Todd-I just became a Little Free Library steward last May. It has changed my life for the better.I have met more of my neighbors and though my husband and I have lived here for 27 years it is not an easy street to meet people. Thank you so much for inspiring me to spread the love of reading. My heart goes out to you and your family.</p>

Anne	P.	Mill Valley	CA	US	<p>Hi Todd - I'm a school librarian in Mill Valley, CA. Ever since I saw my first LFL, I have wanted my own. A couple of years ago I got an unexpected windfall that was almost the exact amount of one of your libraries, and I bought one. My husband painted it for me, and we put it in front of our house. We don't get a huge amount of foot traffic, but we get enough so that the Library is active. Sometimes I bring extra books home from work, and often people add to the collection. It's been really fun to have my own little library as well as the bigger one I'm in charge of at work. The neighborhood loves it, and a realtor selling a house in the neighborhood included a picture of the Library in her sales slideshow as a neighborhood perk!</p> <p>Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do. You will always be among us as long as there are Little Free Libraries in the world.</p> <p>All my love, Anne</p>
Karen	F.	Frederick	Maryland	USA	<p>So proud to be a member of such an amazing group! Thank you Todd and the entire Little Free Library staff and community for your vision, insight and continued efforts to spread the joy of reading. Sending positive thoughts out to you Todd and your entire family.</p>
Erica	L.	Concord	NH	United States	<p>Todd, your work has made the world a better place, on a level far beyond what others are ever able to accomplish. Thank you! You have enriched my life and I hope my work as a steward does justice to your legacy.</p>
Lauren	B.	Lafayette	LA	United States	<p>I never knew you existed before today, but our personal missions are the same. Thank you for the work you've done - thank you for making a difference and creating this incredible legacy. Much love and prayers</p>
Cindy	K.	Maple grove	Mn	Usa	<p>I live in a townhome and cannot have a little free library but there are a couple of them within walking distance. I donate almost all of my books after reading them. May his memory live on. God bless</p>
Laura	W.	Dayton	TX	USA	<p>It is because of your dream that I put a Little Library up down here in Dayton, TX (the first one anywhere around here for that matter). It was put in the 3 local papers on the front page! Since then there are now 4 more of these libraries in the area! thank you so much for starting this. The kids and adults both love it! You are in my prayers. May your spirit and mind be at peace during this time.</p>
Beth	W.	Littleton	Colorado	United States	<p>I discovered my first Little Free Library about 3 years ago. As a teacher and lifelong avid reader, I immediately fell in love! Each year, I gift my students with their first free book, attaching a letter for their parents that outlines how the program works and includes a map of the libraries in our area. Thank you so much starting this program! It has made the world a better place for me and my students!</p> <p>This summer I drove up the Cheyenne to meet cousins from Iowa for lunch. Imagine my surprise when I found a Little Free Library inside the train depot there. I shared the attached photo with my families in one of my summer newsletters! Please know that, thanks to your efforts, Little Free Libraries are now a part of our lives wherever we go!</p>
Pamela	K.	Hastings	MN	US	<p>I am saddened to hear this news. You fight the good fight. I am thankful for Little Free Library's. I have loved books all my life as did my parents, siblings, and my own children. I am currently fighting breast cancer. You are in my prayers. God Bless.</p>
Patricia	N.	Casper Wyoming	Wyoming	USA	<p>Our Little Free Library has enriched our neighborhood. It has generated knowledge, friendship and smiles. Thank you for your vision. It has been very gratifying to become a part of it and to pass it on. What a wonderful legacy! Thank you, thank you,thank you.</p>

Lisa	K.	Safety Harbor	FL		Thank you from all the residents of Safety Harbor, FL for starting the Little Free Library program. We have 13 Little Free Libraries in our City of 17,000 people, replenished by community members and volunteers of the Friends of the Safety Harbor Public Library. We are thinking of you Todd. Thank you for inspiring us to share literacy, reading, and some really fun and funky Little Free Libraries in our City. You helped make our City more amazing.
Brenda	S.	WS	NC	USA	I am saddened to hear of your illness. Best of luck for treatment/recovery. I just want you to know everytime I pass a Library it makes me smile.
Cecilia	A.	Urbandale	Iowa	USA	Dear Todd, Your diagnosis makes me sad because I know you are in pain and you are likely near the end of this life. On the brighter side, your life has done so much to lighten the darkness of a weary world. When I look out the window and see a mom and her children looking at the books in my library, my heart soars. I thank you for that. One day a stranger knocked on my door to thank me for my LFL and went on to espouse the wonderfulness of the idea you put into action. Blessings to you for listening to your creative spirit and boundless love have turned into a movement that has filled so many hearts just because ... You are one of my top role models, Todd. Thank you.
Jackie	C.	Nixon	NV	USA	I am sending my heartfelt prayers to you for strength and comfort. I recently won a LFL House at the 11th Annual International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums held at the Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, Minnesota on October 8-12th, 2018. We live in a quiet little reservation called the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. I gave to my daughter that works at our public school in the capacity of Community Liaison for the Communities in Schools program as she does outreach and promotes education and positive reinforcement of all school activities and learning. We have 3 little communities and we are putting two up as soon as they come in, one at our Tribal gymnasium and one in a neighborhood of many children in the area. Thank you for the inspiration and we are going to be using ours to push for higher education and learning among our tribal children, to look towards college and presently be good students. Thank you and God Bless. I went to this training on behalf of our local tribal Museum, The Pyramid Lake Museum and Visitors Center see the image attached
Joan	N.	Colorado Springs	CO	USA	My brother was an avid reader. When he passed away suddenly in February 2018, I knew that I needed to proceed with my plans to install a Little Free Library in my garden in his memory. It's delightful to see people stop and take a look at the books and take some for themselves or their children. Others have left books to share. My neighbors have all liked this idea and it gives us something to talk about. I also leave recipes and plan to laminate some bookmarks. Thanks for this wonderful idea! It's a blessing to many! Sincerely, Joan in Colorado
Pauline	C.	Ottawa	Ontario	Canada	Dear Todd, Thank you deeply for your dedication to the Little Free Library world. You have made a tremendous and long-lasting impact: books, learning, community, generosity and simple joy. Every time I see one of these unique libraries, I will think of you. Sending comfort and peace to you and your family. Sincerely, Pauline

Brad	A.	Englewood	Florida	USA	<p>Hello Todd,</p> <p>As a fellow Rotarian I thank you for your inspiration to bring together neighbors and neighborhoods with your library concept. I first saw a short article in the weekend magazine section of our newspaper in approximately 2012 and kept it with me for the next 1.5-2 years. In July 2014 I became the Rotary President of The Rotary Club of Englewood (Florida). In June 2014, after months of planning and building (with the help of a friend to build the doors), I returned from the Rotary International Convention in Sydney and opened my Little Free Library. It was my own project and not that of the club, but my club members have donated books and I have received many other donations from church and other organization yard and garage sales. I have Summer Reading programs for the Kids in the neighbourhood. I have a Classics month to bring the great stories to my neighbors. And at Christmas, for the full month, it is books of all types relating to the Christmas theme. None of this would have been possible without your bold idea.</p> <p>Also, thank you for directly responding to me two years ago when I had questions about trying to get children's books. Your Legacy is Literacy !! Now that is a well lived life !! Your dream will grow even larger than you have already seen.</p> <p>Thank you for sharing your vision.</p> <p>Brad Ault Englewood, Florida Rotarian</p>
Carly	T.	Oologah	OK	United States	<p>Todd -</p> <p>I can't begin to tell you how sad I am to hear this news. I have been a steward for about 2 1/2 years in rural Oklahoma. Because of you and Little Free Library I've been able to not only bring reading and literacy to my little neck of the woods but also I know and am friends with nearly every family in our 62 home neighborhood. I know that there is no way I would have such community without our Little Library. I hope you know how far beyond your legacy will live and how much you make others evaluate what our own legacies will be. I hope you know all the good you've brought into this world and how honored myself and my family are to be a part of it! There just are no words for our gratitude!</p> <p>Thank you for all you've done, Carly Tatum</p>
Linda	L.	Hudson	WI	USA	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>My heart is breaking. Know that you and yours are in my prayers now and always.</p> <p>#lovelittlefreelibrariesforever</p>

Cindy	K.	Taylor	TX	United States	My thoughts and gratitude are with you. LFLs are such a wonderful thing. After my divorce in 2014, I bought a little house of my own on a quiet street in a small town. I was new to small town living as I'd been a city and suburban dweller all my life. Within 6 months of moving into my new home, I put together an LFL in my garage (from materials scavenged and purchased at rummage sales) and with the help of neighbors, got it cemented into my front yard. It has taken on a life of it's own with parents of young kids coming in the early AM to grab a book or two for a child to read in the car on the way to school, with neighbors stopping by on their evening walks (my street is the only boulevard in my town and draws a lot of people on foot and bikes) and with retirees coming by to chat about books if I'm out in my yard working. I can't thank you enough for launching this movement and bringing people together through books and reading. Peace be with you. You've had a positive impact on so many through your work with LFLs.
robin	r.	sacramento	CA	USA	The free little library in my front yard has been going strong for a year now and has brought joy to me each time I see a child's book adopted or a new subject appear from a neighbor. Thank you for spreading this joy throughout the world. It is certainly a better place because of all of these little rooms of love.
Becky	M.	Garland,	TX		I've been a long-time LFL follower and participant. I so want you to know how much of a difference you have made in the ripples of a good idea. I'm sorry to hear of your illness, but want you to know you are loved.
Ehren	S.	Portland	OR	USA	Thank you for your work and efforts to establish the Little Free Library. I take great pleasure in perusing the many LFLs in and around the neighborhoods where I live and work. My daughter (Arden, 7) and I take great pleasure in discovering books, and we also take pride in curating our own donations of books to deposit in LFLs we encounter. We look forward to building a LFL on our property some day. This spark of an idea that you brought into the world has changed lives in big and small ways. I really want you to know this. Thank you for the gift you have given to our world.
Carmen	P.	Benton	AR	United States	I'm so sorry to hear about your health. I will pray for you and your family. Thank you for creating a way to help connect the world together under the gift of reading books! I was so excited this past Saturday when I saw a family of 3 walk up and take books from my little library. I went out and introduced myself to them. They are a new family in my neighborhood and saw my library as they were out for a stroll.
Jen	C.	Saxonburg	PA	United States	Know that you have brought joy to so many bookworms. My daughters adore looking for a Library whenever we travel. We always take and give and post pictures. We are even looking to start our own. Godspeed. I don't have a story for you. Just the shared love of books. So many of us are thinking about you.
Leila	B.	Jacksonville	FL		Well wishes from Jacksonville, FL. I have been incredibly inspired by the Little Free Library organization. Every chance I get, I locate, share and take advantage of any library I am close to. The rewards are bountiful and I hope to spin up one of my own soon. My sincerest gratitude and thoughts go out to you and your family!
Carol	J.	Watertown	South Dakota	USA	Hi Todd I have a LFL in front of my home. There are 11 kids on my block and I love watching them Pick out books or watch a vehicle stop and a young girl, hair in a pony tail, gets out and takes a book. I have watched a Mom and daughter stop and Mom takes a picture of her daughter with a book. Nothing better than encouraging people to read. You and your family will be in my prayers. God Bless You. Carol Johnson

Anne	A.	Cincinnati	OH	United States	Thank you so much, Todd, for starting this movement. It means so much to me, as a former librarian, to be a part of your story. As a cancer survivor, I support you in every way! Best of luck!
Leslie	Y.	PORTLAND (MULTNOMAH County)	Oregon	USA	I "met" LFL about 9 months ago. It has become one of my best friends. I have spent 6 months searching creative avenues to build my own LFL. I have collected over 100 books to fill it. Youngsters, middle school age, teen age and adults. I love the concept of bringing people together in my neighborhood. Thank you for your creativity, imagination, dedication to literacy, and combining the element of fun! Your legacy will live on. god bless you, Leslie Yoder
Judith	N.	Seattle	WA	USA	We started our little free library to help us get rid of a continuing influx of Costco paperbacks that my husband bought. We continue to enjoy the community contact it brings to us and a variety of books we might never have thought about, but now read and then return to the library. You have left an indelible mark on many communities and we thank you!
Jacqueline	C.	Baltimore	MD	USA	Hi Todd, We are located in the area of the unrest of 2015 in Baltimore, MD. The free little libraries have made such a difference to our children - thank you fulfilling the vision given to you by God. You are making a difference to the people of color that we serve. God bless you, Jackie Caldwell - President, Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council
Diane	K.	Tybee Island	GA	United States	I love love love Little Free Library and everything this means and stands for. I love to contribute books to the little free library in my community. thank you for your hard work and dedication to make this happen over the years. we love and appreciate you!!!!
Catherine	B.	Saugatuck	Michigan	United States	Todd, Your Little Free Library is the coolest concept for building neighborhoods and literacy ever. Thank you so much for rising to the challenge of making it a reality. I pray for you and your family in this time of shock and grief. And I send loving hugs to you and all those who surround you and support you in this very personal journey. Sincerely, Cathy Brockington
Jessica	M.	cleveland	Ohio	United States	Todd! You are such an amazing person! I am inspired by you and all that you have done. I remember speaking with you and your willingness to share information, resources and his love of little free libraries. I am happy to have posted several of them in Cleveland.
Amand and Colin	C.	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Canada	When we were on a road trip to California in 2012 we had come across our very first LFL in Sacramento. It was an inspiring little thing, we came back home and told friends and family about it and decided one day we would do the same up here. Well when we settled into our new home a few yrs ago we had designed a unique LFL with a shelf for Children and one for Adults. It is a very well used library, many people leaving bags and boxes of books for us to restock. We have met many people along this journey. So a HUGE LOVING HUG & THANK YOU TODD for creating this wonderful movement for us all to share!

malaz	k.	khartoum		sudan	<p>Hello Todd</p> <p>i wish you a good health and i know soon you will be well and you will fight to complete your journey you are my hero and model who changed my life's vision before ill i was just a woman who consume life days but now because of you i am a woman who produce and share knowledge and make people happy. you gave me a recipe to help my society without money without efforts. because of you i am respectful in my people's eyes and this light you gave me i will handle it to save the future children life. i wish one day to visit Sudan and discover how this little libraries meant to us. I felt really sad when i heard the news but, i know you will be fine and strong again</p> <p>WE LOVE YOU</p>
Janine	C.	Tampa	Fl	USA	<p>My prayers go out to you and your family. You have had such an impact on so many people! Rest now. Your team will keep your mission going.</p> <p>We have worked on many projects preserving the media you have received over the years. I will miss you my dear friend. God speed.</p>
Suzan	M.	Rockford	IL	USA	<p>THANK YOU TODD FOR YOUR INNOVATION, CREATIVITY AND COMPASSION.</p>
Marcelle	F.	Washington,	DC	USA	<p>I wanted to just say that your concept of Little Free Libraries, has been transformative in our neighborhood - i have met so many people who love the library that we built, and it has been a true community builder. You have left an amazing mark on this world, and i know that these libraries will continue to grow all around the world.</p> <p>Cheers, Marcelle</p>
Donna	C.	Lewes	DE	USA	<p>Todd, The idea you fostered has indeed brought communities together. Our Library is used and sought out by various communities in our area and we have now added a children's library so that we can cater to the young people as well. Your vision will live on long after we all pass on and there are not many people who come along that can say that. God bless!</p>
Deborah	M.	Decatur	Ga	USA	<p>Todd, your Little Free Libraries bring pleasure to people the world over as they continue to spread. The library in my front yard is visited many times every day, and we keep on making new friends as a result. The joy and friendships originating from your LFLs will go on reaching around the world indefinitely. Rest well, friend.</p> <p>Debby Miller Steward #6722 Decatur, Georgia</p>

Deb	K.	Kalamazoo	MI	USA	So sorry to hear this news. You had much more work to do, I'm sure. You have changed my life and the lives of so many little readers at LFL #54899. I cater to underserved kids and my LFL books disappear quickly to those that have little other joy in their lives. I know it is making a difference to them.
Melissa	E.	Stanwood	WA	USA	<p>Dearest Todd,</p> <p>I am so sorry.</p> <p>Please know that because of you, I am still here today. My Little Free Library has given me the hope I need during a very difficult time in my life.</p> <p>My LFL is a huge part of my daily life. I wake up thinking about it and go to bed dreaming about it.</p> <p>My husband built my first one and will soon be building me a second one just for kids. (I guess I'd better let him know that!)</p> <p>It has strengthened our farming community. It has made friends of neighbors. All because of you!</p> <p>You have made such a difference in this world with your kindness. I know it has saved my life.</p> <p>Sincerely, Melissa</p>
Sheila	M.	Midland	MI	USA	<p>Todd,</p> <p>Thank you for giving a lifelong bookworm a place to share my joy and love of books with others. Thank you for your vision and sense of community that gave me the tool to meet neighbors and give them books!! This incredible gift is something that has changed how I travel, seeking out other libraries, and filling ones in need! You gave me a true gift in your LFL pursuits!! You have my complete gratitude!! I am so beyond sorry to hear of your diagnosis and extend love and peace to you and yours as you all make this new transition.</p>
Annick	S.	Miami	FL	US	Meeting Todd last year has been an honor. I can not think of a more hopeful, positive movement across the globe than the Little Free Library movement. Every time I have had the chance to meet my Little Free Library visitors they have expressed how they make a special detour to stop by and see what's new in the little house. A local resident running for office left a special note of appreciation for the Little Free Library. Thank you for the connections and for the vision. My best to you all.
Allison and Dave	H.	Penticton	B C	Canada	Being part of the Little Free Library community brings us little shots of joy daily. Seeing the dedication and humour of the other stewards and peering out our window to the delightful image of people enjoying our LFL is probably one of our greatest pleasures. Todd Bol deserves the highest honours and recognition we have to offer for this visionary escapade that promotes literacy and smiles all over the world! We are saddened to hear he is dealing with this wretched situation - We hope both he and his family will know how he has uplifted the world of reading!

jane	c.	iowa city	IA	United States	<p>Dear Todd - I met you in 2012 when you were speaking at the recycling center in Iowa City. I was SO excited and couldn't wait to get started on my Little Free Library! Having it in my yard is by far the best thing I've ever done. You are my hero.</p> <p>Jane Collins, Iowa City IA USA</p> <p>You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child. - Dr. Seuss</p>
Caron	G.	Sequim	WA	USA	<p>Thank you, Todd, for your inspiring contribution to improving literacy thru reading. Attached is a photo of the LFL a friend built for me and installed in my previous neighborhood in Santa Barbara, CA. I stocked that one and maintained it for several years until turning it over to a neighbor when we moved to Washington state. That same friend also built and put up a LFL in his neighborhood in Santa Barbara. AND he built a third one for us to take to Sequim, WA, where it is very active in my sister-in-law's neighborhood. We now have a second home near Denver, CO, and I will soon be looking into installing a LFL in the new neighborhood. Know that YOU have been an inspiration to many. Thank you! I wish you & your family peace & comfort as you move through this stage in life.</p>
Linda	S.	Hereford	Arizona	US	<p>My LFL really helped introduce me to my neighbors as much as them to me. Many more have opened in my small part of Arizona, and I've even visited one right on the border in Lochiel. Now I'm trying to get one going at a new Hummingbird Center in Patagonia. I hope your many successes will sustain you through this difficult time.</p>
Lisa	T.	Phoenix	AZ	USA	<p>Todd, Thank you for coming to visit us in Phoenix! It has been so wonderful to see little free libraries popping up all over town in recent years. I look for them wherever I go and it is great to be a part of a network that encourages reading and makes free books accessible to a wide audience. The excitement we get to witness as stewards when people discover the treasures inside our libraries would. Not exist without your vision and tireless advocacy of little free libraries around the world! Thank you, sending you good wishes.</p>
Lynn	C.	Kalamazoo	Mi	United States	<p>Todd, Thank you so much for your efforts to get us all on the road to being neighborly and sharing our love of reading with our Little Free Libraries. Your legacy will live on and grow. Not many people can say that. I wish you joy and comfort in your days. 📖 Lynn LFL#6317</p>
David and Carol	D.	Ypsilanti	Michigan	USA	<p>We are saddened to hear about your cancer and will lift you up in our prayers. Please know that the legacy of a great person is one who leaves this world a better place, and you have insured that legacy. Little Free Libraries all over the world will carry on your name and your tremendous work!</p>
Kathleen	K.				<p>You are the embodiment of how one person can change the world, attitudes and feelings for those with a common passion and respect for the written word...from far and near. LFL can redefine who is a neighbor and help establish a shared language in a community...book by book. I have a LFL in WDC and am working towards establishing one in Haiti, where I volunteer. I am inspired all the more to make that happen. Warmly and gratefully. Kathleen</p>

Karen	Z.	Racine	WI	USA	Dear Todd, Writing to thank you for all your efforts to honor your mom in this most wonderful way. My children built my LFL as a surprise for me on my 60th birthday. Knowing they all had a hand in making my wish come true would make any mother proud, as I'm sure your mom would acknowledge about your efforts in her name. I wish you peace and comfort, and joy in the knowledge that you have made a huge difference in the world. Sharing the joy of reading brings us all closer.
Stephen	W.	Royal Oak	MI	United States	Thank you, Todd for your visionary ideas! This was such a wonderful idea and so needed in our digital age. Print is still king! My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.
Angela	G.	Cincinnati	OH	United States	Thank you, Todd, for giving me an opportunity to make a difference in Cincinnati's low-income communities. Thanks especially for personally delivering a truckload of LFLs to the Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati this August. What a surprise to find out you were behind the wheel! Great things are happening in our neighborhoods as new stewards are stepping forward to install and care for 50 new libraries. You have made a difference in so many lives. Thank you so very much!
Corinne	R.	Raleigh	NC	USA	Todd, I am so distressed to hear of your health news. Please allow me this opportunity to thank you for your vision of the world of LFLs everywhere. I have built one for my cousin (Midlothian, VA); gave one to my hometown in honor and memory of my mother, the county library supervisor (Jamesville, NC); gave one to my friend in McLean, VA; and gave one to my niece for the school where she teaches in Lowell, MA. May you be comforted by the knowledge of your gift to us as much as each of us have been blessed by you. Thank you.
Michele	S.	Nashville	Tennessee	United States	I can't tell you how many people's lives you have enriched just in my neighborhood at Little Free Library Charter 49659 in Nashville, Tn. Your vision has improved the quality of so many lives and your creative outlook has blessed us all. Your influence has stretch even to a little village of just a few hundred people in northern Iceland. Here I am at one I happened upon in the tiniest of towns. Thank you for giving us all so much and may God's blessings be with you and your family.
cinzia	f.				Dear Todd, I would be able to be grateful enough for you amazing invention. For a book and people lover like me this is a dream become true. I bought and donate a LFL to my neighbor 2 years ago and I am so proud of taking care of it almost every day and see what people take and what they bring to share. I send you my most positive thoughts and my prayers to help you go through this time. Warmly, cinzia Town of Somerset- Chevy Chase MD
Susi	B.	Arroyo Grande	CA		Dear Mr. Bol, Truly, you have changed my life and brought me joy without even knowing me. We've had our library for about four years now, and it is the impetus for strangers to lift up their eyes and talk to each other. You've inspired people to connect to others. I can't think of anything more important right now for our world. Thank you for being you. I'm thinking of you. S.Bernstein (California)
Bobbi	F.	San Antonio	Texas		To Todd: May the good Lord be with you during this most difficult time. I am certain legions around the world will be praying for you. You have touched truly countless lives with your wonderful service. Thank you from my heart for bringing so much joy to all those people and to me, as well. LFLs forever!!!

Deborah	F.	Redmond	WA	USA	You are one of those unique people who, by following your heart, have brought something special to the world. Thank you!
Laura	H.	Chester Township	PA	United States	Your beautiful idea of unity in humanity through reading is an example for us all. Your legacy will live on forever. Thank you.
Tamar	D.	Victoria	BC	Canada	You have brought our street together thru the Iff on my lawn. More than that, this simple idea has resonated around the globe. It has fostered a love of reading, a belief in gifting and a sense of community. I wish you peace on this your personal journey. I hope you are surrounded by loving family and friends. Know that all of us, your Iff stewards are standing right beside you. It is because of you and your idea that we are here. With gratefulness and love, Sincerely, Mrs. Tamar Dewey.
Sharon	B.	WINNIPEG	MB	Canada	Todd and Family Your vision of a world where neighbors know each other by name, and everyone has access to books is alive and well in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Special thank you for your initiative in starting this movement. I have a journal in my LFL that people can write in during their visits. I have taken their recorded names from the last 5 years and painted the names onto rocks under my LFL to acknowledge their contribution to the neighborhood. Your name will be added as someone who has done it not only for my neighborhood but many, many others around the world.
Rose	M.	Point Roberts	WA	USA	Sharon Thanks Todd for making this wonderful group get off the ground and fly. What a fabulous gift you are leaving for the next generations. Our registered LFL in Maple Beach on Point Roberts, WA has encouraged our community to put up two private LFL in other small seasonal communities here. And now we are planning a second registered LFL at our County Lighthouse Park property, hopefully one that will look like a lighthouse! I found a photo of our Maple Beach LFL on the LFL's Pinterest page! Delightful. We love being a part of your vision. Books Rule. We wish for you a smooth passage into the next reality, and may you be of even more service in your next wonderful life. All blessing to you and your family.
Jennifer	S.	Bakersfield	CA	USA	Todd, thank you SO MUCH for dedicating your life to such an amazing cause. As a stranger, I am saddened to hear about your condition. I personally vow to keep my LFL going strong for my neighborhood. Rest assured that many will do the same. Thank you to you and your team for inspiring a world with easy access to books! May we all tell your story for generations to come. Best, Jennifer Sanchez
Fred	J.	Spokane	WA	US	My wife and I are very sorry to hear of your illness. We have had a Little Free Library now for years. When we moved to a new house we took our library with us and the many children up and down our street use it a lot. Thank you for your wonderful idea. It is a blessing to so many people of all ages. There are many little free libraries in Spokane and we love finding them and adding books to them. You and your family are in our prayers.

Timothy	H.	Tempe	AZ	United States	Thanks so much for your work to foster generosity and neighborliness. Our LFL has been a wonderful addition to our lives, and, we trust, to our neighborhood. Peace to you in these difficult days.
Candace	N.	Monrovia	CA	United States	<p>Dear Todd, I am very sorry to learn that you have pancreatic cancer. I first learned about Little Free Libraries when I visited my friend, Jane Morgan in Madison, WI. Soon after I returned home, our community began siting Little Free Libraries all over town! Some were built by local Girl Scout, Stephanie, and others were built by firefighters in town. I was able to receive one of Stephanie's and keeping it stocked with books has been my joy!!! As a retired elementary school teacher, books are very important to me and I love to share them with my neighbors! I belong to a local nonprofit group, Monrovia Reads, which places books in the hands of kids who otherwise would not own their own copies of favorite reads. We have also sponsored several Little Free Libraries in our community. I send my love to you and will keep you in my prayers as you deal with your difficult disease. God's blessings to you, Todd. Thank you for founding Little Free Libraries!</p> <p>Kindest regards, Candy Northrop</p>
Nanette	F.	Setauket	NY	United States	<p>I am so saddened to hear of about your illness. I am thinking of you and wishing you serenity and peace. You have made a tremendous impact in the world and should be so darn proud of yourself!! I am a librarian and you inspired me to get approval from my library to set up a Little Free Library at our local beach during the summer. We have done this for the past 3 years and our community is so happy with it, especially the children as we have a shelf dedicated to children's books only. You have spread the love of reading around the world - you are this librarian's hero!</p> <p>Nanette Feder</p>
Sarah	H.	Denver	CO	USA	<p>Dear Todd and your family--I'm so very sorry to read of your diagnosis. Sadly, it hits rather close to home. My husband died in January from metastatic prostate cancer. One of my fondest memories is buying him a Little Free Library kit for Christmas 2015. We had a great time building and painting it together and he was thrilled when we put it up in our front yard in early 2016. My husband emigrated to the US from Egypt in 1978, becoming a US citizen in 1982. He was very proud to be an American and frequently looked for ways to give back to our community. Putting up the library--and seeing it get used almost every day--absolutely thrilled him!</p> <p>I have recently moved to a new house and a very close friend is building me a new Little Free Library as a house warming present, and as a way to honor my husband's memory. I know my husband would be proud that is legacy is living on.</p> <p>My prayers go out to you, your family, and your many friends. Like my husband, you have made the world a better place!!</p> <p>Most Sincerely, Sarah K. Hawkins</p>

Adam	P.	Phoenix	AZ	United States	<p>Our hearts are saddened and we hold you and our family up in our prayers.</p> <p>My son had challenges with learning as a youth, but overcame them through reading. For his Eagle Scout Project, he refurbished an old newspaper vending machine and collected a tremendous amount of books from the community. The library thrives today, long after my son left on his church mission out of the country.</p> <p>Thank you for your heart and innovation to advance the literacy cause in our country.</p>
Julie	B.	Arlington	VA	USA	<p>Dear Todd,</p> <p>Although we've never met, I want you to know how much our little free library is enriching the lives of our neighborhood which has an eclectic mix of retirees (including a librarian) who are voracious readers as well as plenty of kids. We love watching neighborhood children and an adorable parade of montessori classmates who pass by each morning. Thank you for creating something that will live on for eternity. Sincerely, the residents of Forest Glen- Arlington, VA</p>
Christine	J.	St. Paul	MN	USA	<p>One of the best gifts of my life has been my Free Little Library. It has brought such joy and happiness to myself and my neighborhood. In these difficult political times, I can always look to my library to make me smile. What a legacy Todd has given us!!</p>
Maril	C.	Mission	KS	USA	<p>I'm so sorry to hear about this. Please pass along my heartfelt greetings and thanks to Todd for what he has established. The Little Free Library we put up has given us great joy day after day, and since it's a memorial to my beloved mother-in-law, it's a great reminder of her love for books.</p>
Julia	B.	Ewing	NI	US	<p>Thank you for inspiring so many to build their communities. I'm so happy to be a steward of three LFLs. My very best wishes to you.</p>
Stephanie	T.	San Diego	CA	United States	<p>Becoming a Little Free Library steward was a dream of mine. It finally came true three years ago and has made such a tremendous difference in my life. It has brought me new friends, made deeper connections within my community, and has even spurred me to embark on a change of career and seek a job at my local public library. Thank you, Todd, for your dreams and all your hard work and the joy you've brought so many. I wish you peace and an easy transition.</p>
Iris	S.	Minneapolis	MN	Hennepin	<p>I love my Little Free Library & I love you for your vision & perseverance in making this movement happen. More than ever now we need to reach out to our neighbors in love & understanding. What better way than to share our selves through a friendly library in front of our homes. Brilliant !!!</p> <p>You are in my prayers Dear One as you face this new health challenge. May God meet your every need & may you feel the love of ALL who have touched.</p>
Jan	D.	REVERE	MA	US	<p>Having a little library has changed my life for the better. I have been featured in our local paper, have made new friends, and the little free library has been one of the things that helped improve our neighborhood. Just today I watched a man open the library and look for a book. We our an under served multi cultural neighborhood and just knowing that the library is there and that several people use it and fill it along with me makes us closer as neighbors. You did that, not me.</p>

David	L.	Atlanta	GA	USA	Todd: At a certain point we stop working for pay, and start working for something like immortality. Whatever else you may have done in lifeâ€”quite a lot, I imagineâ€”you have left the world a beautiful gift. Little Free Libraries are more than just literacy and community. They are a forceful statement of how humans should care for one another and share. You have spread a giganon of love around the worldâ€”be peaceful and know that your life is a great inspiration to the many who will carry on Little Free Libraries.
Terri	N.	West St Paul	MN	USA	Todd, as long as their life in your body, YOU CAN HEAL. miracles reported using the incurables program at www.herbdoc.com . the world is a better place with you in it. Sending prayers.
Ken	O.	North Hollywood	California		Dear Mr. Bol: I am very sorry to hear about your illness. I wish you a speedy and full recovery. I became a Steward in July of this year, and in a short time, have seen how it enlivens my neighborhood, uplifts people, and has connected me to a worldwide community of thousands of other Stewards, all dedicated to promoting reading and literacy. It is because of your selfless efforts and dedication that the LfL community exists. While typing this note, a young man, who I think might be homeless, came by asking if he could keep the books he took last time and asked me to recommend some more for him. He said the books he took last time were very important to him and he wants to read more, and improve his life. This happened because of you. God bless you and your family and I hope you have a speedy and full recovery. Sincerely, Ken Ostrove
joke	d.	torhout		belgium	For Todd, since 2years we have put 9 little free libraries placed in our city, every day i feel we really make a difference for our community. We, with a group of volunteers, share our love for reading and help to build a closer community. We pray for you and your family, may you feel strengthend that you made a difference all over the world. Hopefully you can fight this, but remember that we, all over the world, wil never forget you and your legacy. Joke from Torhout, Belgium, Europe (sorry for my bad english)
KATHRYN	S.	Marshalltown	IA	US	I was just at the Mayo Clinic yesterday, Oct 16. I was wondering if that is where you will be going? If it is maybe we will cross paths there. I had pancreatitis many years ago, now I'm having test done because I have a huge hiatal hernia, it causes me pain in my chest, stomach, ribs and back. I don't remember much about being in the ICU with my pancreatitis. But I can tell you I will start praying for you and your family. Hope comes from from the Lord. Strength from Jesus. I will pray you will get the hope and strength you need to overcome this. The Lord does heal all things, so I will pray for you. Can't wait to hear the great updates. Bless you. I just got my little library yesterday, so I'm going to start filling it with books. My husband and I are so excited about our little library.
Kristin	Y.				I am very saddened to hear the news. He is an inspiration. I am so proud to have become a steward because I believe reading is such an important gift. Our house is full of books for our children and they have absolutely loved using the library to share our books with other children in the neighborhood. My thoughts and prayers are with Todd and his family.
Harriet B	N.	Clifton Park	NY	United States	Todd - thank you for making Little Free Libraries a global reality. A gift to the world. We are so grateful to be part of enriching our communities through this project. #17197

Melissa	H.	Indianapolis	IN	United States of America	<p>Todd, I have often marveled at your impact from afar. Our single LFL has changed our neighborhood in such positive ways that friends and neighbors continue to comment at least once a week about what a welcome addition it is! This is after more than two years! :)</p> <p>May you find comfort in knowing that your legacy will continue for longer than I can imagine. Thank you for bringing the Little Free Library community to our little corner of the world and thank you to sharing your vision throughout the world! <3</p>
Linda	N.	Woodstock	IL	United States	<p>Sincere thoughts and prayers to you. Know that you have made a tremendous worldwide impact through the Little Free Library! I am so grateful to be a LFL steward. Linda. 8Y'f</p>
B. Dianne	M.	Federal Way	Washington	USA	<p>I too, am saddened by this news. But look what you have accomplished so far in your life. Emphasis on , "so far." Your impact has world wide. Perhaps you could do this same for pancreatic cancer. Spreading the word of symptoms, treatments, what it is exactly and prognosis for a cure. Like Katie Couric did for colon cancer after her young husband died of it.</p> <p>Warm thoughts and chin up</p>
martha	L.	zeeland	mi		<p>Mr. Bol, I was so sorry to read about your diagnosis. I am praying for you and your family, but I also wanted to take this chance to say thank you. You brought the little free library movement to life, gave it a name under which people could gather. I had always wanted to start a LFL and finally moved into a house where it was possible, and our library went up 2 years ago. It's the Book Barn LFL, number 44990. I hope whatever happens, you are able to take joy in the fact that you've reached millions of people with your mission! Your life was well-lived, you made a difference. May peace and strength be with you in your fight!</p>
Terri	W.	La Crosse	WI		<p>I just wanted to thank you for creating Little Free Libraries. What a wonderful thing.</p> <p>I have a mobile library (M71933), Paperback Rider, that is housed in a trailer that is pulled behind my bike. [considering a GoFundMe this winter to get a custom trike which will be more stable] Since June 22nd, I've given out 485 books. I started with books that we owned, then bought some at Goodwill & yard sales. Then word spread on Facebook, and boxes of books started getting dropped off on my porch. Most if the books are given to kids in my neighborhood, which is a low-income area. I also go to parks and offer books to homeless people. I was out last weekend (probably my last outing of the year... it's getting too cold) for our local Historic Downtown Days. I handed out 91 books in 4 hours. I also made more connections that will donate books.</p>
Rana	A.	Brooklyn	New York	USA	<p>I just want to take a moment to say that even though I have never met you, I have the utmost respect for you and what you have created through your work with the Little Free Library organization. It boggles my mind and makes my heart swell to think of the network of good vibrations, and positive feelings that has extended from your hearts work. May we all strive to make such an impact. God bless you and the love you helped to create. With gratitude, warmth and light,</p> <p>Rana LFL 70932 in Brooklyn, NY.</p>
Sue	K.	Yukon,	OK	USA	<p>Prayers for you comfort. Our community has 14 LFL's. Your idea has reached out to those throughout the world who would have never had the joy of holding a book in their hands! You and your mother's legacy will live on throughout years to come. Wishing you peace and comfort.</p>

Cindy	L.	Minneapolis	MN	US	Thank you for creating the Little Free Library organization and spreading the joy of reading. I wish you peace and comfort; I will think of you whenever I see an LFL.
Amie	S.	Burbank	CA	United States	Thank you for founding Little Free Libraries! Not a day goes by that we don't have visitors to our library, and every time someone stops when we're in the yard, we chat. It has created goodwill on our block for the last couple of years. It has been wonderful.
Jeff	T.	Knoxville	Tennessee	United States	Hi Todd. Please know how much my Little Free Library means to me and my community in Knoxville. Thank you for your vision. God Bless you and your family.
Marcia	G.	Manhattan Beach	CA	United States	We are thinking of you and your family. We've had our Little Free Library (Blue Sky Library) in Manhattan Beach, CA for 2 years. We have met people in our community, and they have shared what an addition it has been. We always have a bag of books in our car, and most recently "book-bombed" numerous LFLs on our road trip along the CA coast and in northern CA. Whenever we visit somewhere new, we always check whether there are LFLs or Friends of the Library sales to augment our stock. It has truly become part of our lives. Thank you. Marcie and Joe Gresko
Valerie	H.	Merritt Island	Florida	United States	I want to thank you for creating this organization and helping to keep people reading. Sending prayers for you. No matter what happens we stewards will keep your dream alive. God bless you and keep you.
Patricia	S.	Johnson City	NY	United States	Dear Todd and family, I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. I also want you to know how much the LFL has meant to me. I am a retired Elementary teacher and have installed 4 LFLs in my community. They are all dearly loved and highly used. The one in my front yard has brought people of all ages together and everyone tells me what a great asset it is to our neighborhood. Thank you so much for championing the love of books and reading and know that you have created an awesome legacy!
Erin	S.	Bossier City	LA	USA	The simple library you did in memory of your mother, has grown into something amazing. You started something that will live on longer than all of us. What a gift.
Jean	N.		Wisconsin		Todd, I am lifting you and your family up in prayer. May you feel God's loving presence during this difficult time.
Diana	S.	austin	Texas	United States	I had the pleasure of meeting Todd and his brother when he was on his Texas tour two years ago. An absolute delight and such passion for the LFL movement. He shared the history of the LFL organization with us and what inspired him to create such a gift to the world that he will leave behind. Thank you for all you have done and for the joy you've brought to so many who enjoy their Little Free Libraries.

Becky	D.	Crossville	TN	USA	Dear Mr. Bol, Sending thoughts and prayers to you. Thanks for your wonderful love of books and introducing the world to these wonderful libraries. We are a public housing development in TN and have three libraries. This allows our children to have access to books anytime.
Deb	S.	Timnath	Colorado	USA	Dearest Todd, I am so saddened to hear of your health problems. I feel so grateful to have known about you and to be part of the Little Free Library family/movement. Countless others have been touched by this wonderful organization. You are in my thoughts and prayers for better health and healing. Deb Stradt
Louise	T.	Texarkana	Texas	USA	Todd, I'm so sad about your diagnosis, but know that you are present in every LFL everywhere in the world. Your project has brought books and reading to so many people who wouldn't have a chance any other way. God's love and mercy on you and your family! Louise Tausch
Laurie	S.	Colorado Springs	Colorado	USA	I kept the clipping of a story that ran about LFL's in the Parade magazine in the newspaper for years before my husband and I built our LFL and registered it about three years ago. I kept that clipping because I was so impressed with Todd's story of how his mom inspired him. From life to life, generation to generation....that is how we will change the world. Simply passing along access, along with the love of reading is truly love in action. Thank you for what you have done to expand the world of reading.
Ana	M.	Washington	DC	USA	Thank you for the joy you have brought to me, my neighbors, and so many thousands upon thousands of people around the globe. You, your family, and your LFL Team have so much to be proud of accomplishing! Wishing you peace and tranquility. Ana
Sarah	W.	Tucson	AZ	United States	Dear Mr. Bol, I was saddened to learn this morning of your illness. I wanted to write you a quick note to thank you for your amazing idea to start Little Free Libraries. When I first read about the idea a few years ago, I knew immediately it was something I wanted to be a part of. I don't own my home, so I needed a space to put it up. I decided to present my request for a LFL to my neighborhood association and they happily agreed! Our neighborhood, Miramonte, ordered a LFL and put it up at our neighborhood "pocket park". I have since heard that it is the most used LFL in Tucson! The neighborhood has since purchased a second LFL strictly for children's books and put it up next to the original. Your idea has helped countless men, women, and children in my neighborhood to pick up a book and share with others. I am forever thankful to you. All the best.
Kathryn	L.	Huntington Beach	CA	USA	Dear Todd, You have made a wonderful legacy, something we all aspire to do with our lives, in your Little Free Library Organization. With admiration, Kathryn Levassier LFL #13516

Melissa	H.	Suamico	WI	USA	My heart is sad and my eyes are hard to see through because of the tears. Your love of books sparked reading across the world. Bibliophiles have united to share books and start conversations. To help people in less fortunate neighborhoods. Your idea and generosity started it all and we are all holding you and your family in our hearts.
Rhonda	S.	Waterloo	Iowa	United States	
Lindsay	B.	Cincinnati	OH	United States	I just wanted to tell you our LFL story. We vacation at the same lake in Michigan every summer. Our neighbor started a LFL. It gets heavily used as people seem to want books on vacation. I went home to our neighborhood in Cincinnati and set one up. Recently a new neighbor told me that she was deciding between two houses and part of the reason she chose our neighborhood was that if we had a LFL, we had to be a friendly neighborhood. She is the biggest user/contributor of the LFL and is setting up a book club in our neighborhood. You have changed a lot of lives!
Scott	B.	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States	Todd, I have never had the opportunity to work with you or speak with you directly...but on behalf of NAPTOWN BOOKS (our little free library in Indianapolis) and the Kiwanis Club Members that helped us bring this wonderful treasure to light....we want you to know that we are all keeping you and yours in our thoughts and prayers. Take care!! BIG HUGS! Scott Booker
Kim	S.	Annandale	VA	USA	Just....thank you. Thank you for your ideas, your vision, and for truly bringing communities together. Our LFL is five years old and still going strong. Our whole family gets excited when we spot another one in our travels! :). Please know that the LFL family is forever grateful.
Seth	F.	Cedar Park	TX	United States	After a bad day, coming around the corner I see two girls reading, and another boy making a puzzle in front of the little free library. Every time I am down, I think of that sight and it warms my heart. Thank you for bringing the joy of reading, and community, to our neighborhood!!! Best wishes, and rest knowing you have made a difference in this world. God speed.
Jennifer	P.	Poway	CA	United States	Todd and Family: You don't know me, but I am a Little Free Library steward in Poway, California. Even though we have never interacted before, you have made a huge impact on my life and in my community. Stewarding my LFL has brought me and my family so much joy, and I am so passionate about instilling a love of books and reading in my neighbors, friends, and especially for my two young sons (who love being junior stewards!). Thank you for sharing your passion, your vision for Little Free Library, and your life with us all. There are so many people whose lives have been changed for the better because of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones. I hope you are all able to find peace. Jennifer Price LFL #55260 Poway, California
Dolores	S.	Avon	NC	USA	My heartfelt thanks to you and your quest to promote Little Free Libraries worldwide. My late husband and I so enjoyed our LFL # 21578 Avon OBX NC. I wish you Peace.

Katherine	T.	Centralia	Illinois	USA	To Todd Bol I want to wish you peace and to thank you for your wonderful gift to the world . Little Free Libraries are amazing , they make me so happy whenever I hear of or discover a new one . It must be a pleasure to know that you started such a wave giving and encouragement of reading. Thank you so very much.
Mary	P.	Dubuque	IA		Todd, I met you at the Iowa City Book Festival in 2015. We sat at the same table the night before, when authors were meeting for drinks and conversation. I was impressed by how modest and kind you were. I am so sorry you are going through this. Cancer is a beast my husband fought in 2006. Please know I am praying for you and your family.
Debbie	C.	Elk Grove	CA	US	Dear Todd - thank you for all the joy you have brought to me as a steward and to hundreds of thousands of others. As a person for whom early reading made a huge difference in my life, it has been a joy to participate in the LFL movement you created and grew. Sending lots of love and light to you. - Debbie in CA
Laura	S.	Frisco	TX	USA	Todd, stay strong! I am fairly new to the whole Free Little Library, but I do want you to know that our neighborhood is visiting the library area and taking advantage of the books and meeting each other. This was a great vision that will continue to grow, thanks to you. Take care, we are sending positive vibes your way! - Sincerely, Laura
Barbara	B.	Tucson	AZ	USA	Todd: I have a Little Free Library in my very rural area and it has made all of the difference to my neighbors. You inspired me to go to library school - I now work as a substitute librarian and enjoying every minute of my life. Thank you for your vision and creativity. Sending love to you and your family. ~Barbara
Don	S.	Las Vegas	NV	USA	Good luck Todd. Little Free Library has made a huge difference in the lives of our neighbors and other around the world. Thanks you for everything you've done to promote reading.
Kate	F.	Lake Balboa	CA		Dear Todd, I'm a fairly new steward (since June 2018) and I want to make sure you know you've made a big impact on the world. I live next to a school with many low-income students. At the end of the school day, they run to the library to pick out books to take home. Families turn down our street on their nightly walks specifically to pick out books. Just last week my husband saw two children turn the corner, spot our library, and start jumping up and down. The girl left us a note to tell us how much she loves to read. Sharing the joy of reading with people is one of the simplest, most profound and far-reaching acts and you've enabled thousands of people to do this. I hope knowing that you've given the world such an important gift brings you peace and you can be assured that it will keep growing over the years to come. Sending much appreciation and love, Kate Fatta Leadwell Little Library Steward
Lisette	R.	Saint Petersburg	FL	United States	May God's peace and comfort be with Todd and his family and friends during this time. Our LFL has done just as Todd hoped. We've come to know neighbors that live blocks away, but love to come take or share a book. It's been such a blessing to us and our neighborhood. I'm excited to share that we wandered upon not one, but two, LFL while vacationing in Blue Ridge and Ellijaj, GA. It's always such a delight to find other LFL. With Prayer, Lisette

Leslie	P.	Ann Arbor	MI		<p>We have never met, but wow, have you changed the world. And changed my world. Although I am only in my early 40's I have always been a bit crusty and not a big fan of people. Really, I hate people. A few years ago I came across a LFL in the neighborhood of a friend... books, I like books. I checked out the organization of LFL, and when I moved to a new home in a new town I decided to have a LFL myself. I did not expect it to do much, the street is a quite residential cul de sac. I could not have been more wrong. My neighbors LOVE this thing. They even have to stop by my house and tell me how much they love it... which then forces me to talk to my neighbors. And I learned that maybe, just maybe, people are not so bad. And I like making people happy with books. I am so glad you have been a part of my world, and that you have helped me share the love of books with the people who live near me. Good vibes for an easy passing to whatever comes next.</p>
Kelly	V.	Alexandria	Va		<p>What a wonderful person Todd must be to have inspired so many people like myself to spread their love for reading into their communities through Little Libraries. The ultimate gift of a beautiful legacy and making friends and loved ones incredibly proud! Sending huge gratitude and respect from Alexandria. Thank you, Todd!! Sincerely, Kelly Vontz</p>
Mary	W.	Laguna Beach	Ca		<p>Thank you for all that you do! Wishing you peace.</p>
Asiyah	K.	Haddon Heights	NJ	United States	<p>I am sorry to hear of your cancer diagnosis and wish I were writing under different circumstances. I want to thank you for all the enjoyment I have gotten from my own Little Free Library. Because of the seed your mom planted in you and the fruit of that endeavor, hundreds of kids in my little town have enjoyed books simply for the love of reading. Thank you for making the world a better and more literate place. Godspeed...you will be missed.</p>
Amy	D.	Slidell	LA	USA	<p>Todd, we just wanted to say THANK YOU for what your vision has created and grown over the years. It is a wonderful legacy, knowing you helped THOUSANDS and THOUSANDS of people get the written word in their hand, across the globe. We are forever grateful for the LFL world you created for us as stewards and as readers. Because of this movement I have a full size TARDIS in my town filled with books for all to enjoy! May God bless you and your family! Well done, good and faithful one!</p>
Patrice	A.	Westchester	CA	USA	<p>I wish you well and thank you for all of your hard work on the Little Free Library project.</p>
Ana	S.	Valencia		Spain	<p>I've had the great pleasure to collaborate with Todd in a UNESCO-funded project, together with other friends and colleagues from Bulacan State University (Philippines), the Little Free Library Philippines and the University of Valencia (Spain) and thanks to this seamless collaborative effort we've published a multilingual compilation of tales, "Much More than an Archipelago... Tales from the Philippines". It has been a true privilege and we have learned so many things together in this journey. Moreover, this initiative has led to others: we have started new projects, including building Little Free Libraries in different places around Spain such as BÃDtera, a village in Valencia with no easy access to a public library thanks to our partnership with a the HIS school, as well as an underprivileged neighbourhood in Valencia, Cabanyal, where several hundreds of kids (as well as adults) are going to be able to enjoy the brand new Little Free Libraries donated by Todd and his LFL team thanks to our partnership with the NGO Brufol.</p> <p>Todd's legacy here in Spain and worldwide will no doubt live on forever.</p> <p>Dear Todd, you are such an inspiration to all of us, and I can't but express my deep admiration and gratitude for having been able to collaborate with you, may your legacy live on forever.</p>
Jeffrey	M.	McMinnville	TN	United States	<p>Thank you so very much for all the time and energy that you have given to the Little Free Library work. You have made a difference in the lives of the interact club that built our libraries and the many children and adults that have benefited from the libraries. Thank you!</p>

Joey	L.	Okemos	Michigan	U S	Thank you for your vision of little free library. We've enjoyed seeing them across the country. We made one for our neighborhood and are amazed how much use it gets. My grandchild in Denver gets such pleasure. Checking out what books come and go. She often squeaks in delight when a favorite author shows up. It's also a wonderful Lesson for sharing with others what you have. She knows if I take a book out I'd better find one at home to give back- and not just one to get rid of, but one others are delighted over. Thank you and m blessings. to you and your whole family
Karen	M.	Dover	DE	USA	So very sorry to hear of your recent diagnosis. I truly hope your recovery will be swift and painless as possible. Sending you the very best wishes. Karen
Beth	B.	Bloomfield	IN	USA	Because of Todd and this wonderful organization we have 13 lfl in our county and continue to add more. It has been a wonderful endeavor backed by our local community foundation and literacy organization. Prayers for Todd and family. My family too has been affected by pancreatic cancer so I will hold Todd close to my heart.
Alex	P.	Ft Worth	TX		Free people read freely. Thank you for putting books into the community and into the hands of so many people. Brilliant idea. Love it. Support it. Peace.
Bruce	B.	potsdam	New York	United States	Thank you for the inspiration. Rest easy and be well.
Susan	H.	Poway	CA	USA	You're an inspiration to all of us who love to read, and who want to pass that love of reading on to our neighbors. We've built and maintain two LFLs in our community, and there's nothing I love more than to see kids sitting on our curb leafing through books to figure out which ones they want to take home to read. Thank you for being such a great role model, and for being such a force of good in our communities around the globe!
Sharon	H.	Nahant	MA	United States	Many thanks, Todd, for thinking "out of the box" and creating Little Free Library to promote books and reading at the grass roots level. Our small town library just introduced a LFL at the beach of our island community with great success. Your work has made a difference in the world.
Kathleen	F.	East Windsor	NJ	USA	Thank you Todd! Because of your idea, and the help of our teacher's union, we were able to get four Little Free Libraries outside of our elementary schools. We have seen parents reading to little ones when they wait to pick up their older brothers or sisters. We've encouraged taking a book home. Our students have donated their "old" books too. This idea is life-changing for our community for years to come! Thank you so much. Our prayers are with you!
Clarisse	R.	Paris	Ontario	Canada	Just wanted to thank you for having the vision of a Little free Library and changing the lives of so many people around the world. I am a volunteer with the LFL.org vetting for the FB stewards group and am proud and honoured to be little part of your vision. Be proud of how you have changed the world with that vision and brought communities together. It is not often one man can bring together so many people and share the love of books ! God Bless !!

Giovanna	I.	Rome	Italy	<p>Todd Bol was an extraordinary person who changed our life with his wonderful dream. The first time I spoke with Todd it was 2012, with my students we brought the first Little Free Library in Italy. Todd said that he was going to send us a very special Little Free Library, and so he did. He sent us a Little Free Library made with 100 years old wood. Todd said "It is made to last, I only like things that last". In a few years Todd helped me to register hundreds of Italian Little Free Libraries. We are so grateful to him and to his team for this wonderful dream and we now know what Todd meant by "made to last". Todd will always be with us, because the Little Free Library is alive and it has his beautiful soul. Todd Bol, thank you from the bottom of our hearts, you have a special place in our hearts and in our Country. On behalf of all the Stuarts of the Little Free Library Project in Italia we can reassure you that your dream will never die, it will keep growing and it will last forever. Grazie di tutto Todd Bol, ci mancherà.</p> <p>Giovanna Iorio (Little Free Library, Italia)</p>
Shaharima	P.	Chudanga	Bangladesh	<p>My deepest sympathy to Todd's family and to all those involved with the LFL organization. I strongly believe that he lives on in the spirit of LFLs through providing knowledge, recreation, building community and much more all over world.</p> <p>I and children of my community would always be grateful to Todd. Rest in peace Todd, we know you are in heaven and one day we shall meet you. -Steward #46931 in Bangladesh.</p>

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Renovations are the sign of a new birth. Sometimes they give birth to unexpected things. In 2009, Todd Bol of Wisconsin was renovating his garage when he ripped off the door and paused before discarding because he truly liked the wood. He decided to build a small box to post outside his home with books for passers-by as a tribute to his mother, who had been a schoolteacher. People were intrigued and when he had his garage sale, a brilliant idea dawned on him. I put up my library and noticed my neighbors talking to it like it was a little puppy, said in an interview with The Washington Post in 2013. And I realized there was some kind of magic about it.

Assisted by Henry Miller, an Amish craftsman, Mr. Bol began building these mini-libraries and started the non-profit organization, Little Free Library, to provide a place where people could purchase or get instructions on how to build these libraries for their own neighborhoods.

The idea quickly took off.

As many people from Rockaway Beach and surrounding areas remember, Hurricane Sandy devastated many areas, literally sowing the earth with salt. We suffered deaths, massive destruction, and privation. I myself remember being stunned as my basement windows burst shooting forth gushes of sea water as in the movie Titanic. Following Sandy, we were stranded with no homes, food, hot water, with people desperate for gasoline to operate generators to pump out water if they were lucky enough to gain use of one. Walking around my ravaged neighborhood in a surreal state of shock, I felt like I was in the apocalyptic movie Road Warrior. Titanic and Road Warrior are not movies one imagines being in until it happens.

A perhaps less life-threatening, but also sad result was that the public libraries in The Rockaways and other areas were flooded and unusable. Having heard about the Little Free Libraries, I created two of them that I installed outside my home. In thanks to rocker Patti Smith, also a Rockaway resident, for all the spiritual help and organizational effort she dedicated to help rebuild Rockaway, I dedicated the adult one to her, installing a plaque commemorating The Patti Smith Free Library, and I named the other one the Kids Rock-Book Library. I stocked them with books of my choice that I wanted to share, and my neighbors enthusiastically joined, once it became clear that they were not birdhouses.

Soon another Little Free Library appeared in a few blocks away and my heart sang! I believe there are three now in Rockaway. Little Free Libraries are worldwide, thanks to Todd Bol, even stretching as far as the Yamal Peninsula in Siberia, for reindeer herders and their families. When Todd Bol died recently, library stewards were asked to put a white and silver ribbon on their libraries in commemoration of this extraordinary man's life. It was with great sadness that I and my daughter Marlene tied our ribbons on the libraries. While the world has lost a real live Book Angel, his spirit lives on in every Little Free Library in the world.

Jennifer	L.	Chagrin Falls	Ohio	USA	<p>This precious man used EVERY moment of his life to its fullest. When the movement of the Little Free Libraries grew, he went where it went. Our small family in Ohio will be forever changed for having met Todd and it all began after creating three LFLs in our own garage. We felt so much love for Todd's idea and a deep appreciation for this incredible concept. The entire process and these Little Free Libraries have changed our lives. Our 9 year old daughter, Ella- became completely involved in helping get the book boxes out into the community. To our complete elation, our village took to the idea and got involved, from the mayor, police officers, fire station, bookstores, neighbors, to Girl Scouts and visitors.</p> <p>We felt there was more we could do to spread the joy of these Little Libraries in our community, to help their outreach extend further. We had a wish: to meet the kind hearted man who made the idea come to life! "the man who created an idea that brought such a powerful change to humanity, across the globe. This wish turned into a reality and a life changing experience.</p> <p>Todd decided to drive out and visit us. We couldn't wait to get everyone together, feel his beautiful spirit in person and be a part of his energy up close. Our daughter hand delivered greeting card messages of invite to people in the community and our non profit organization: TheJennieration.com of fearless thinkers and learners planned the day's events for Todd. We shared lunch and a walk in the park as a family with Todd talked about his family and heard about his life. Our daughter Ella did a video with Todd that will be our treasure. She asked him three important questions she'd had in her heart. They laughed and we laughed observing Todd's child-like heart. His enthusiasm and uniqueness came out in such a warm & tangible way- our entire family was touched.</p> <p>At the end of our day with the community, we took Todd to get Popcorn at our local Popcorn Shop. He wanted to try every flavor ðŸ˜Š and we all laughed at the huge bags.</p> <p>Popcorn was going everywhere as he got in the car and we were helping him put the final materials in the back trailer. He put his hand on door with orange fingertips, still laughing. Our daughter Ella said, You still have to write in our book. It's our tradition with treasured books.â€¦</p> <p>But we knew he was enjoying that popcorn too much to have him stop. DON'T WORRY. I'M GOING TO COME BACK, I PROMISE!</p> <p>My daughter and I smiled with tear- filled eyes, so grateful. We know he will always be with us all. We smile and cry and even laugh at the memories of how he touched our lives in such a big way and how our lives will NEVER EVER be the same... in the best way... ALL because of Todd. His love lives here!</p> <p>Todd your journey goes on and you're going to do more amazing things. We pray to meet you again someday and have more popcorn. Your</p>
Linnea	H.	Albuquerque	NM	United States	<p>Hi, we didn't know Todd, but we were inspired to start a little free library last summer, and yesterday, a rainy day, my husband and I were sitting reading, when along came the TV news to make a video about Little Free Libraries in New Mexico. They had looked up our little library on the website. Let me know if it doesn't. So sad to learn of Todd's sudden illnesses and death. My condolences to all the family. Linnea</p>