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Little Free Library Wins Force for Positive Change Award

Hudson, Wis. – Little Free Library® (LFL) is honored to receive a 2018 [Force for Positive Change](#) award, presented yesterday by Marquette University and the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation. This award recognizes “social entrepreneurship as a model for solving social or environmental challenges in a way that is sustainable, just, and that generates impactful change in the state of Wisconsin.”

The award, carrying a \$12,500 cash prize, celebrates Little Free Library and its [Kids, Community & Cops](#) Program, which helps law enforcement groups in Wisconsin and beyond create positive interactions with youth through book sharing.

A total of eleven organizations were honored at the event.

“While the winners come from very different fields and span the gamut from small entities run by a few passionate individuals to established organizations that have been operating for decades, they all share a commitment to balancing financial sustainability with a focus on social impact,” Laura Heisler, director of programming at WARF and co-producer of this year’s event, said in a [news release](#). “We could not have been more impressed with the caliber of this year’s applicants.”

Little Free Library founder and executive director Todd H. Bol accepted the award at Marquette University.

“This is for our whole sharing network: Little Free Library stewards, patrons, and friends,” says Todd. “We couldn’t have done this without you—in fact, this *IS* you!”

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About Little Free Library®: Little Free Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. Since the first Little Free Library was built by founder Todd H. Bol in Hudson, WI in 2009, the number of registered book exchanges has grown to 75,000 worldwide. Tens of millions of books are shared annually through the book exchanges, which are individually managed by volunteer stewards in all 50 states and in 88 countries. In its short history, Little Free Library has received recognition from the National Book Foundation, the Library of Congress, the Book Industry Study Group, the Women's National Book Association and others. To obtain a Little Free Library or make a donation to the organization, visit littlefreelibrary.org.