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Little Free Library Announces Big Plans for 10th Anniversary Celebration

The first Little Free Library book exchange was created in 2009. A decade later there are more than 80,000 in 91 countries, and over 120 million books have been shared.

Hudson, Wis. – It's the 10th anniversary of the first Little Free Library! In 2009 founder Todd H. Bol created the first Little Free Library book exchange and quickly recognized its enormous potential to bring people together around the love of reading. Ten years later his idea has snowballed into a worldwide book-sharing movement. Today there are more than 80,000 registered Little Free Libraries in all 50 states and 91 countries, from Argentina to Zambia.

To celebrate a decade of Little Free Libraries—and the volunteer stewards who bring them to life—the Little Free Library (LFL) nonprofit organization is offering exciting events, awards, and giveaways throughout 2019. [Highlights include:](#)

- **“The Big Share” International Event**
May 17 is Little Free Library's birthday, and this year book-lovers around the world can join in a special event: The Big Share! During the weekend of May 17–19, participants are invited to visit a Little Free Library and share a book. Those who post a photo on social media with the hashtag **#LFL10** will be entered to win a gift card to our online store.
- **The First-Ever Todd H. Bol Awards for Outstanding Achievement**
The Todd H. Bol Awards for Outstanding Achievement, named for LFL's late founder, will honor Little Free Library volunteer stewards making an exceptionally positive impact on their communities. [Nominate your favorite steward \(or yourself!\) for an award by April 15.](#) Winners will be announced in mid May.
- **10 Commemorative Little Free Libraries for Communities in Need**
LFL's Impact Library Program provides no-cost Little Free Library book exchanges to communities that need them most. This May ten applicants will receive replicas of the First Little Free Library, which was designed to look like a one-room schoolhouse. Those in underserved communities are [invited to apply](#).
- **Special Giveaways of Books and More**
To thank the thousands of stewards and supporters who have helped make Little Free Library the global book-sharing movement it is today, LFL is giving away autographed books, curated book packages, and cute new products during its anniversary celebration. Registered stewards will also be eligible to win exclusive Little Free Library prizes.

- **Little Free Library House Parties and Facebook Fundraisers**

Help launch Little Free Library's next decade of book-sharing! The 10th anniversary is a great opportunity for supporters to host a house party or Facebook fundraiser. Participants could qualify for a celebratory 10th-anniversary badge for their Little Libraries, plus a gift card to LFL's online store.

Visit [LittleFreeLibrary.org/10years](https://www.littlefreelibrary.org/10years) for more information about our 10th anniversary kick-off and how you can get involved. New ways to celebrate 10 years of Little Free Libraries will be added throughout the year!

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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 more than 80,000 worldwide. More than 120 million books have been shared in the Little Libraries, which are individually managed by book-loving volunteer stewards in all 50 states and 90+ countries. 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, make a donation to the organization, or join us in celebrating 10 years of Little Free Libraries, visit [littlefreelibrary.org](https://www.littlefreelibrary.org). Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).*