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**Candlewick Press and Little Free Library Collaborate with Two-Time Newbery Medalist Kate DiCamillo to Give Away Customized Book Exchanges**

*To spark hope and encourage literacy, five Little Free Libraries inspired by DiCamillo's work will be awarded*

SOMERVILLE, MA, April 3, 2019 — Two-time Newbery Medal winner Kate DiCamillo is collaborating with Candlewick Press and the Little Free Library nonprofit to give away five book exchanges inspired by DiCamillo's work, along with signed copies of her books, Candlewick and Little Free Library announced today.

Administered by Little Free Library, the BIG Kate DiCamillo Little Free Library Giveaway is designed to celebrate the act of sharing stories and building connections among readers. To further advance these goals, Candlewick Press will also donate copies of DiCamillo's books to Little Free Library's Impact Library Program, which places book-sharing boxes in underserved neighborhoods in order to increase access to books and strengthen community ties.

"Hope matters so much to me. It's one of the things that I'm always working toward in my stories, and Little Free Libraries do that, too. They're kind of like hope in a box," DiCamillo said.

To enter, readers will submit an action they've done to strengthen their communities. "It doesn't have to be a big thing. Some small thing, some medium-size thing, some big thing that you did that made your community stronger and made everyone feel more hopeful," DiCamillo said.

Margret Aldrich, media and program manager at Little Free Library, said the giveaway and DiCamillo's work emphasize themes that the nonprofit organization seeks to celebrate.

"We are delighted to partner with Candlewick Press and Kate DiCamillo on this epic giveaway of books and Little Free Libraries. Kate's books embody the spirit of kindness, compassion, and connecting with others — something that we try to foster every day through our global volunteer network of Little Free Library book exchanges. We hope the five Little Libraries awarded to our lucky winners can have a positive impact on the lives they touch — just like Kate's books have had a positive influence on young readers around the world," Aldrich said.

In addition to the five grand-prize winners, who will receive a Kate DiCamillo–themed Little Free Library book exchange plus a collection of signed Kate DiCamillo books, three runners-up will receive a collection of standard Kate DiCamillo books. The giveaway entry period will open on April 4, 2019, and close at 11:59 p.m. Central Time on May 10, 2019, and is open to U.S. residents age eighteen or older; minors may have an adult submit an entry on their behalf. **Visit [LittleFreeLibrary.org/Books](http://LittleFreeLibrary.org/Books) to learn more and enter to win.**

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