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Chapter 9: Little Free Library Stewardship - Part 2

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Chapter 9 Guests



Kristine Dowhan

Kristine Dowhan (Director and Chief Librarian) founded the St. Pete Shush in July 2020, after putting up her own Little Free Library at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. She brings 5 years of Business Management expertise to the Shush from the corporate world, focusing on organization, planning, growth, financials, and the strategic mission. Kristine has placed 236 upcycled newsstands in 207 locations to date and has built the Shush up to over 260 stewards throughout the Tampa Bay area.

Kristine recommends: [The Midnight Library by Matt Haig](#)



Lisa Lopez

Lisa Lopez was the first person in Texas to install a Little Free Library, charter #007, which was built by LFL's late founder Todd Bol. Lisa has donated 155 LFLs in El Paso and plans to donate another LFL to her current workplace in Albuquerque, New Mexico soon. Lisa's inspiration to start LFLs was in response to school budget cuts and seeing a need for book access for students. Her own experience growing up in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico with limited book access led her to a deep appreciation for books.

Lisa is reading: [I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika Sanchez](#)



Krystn Monroe

Krystn Monroe is the steward of The Monroe Family's Purple Blossom Little Free Library (Charter #104898), a spinning box that matches her home in Poway, California, just outside of San Diego. The Monroes are a family of readers, writers and storytellers who established the library on the Fourth of July in 2020, at the height of the pandemic when schools and libraries were closed. Krystn believes libraries — both big or little — are filled with just a bit of magic.

Krystn is reading: [Fall of Giants by Ken Follett](#)



Yenny Yang

Yenny Yang is the founder of Read 4 Unity, a grassroots initiative that aims to be the bridge of unity by diversifying bookshelves and libraries with stories by BIPOC authors. They do this by collecting and distributing K-8 diverse books to teachers in Title 1 schools, Little Free Libraries in underserved communities, and carefully identified nonprofit partners.

Yenny recommends: [One Half From the East by Nadia Hashimi](#)

Chapter 8 Resources

Little Free Library Links

[Start your own Little Free Library](#)

[Our world map](#)

[LFL FAQs](#)

[Read in Color Program](#)

[LFL's book resource directory](#)

[Donate to Little Free Library](#)

Replay: [LFL Stewardship - Part 1](#)

Blog: [Start an LFL on a Shoestring Budget](#)

Blog: [How to Make Your LFL More Accessible](#)

Hispanic Heritage Month Resources

Links

Website: [National Hispanic American Heritage Month](#)

[Latinx Read in Color Recommended Reads](#)

Website: [2021 Hispanic Heritage Month Theme and Poster Downloads](#)

Hispanic-Owned and Operated Bookstores

[Duende District](#) - Washington, DC

[LibroMobile](#) - Santa Ana, CA

[Word Up Community Bookshop](#) - Inwood, NY

[Seite Books](#) - Los Angeles, CA

[Barrio Books](#) - Tucson, AZ

[Book Suey](#) - Detroit, MI

[The Lit. Bar](#) - Bronx, NY

[Lil' Libros](#) (Bilingual Press) - Online

Guest Links + Additional Resources

[Website](#) and [Facebook](#): St. Pete Shush

Article: [EPISD librarian \[Lisa Lopez\] given national award for Little Free Library program](#)

Facebook: [The Monroe Family Purple Tree LFL](#)

[Website](#) and [Instagram](#): Read4Unity

Latinx Titles from our Read in Color List

Young Readers

My Papi Has a Motorcycle - Isabel Quintero

Mango, Abuela, and Me - Meg Medina

Carmela Full of Wishes - Matt de la Peña

Middle Grade/YA

The Poet X - Elizabeth Acevedo

Lola Levine is Not Mean! - Monica Brown

They Call Me Güero - David Bowles

Adult Readers

Mexican Gothic - Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Where We Come From - Oscar Cásares

Tell Me How It Ends - Valeria Luiselli