Everyone Deserves to See Themselves in the Pages of a Book

Did you know that in kids’ books only:
• 10% of characters are Black
• 7% are Asian/Pacific Islander
• 5% are Latinx
• 1% are Native American?

We launched the Read in Color diverse books initiative in Minneapolis last fall, in honor of George Floyd, to increase access to diverse books. And we have been humbled by your powerful response. Because of you, we have pledged to share 20,000 diverse books and 100 Little Free Libraries in high-need communities across the country this year.

“Our youth deserve to read books where they can connect with characters who look like and recognize their lived experiences in the stories,” said Amanda LeClair-Diaz, who recently received a Little Free Library for the Wind River Reservation (read more inside).

With your help, we can bring Little Free Libraries and inclusive books to the underserved communities where they are sorely needed. Please give today. Any amount that is meaningful to you is needed now and greatly appreciated. Donate online at LittleFreeLibrary.org/donate or by using the enclosed envelope.

You can put diverse books in kids’ hands. Thank you for your support!

Look Inside for...
- Wind River Reservation’s library
- Read in Color goes national
- Todd H. Bol Award winners
- A prolific Amish library builder
- And more!

Our mission is to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all through a global network of volunteer-led Little Free Libraries.
A Letter from Our Executive Director

Greetings to all our Little Free Library Friends!

The world continues to be an uncertain place with the return of “normal” constantly changing. Yet despite these fits and starts, the Little Free Library network grows steadily, due to the tremendous efforts of our volunteer stewards. Thank you each and every one.

Our growth has been marked by some key milestones. Recently, we installed the 125,000th Little Free Library at the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming. This new library was provided as part of our Impact Library program, which also crossed a key milestone. Since the program’s launch in 2017, Little Free Library has given away over 1,500 libraries and 37,500 books in the United States and Canada.

A more recent initiative, Read in Color, also continues to grow. Launched in the Twin Cities last fall, our diverse book initiative has expanded to seven cities. By year’s end, Little Free Library will have distributed over 20,000 diverse books through new library installations as well as our existing steward network.

This is all made possible with your support. Thank you!

Be well,

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2021 Todd H. Bol Awards

Little Free Library stewards are the heart and soul of the global LFL network. Each year, we are delighted to recognize five extraordinary individuals who embody our mission to build community, inspire readers, and expand book access with the Todd H. Bol Awards for Outstanding Achievement, named for LFL’s late founder. Two of our 2021 honorees are:

Katie Stuart of Poulsbo, Washington, a teenager who installed her Little Free Library six years ago and has since been inspired to give back in many other ways. “Little Free Libraries sparked my passion for community service,” she said.

Seraphin Nyonsenga of Kigali, Rwanda, who started a Little Free Library book-sharing box in Rwanda to help bridge the literacy gap. “Seeing kids flock to my LFL has been fulfilling,” he said. “I feel happy to see that this LFL has helped me to give back to my community.”

Little Free Library Unbound

Our monthly web series, Little Free Library Unbound, has now been going strong for nine months! We’ve heard from authors, literacy advocates, longtime stewards, and many more incredible book people. As we close out this year and look ahead to 2022, we’re excited to share even more valuable insights—as well as superstar guests—with you.

Here’s what attendees are saying about LFL Unbound:

“I am proud of this program, which expands my stewardship knowledge and commitment.”

“I love the webinars… I enjoy seeing the libraries of the guests and learning about the writers and their wonderful books.”

“I have loved every topic this year and learned so much.”

Join us for the next live episode of Little Free Library Unbound by registering at LittleFreeLibrary.org/unbound.