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National Little Free Library Nonprofit Moves to St. Paul

Little Free Library, founded in Hudson, Wisconsin, has crossed state lines to become part of the dynamic Twin Cities community.

St. Paul, Minn. (October 27, 2022) – Little Free Library (LFL), the nonprofit organization behind the world’s largest book-sharing movement, now calls St. Paul, Minnesota, home. LFL secured office space in the Wycliff Building at 2327 Wycliff Street in the Midway neighborhood’s Creative Enterprise Zone. This fall the nonprofit held a ribbon-cutting ceremony with members of the Midway Chamber of Commerce, local Little Free Library volunteer stewards, and LFL staff in attendance.

"We are excited to join the vibrant St. Paul community," said LFL Executive Director Greig Metzger. "St. Paul is recognized as one of the more 'literate' cities in the U.S. so our presence is a natural fit. St. Paul also has a robust nonprofit sector, and we look forward to partnering with and learning from our new neighbors as we expand book access here in town and around the world."

LFL has early roots in the Twin Cities: In 2010 Minneapolis was a testing ground for the Little Free Library concept, and in 2020, Minneapolis was the first city to adopt LFL's Read in Color program, a national initiative sharing tens of thousands of diverse books through the Little Free Library network.

The move to the Wycliff comes just in time for the holiday giving season. *Twin Cities Business* features LFL in their [2022 Giving Guide](#), and this is the first year LFL will participate in Give to the Max Day as a Minnesota nonprofit. (Give to the Max Day is on November 17, with giving beginning November 1.)

While at one time the Wycliff Building was a nut-packing plant, it is now a hub of innovative and creative small businesses, such as LFL, Deane's Kombucha, and UNRL clothing. The building's exterior features a striking mural by artist Rock "Cyfi" Martinez representing the tenants—including Little Free Library—and offering the message "All Are Welcome."

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ABOUT LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Little Free Library® (LFL) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that builds community, inspires readers and expands book access for all through a global network of volunteer-led Little Free Libraries. There are more than 150,000 registered Little Free Library book-sharing boxes worldwide in all 50 states, 115 countries and seven continents. Through them, over 250 million books have been shared since 2009. LFL received the 2020 World Literacy Award as well as honors from the Library of Congress, National Book Foundation and others. The organization grants Little Free Libraries full of books to underserved areas through its Impact Library Program and champions diverse books through its Read in Color initiative. To learn more, visit LittleFreeLibrary.org.

Top photo: Little Free Library Executive Director Greig Metzger cuts a ceremonial ribbon held by members of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.



Little Free Library staffers in their new office space.



Wycliff Building exterior mural, featuring a Little Free Library.



LFL gave away free books to the Little Free Library stewards who attended the fall open house.



Greig Metzger, LFL executive director; Sharon Gifford, Corporate Partnerships Director; and Lexie Neeley, Program Manager, in the Wycliff's main lobby area.



Margret Aldrich, Director of Communications, in LFL's office space.