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Under-Resourced Communities to Receive 2,500 Little Free Libraries

The Little Free nonprofit organization is pledging to place and sustain a Little Free Library box in every 'book desert' in the United States.



St. Paul, MN (March 29, 2023) – Over the next three years, the Little Free Library (LFL) nonprofit organization will place and sustain 2,500 Little Free Library book-sharing boxes in high-need communities across the country. Their bold goal is to place a Little Free Library box in every book desert in the United States—and they want you to participate.

"The strategic plan for Little Free Library details our philanthropic program focus for the next few years," said LFL Executive Director Greig Metzger. "The Little Free Library network has grown significantly of late and we want to leverage that growth to support communities that have limited book resources."

There are now more than 150,000 Little Free Library book-exchange boxes worldwide, found in all 50 states and 120 different countries, in rural, suburban, and urban areas. Through this network, over 300 million books have been shared, profoundly increasing access to books.

"Our strategic-plan goal is to place and sustain a Little Free Library book exchange in 2,500 identified census tracts across the United States where book access is limited," Metzger continued. "We are actively recruiting both funding and implementation partners interested in joining us in this mission."

How to get involved: [Learn more and fill out LFL's Community Partner Application](#)

The placement of 2,500 Little Free Libraries requires active community partners. Organizations interested in joining this effort are invited to submit a [Community Partner Application](#). Participation options include 1) Placing Little Free Library boxes in areas that lack book access, 2) Providing support to keep the libraries full of books, or 3) Financially supporting LFL's strategic plan activities.

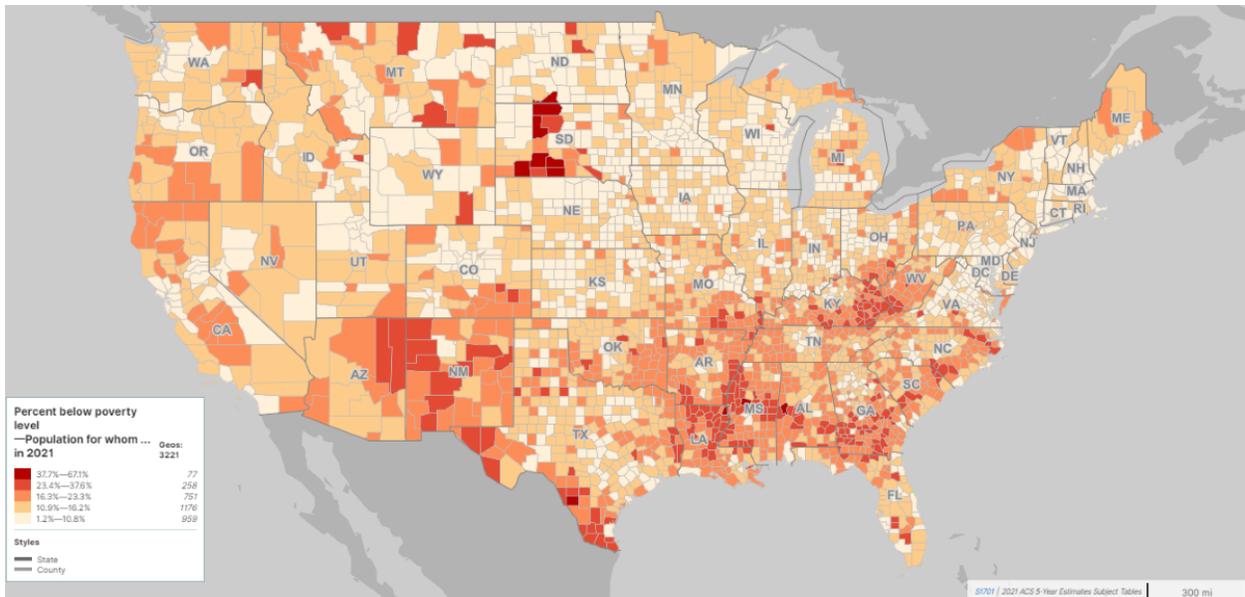
After an internal review, select applicants will be contacted by LFL to receive Little Free Libraries and books at no cost. These applicants will commit to installing and stewarding the libraries.

LFL has a long history of working with community partners and providing no-cost libraries and books via their Impact Library and Read in Color programs. "Our team, and our families, are honored to work with Little Free Library," said Cindy Eggleton, Co-Founder and CEO of Brilliant Detroit, a long-time LFL collaborator. "Our partnership is a direct way to expose our children to literature they can connect to, as well as an ongoing and sustainable way to engage our community."

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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, 120 countries and seven continents. Through them, over 300 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.



Poverty map via the U.S. Census Bureau showing areas LFL is targeting to improve book access.



A family visits a Little Free Library in Detroit.