



Indigenous Library Program

Little Free Library®



Books in the hands of children improve literacy rates.

The more books in or near the home, the more likely a child will learn and love to read. In tribal communities, book access is a challenge, as most do not have their own public libraries. Little Free Library book-sharing boxes are an impactful solution for easy book access.



“Those who grow up with books in the home tend to do better later in life ... We want the community to see themselves reflected in the books they read and those visiting to learn more about Indigenous American cultures.”

– Kaitlin Thompson
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation,
Onamia, Minnesota

Goals of the Indigenous Library Program

Little Free Library grants no-cost book-sharing boxes where needed most on tribal lands and in Indigenous communities in the United States and Canada. We work with Indigenous community leaders and members to place book exchanges in locations where book access is important to improving literacy.

Through this program, Little Free Library aims to:

- Strengthen community
- Inspire readers
- Expand easy book access
- Support positive literacy outcomes
- Make Little Free Libraries available in high-need locations serving Indigenous Peoples



Get Involved with the Indigenous Library Program

Apply for an Indigenous Library Program Grant



SCAN ME

Apply above.

Do you live in an Indigenous community? Are you part of an organization that serves or works with Indigenous communities? We invite you to submit an Indigenous Library Program grant application. Grantees receive a Little Free Library, installation materials, and starter sets of diverse books!

Support the Indigenous Library Program

We actively seek funders and partnership opportunities to make the Indigenous Library Program an ongoing success. Contact us if you're interested in learning how to take part, become a partner, or provide financial support. If you'd like to help provide more little libraries to Indigenous communities, consider making a donation today. When you give, you can specify on our online donation form that you would like your gift to support the Indigenous Library Program.



Meet the Indigenous Library Program Advisory Group

An advisory group was formed to assist in the development of the Indigenous Library Program. Their experience with Little Free Library, as stewards of book-sharing boxes, and commitment to serving Indigenous peoples, have been invaluable in developing a culturally responsive and robust program.

- **A. J. Gooden**, Igiugig Tribal Library, Supervisor
- **Valerie Janis**, Oglala Lakota College Woksape Tipi Library, Author
- **Vicki Kurtz**, Retired Teacher, Hoopa Valley High School
- **Amanda LeClair-Diaz**, PhD, Language, Reading, and Culture and Teaching and Teacher Education
- **Donovan Pete**, Navajo Nation Library, Director
- **Margaret Wood**, Little Free Library Board, Fiber Artist, Author

“I want every home to have books. I want every child to have books to read at home. I want parents to read to their children. I want to increase literacy in general for all our community members.”

– Vicki Kurtz

Contact Talia Miracle,
Indigenous Library Program manager:
indigenous@littlefreelibrary.org
715-690-2488 ext. 830