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Little Free Library Executive Director Greig Metzger to Retire

During Metzger's tenure the nonprofit saw their network grow from 100,000 to 200,000 Little Free Libraries



St. Paul, MN (January 24, 2024) – The Little Free Library® (LFL) nonprofit organization today announced that M. Greig Metzger, LFL Executive Director, has decided to retire in June 2025. The search for his successor will be conducted nationally by Kittleman and Associates, an executive search firm focused on nonprofits.

Metzger has served in his current role since July 2019. Prior to that, he was Executive Director for CCEFS, a food pantry in Oakdale, Minn., after decades working in marketing technology and finance in New York and the Twin Cities. During his time at LFL, Metzger guided the nonprofit through the tenuous months of the pandemic; moved the LFL office from Hudson, Wisc. to St. Paul; and responded to a need for more books—particularly diverse books—getting into the hands of more readers.

“On behalf of the entire Board, I want to thank Greig for his outstanding service and commitment to Little Free Library,” said LFL Board Chair Nancy Wulkan. “Under Greig’s dedicated leadership Little Free Library’s impact footprint has grown exponentially, both nationally and abroad, and we now stand at the threshold of our 200,000th registered book exchange box.

“Insightful programs established or expanded during Greig’s tenure, such as the Read in Color initiative, the Impact and Indigenous Library campaigns, the Little Free Library mobile app, and Team LFL, are helping to ensure that neighborhoods near and far have access to countless numbers of diverse books and opportunities to build community and spark reading joy. While we will miss Greig’s passion and drive, we are excited about what lays ahead as we embark on this new chapter of our mission.”

Metzger’s time at LFL is bookended by two major milestones: Shortly after he arrived, LFL celebrated the world’s 100,000th Little Free Library book-sharing box, which was granted to a Houston nonprofit, in a ceremony Metzger attended. Now, five short years later, LFL and Metzger will be [celebrating the 200,000th Little Free Library](#) at an elementary school in St. Paul this March.

“As I step away from Little Free Library, I want to express my gratitude for such a wonderful opportunity,” said Metzger. “I was fortunate enough to have great staff whose commitment, creativity and mission focus led to our successes. And I would be remiss in not recognizing our global network of volunteer stewards, without which, none of our achievements would have been possible. Finally, I need to acknowledge all of our community partners, corporate sponsors, and publishing friends for their support. I am confident that Little Free Library is well poised to move ahead and I am excited to see what the future brings.”

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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 Library book-sharing boxes. There are more than 180,000 registered Little Free Libraries worldwide in all 50 states, in 121 countries and on all seven continents. Through them, over 400 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 and Indigenous Library programs and champions diverse books through its Read in Color initiative. To learn more, visit LittleFreeLibrary.org.