



Little Free Library®

2024 GRATITUDE REPORT



## Dear Friends of Little Free Library,

We're thrilled to share this Gratitude Report with you! Thanks to your generosity and the collective power of our incredible community, we made a meaningful impact in 2024—expanding book access, inspiring readers, and strengthening connections worldwide.

**Because of your support, we were able to grant 790 Little Free Library book-sharing boxes and distribute more than 87,000 books to communities where books are scarce. Your commitment to our mission fuels our ability to innovate, grow, and reach even more readers in need.**

We are truly grateful for your unwavering belief in Little Free Library. Your partnership doesn't just sustain our work—it inspires us every day. Thank you for making a difference and for being part of this journey with us.



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# Mission and Vision

The mission of Little Free Library 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.

Our vision is a Little Free Library in every community and a book for every reader. We believe all people are empowered when the opportunity to discover a personally relevant book to read is not limited by time, space, or privilege.



## How We Achieve Our Mission

### **Provide 24/7 book access.**

Little Free Libraries are open seven days a week, 24 hours a day and are freely accessible to all, removing barriers to book access.

### **Foster new Little Free Library book-sharing boxes.**

Little Free Library (LFL) equips, educates, and guides volunteer stewards to establish Little Free Libraries in their communities.

### **Grant Little Free Libraries to high-need areas.**

Through our programs, LFL grants no-cost Little Free Libraries full of books to underserved urban, suburban, rural, and Indigenous communities.



### **Champion diverse books.**

Through our Read in Color program, LFL makes books available representing BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and other diverse voices to promote understanding, empathy, and inclusion.

### **Work with key community partners.**

LFL collaborates with schools, public libraries, civic organizations, businesses, and other groups to bring Little Free Libraries to their communities.





## Thank You, **Little Free Library Stewards!**

We sincerely appreciate the dedicated library stewards who generously share their time, books, effort, and kindness to create a more inviting and supportive community. Your contributions make a difference—thank you!

## Thank You, **Team LFL Volunteers!**

You made the first year of Team LFL very successful. Your efforts to keep Little Free Libraries stocked with books, find book-sharing boxes to invite to our network, and spread the word about Little Free Library's mission are so appreciated.

# Thank You, Partners!



Little Free Library's mission to create equitable book access could not happen without the collaboration of organizations who share our vision. Thank you to our 2024 partners, including:

904WARD · Applied Materials · Arkansas Imagination Library  
ARRAY · Banned Books Week · Barefoot Books  
Better World Books · Birdie's Bookmobile · Brightspeed  
Brilliant Detroit · Brooklyn Book Bodega · Candlewick  
Change & Action for Racial Equity · Charcoalblue  
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Ciresi Walburn Foundation for Children  
Cubles · DK · Donaldson Foundation · Drag Story Hour  
Everybody Wins! Atlanta · Family Literacy of Georgia  
Georgia's Sweet Potato Pie Company · Good Morning America  
Hallmark Channel · HarperCollins

Hello Sunshine/Reese's Book Club  
Highlights · Imagination Library Washington · Insmmed · Intuit  
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Our Kids Read · PangoBooks · Penguin Random House  
Piper Sandler · Possible Futures Bookstore · Quarto · Read4Unity  
Reading is Fundamental · Ready Readers  
San José State University School of Information · Scholastic

Scholastic Canada · Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community  
Simon & Schuster · Simons Foundation · SONIC · Sourcebooks  
Southwest Human Development · Sun-Maid  
The Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools Inc.  
The William Wishnick Foundation · ThriftBooks  
Treasure Island Resort and Casino  
United Way of Greater Niagara  
University of South Carolina's Cocky's Reading Express  
Visit Philadelphia · Williams Companies Inc. · Zibby Media

# Impact Library Program

Through the Impact Library Program, Little Free Library provides no-cost book-sharing boxes to communities where books are scarce. Studies prove that the more books in or near the home, the more likely a child will learn and love to read. Little Free Library book exchanges are an excellent vehicle for areas without easy access to books.

Because of the generosity of our donors and supporters, Little Free Library was able in 2024 to grant **614** book-sharing boxes full of books to communities across the United States and Canada.





# Read in Color

Everyone should be able to see themselves in the pages of a book. Little Free Library's Read in Color® initiative distributes books that provide perspectives on racism and social justice, celebrate BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and other marginalized voices, and incorporate experiences from all identities for all readers. By reading diverse books, we can increase understanding, empathy, and inclusion.

In 2024, Read in Color launched or expanded in six cities: Columbia, MD; Detroit, MI; Los Angeles, CA; New Haven, CT; Sanborn, NY; and St. Louis, MO. **Because of your support, Little Free Library was able in 2024 to grant 57 books-sharing boxes and more than 9,000 culturally-relevant books to these, and more, neighborhoods in the United States.**





**LOS ANGELES, CA**



**NEW HAVEN, CT**



**SANBORN, NY**



**COLUMBIA, MD**



**DETROIT, MI**



**ST. LOUIS, MO**



# Indigenous Library Program

Through the Indigenous Library Program, we grant 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 crucial to improving literacy.

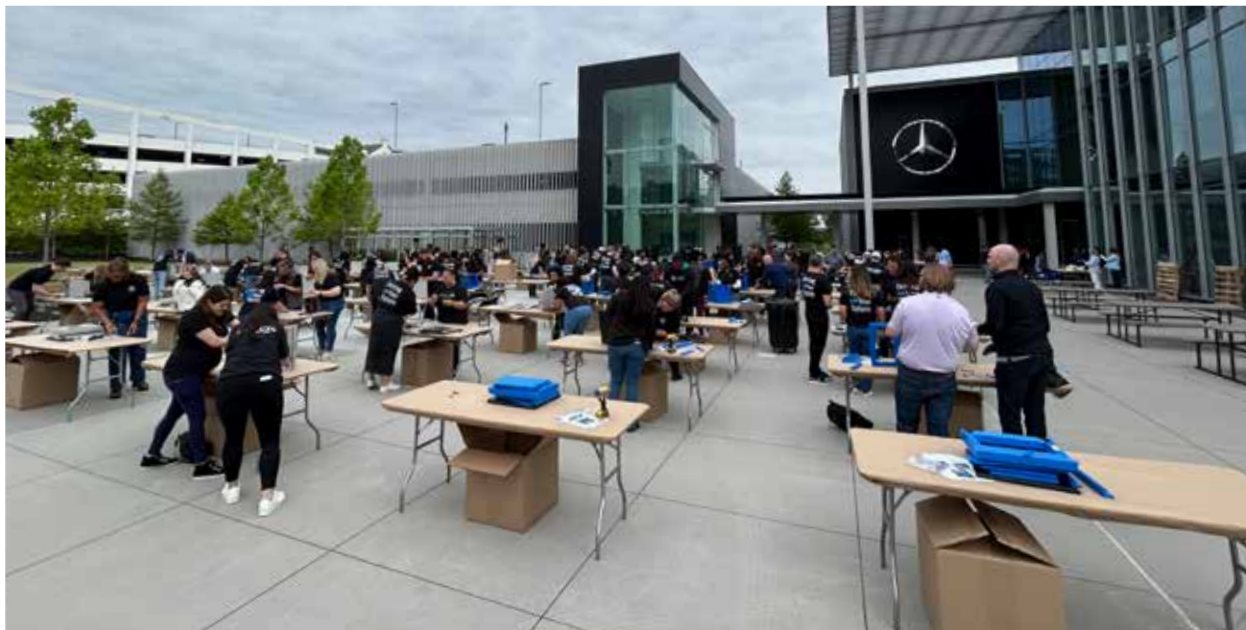
**Thanks to our donors and partners, we were able in 2024 to grant **119** Indigenous Library book-sharing boxes full of culturally-relevant books to rural and urban Native communities throughout the United States and Canada.**





# Mercedes-Benz USA built and donated **175** Little Free Libraries!

In April 2024, Little Free Library teamed up with Mercedes-Benz USA (MBUSA) employees and Atlanta Falcons player Bijan Robinson to build 175 book-sharing boxes, which were filled with thousands of donated books and installed in communities across the country that have limited access to reading materials. The collaboration with Little Free Library reinforces MBUSA's commitment to promoting literacy through its corporate social responsibility program, Driving Your Future, aiming to empower the next generation by supporting educational programs, career readiness, and child safety. Thank you, Mercedes-Benz USA!



# Let's Power Up With Reading!

Along with Scholastic, Little Free Library in 2024 granted 50 Dog Man-themed book-sharing boxes to sites catering to children and families across all 50 United States. Dog Man author and illustrator Dav Pilkey donated 50,000 books to support these libraries and help ignite a passion for reading. This initiative was a great way to “Power Up With Reading” for thousands of children across the country. Thank you, Scholastic and Dav Pilkey!









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Little Free Library is so grateful for your support and the impact it has on readers all around the world. It is because of you that we are able to grow and expand our efforts to make books more accessible to all.

Your continued support is crucial to our ability to build community, inspire readers, and increase book access. Make your gift today using the enclosed envelope or online at [littlefreelibrary.org/donate](https://littlefreelibrary.org/donate). Thank you.



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