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## Library of Distinction: Temecula, CA

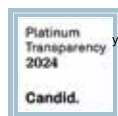
This book-sharing box is KIL'N it! We're featuring the Painted Earth Little Free Library #73983 in Temecula, CA, as our Library of Distinction.



The library's description on our world map says, "Our Little Free Library was made by our Kiln Tech for our pottery studio. Shannon loves art and books. She made the clay book binds that surround the library and glazed them in a rainbow of colors."



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# Celebrating 200,000 Little Free Libraries



Little Free Library #200000 is here! We are proud to announce a significant milestone: the installation of the 200,000th Little Free Library book-sharing box.

This landmark library has been donated to Benjamin E. Mays IB World School, an elementary school in our hometown of St. Paul. It marks the first of 200 Little Free Libraries we're granting to Title I schools across the country, in an effort to expand children's access to books.



The 200,000th Little Free Library is designed to

resemble a red one-room schoolhouse and pays homage to the original Little Free Library built by LFL founder Todd H. Bol in 2009.

Following the 200k launch, 199 additional Little Free Libraries will be installed at Title I elementary schools nationwide. The libraries are sponsored in part by Books Unbanned and three of its consortium members—San José State University iSchool, Brooklyn Public Library, and The Seattle Public Library—and Mortenson. Each library will be stocked with 200 brand-new books, part of Penguin Random House's generous donation of more than 40,000 books.

Learn more about the 200,000th Little Free Library at [lflib.org/200k-library-launch](https://lflib.org/200k-library-launch), and get involved with the year-long 200k celebration at [lflib.org/200k](https://lflib.org/200k).

You can put books in kids' hands. **Thank you for your support!**



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Take a Book. Share a Book.

# Little Free Library® News

Spring 2025



## Look Inside for...

- Team LFL
- New Mobile App Features
- 200,000<sup>th</sup> Celebration
- Read in Color Cohorts
- And more!

Our mission 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 Library book-sharing boxes.

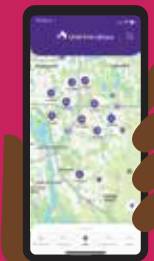


## New Mobile App Features

We kicked off the year with some great new Little Free Library mobile app features! When you check in to libraries and track the books you share, you work your way towards earning the Book Giver and Library Finder badges. We introduced the Book Giver Expert badge this spring as part of our 200k celebration. Earn the badge by sharing 200 books in Little Free Libraries and tracking your progress in the app!

Do you have a favorite Little Free Library—or maybe a few favorites? Now you can easily share them with the new share button! Open the mobile app, tap to view any library, then tap the share icon in the upper-right to display a link to that specific library.

Copy that link and text it to a friend or post it on social media to show off your favorite (or your own) library!



Get started today!  
Download the app at  
[lflib.org/app](https://lflib.org/app).

## Little Free Library Week 2025

Get ready for Little Free Library Week! Our third-annual celebration of all things Little Free Library will be held May 11–17. Activities include a photo contest, Little Free Library bingo, and the announcement of the Todd H. Bol Awards for Outstanding Achievement. Be sure to get the latest news about LFL Week! Sign up to receive email and text messages here:



[lflib.org/newsletter-signup](https://lflib.org/newsletter-signup).

## A Letter from Our Executive Director

To Our Little Free Library Friends,

With the recent installation of our 200,000th Little Free Library and the upcoming Little Free Library Week celebration, I thought I would take this space to remind us of some of the other milestones since the last significant installation, #100000, five years ago.

Our Impact Library, Indigenous Library, and Read in Color programs provide for community-relevant books in neighborhoods that are too often ignored in our society. Last year, we placed over 800 boxes filled with books. Thank you to the donors, foundations, and corporate sponsors who made this possible.

We continue to strive to add value to all that connect with our network. For stewards, we work to expand book opportunities with monthly publisher giveaways, value-priced book bundles (via our store or partners), and our book directory to access free books. Our steward services team is always on the lookout for new partners to bring into the fold.

Our most significant technical enhancement was the launch of our mobile application. Now with over 250,000 users, our mobile app provides new ways for stewards, patrons, sponsors, and staff to all connect, share, and support each other. If you haven't used the app recently, you need to check out our new features and improved response times.

Our newest initiative, Team LFL, combines program support, steward services, and our mobile application to make it easier for others, who want something other than a "traditional" steward role, to volunteer and support our network.

Finally, I want to share that this is my last newsletter update, as I will be retiring in June. It has been an honor to be a part of such a wonderful enterprise. To staff, board, stewards, patrons, donors, and sponsors, thank you for your support.

Peace,

M. Greig Metzger  
Executive Director



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## Team LFL

We launched our community engagement initiative, Team LFL, in January 2024. Since then we've seen countless volunteers sign up to plan book drives, host meet-ups, and help Little Free Library stewards. The successful first year included:

- **42 library registrations:** 42 book-sharing boxes joined the Little Free Library network thanks to Team LFL outreach
- **423 volunteers:** 423 active Team LFL volunteers submitted an impact form
- **7,530 books:** 7,530 books were distributed by Team LFL volunteers



We're excited to see what the future holds, and you can be a part of it! Open opportunities are always posted at [lflib.org/team-lfl-opportunities](https://lflib.org/team-lfl-opportunities).



## Read in Color®

**We are thrilled to introduce the Spring 2025 Read in Color Cohort.** Each of these worthy organizations will be granted 10 Little Free Library book-sharing boxes and \$7,500 in book support to bring the Read in Color diverse books program to their communities. Through Read in Color, we're working to increase understanding, empathy, and inclusion. Learn more at [lflib.org/read-in-color](https://lflib.org/read-in-color). Meet the grantees:

- **Under the Umbrella Bookstore** (Salt Lake City, UT), a queer bookstore that centers and uplifts the stories and voices of LGBTQ+ people.
- **Global Shapers Philadelphia** (Philadelphia, PA), a group of young volunteers who implement projects to drive positive social and environmental outcomes.
- **HYPE Freedom School** (Houston, TX), which fosters educational opportunities and personal development through programming and community engagement.

From HYPE Freedom School: "Through the Read in Color project, HYPE would like to establish Little Free Library sites in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods of Houston. The Read in Color initiative would allow HYPE to expand its efforts by hosting events featuring authors and Read Aloud guests that represent diversity in children's literature."

## Your Support Matters

**In 2024, we granted 810 Little Free Libraries and 87,000+ books through our programs, thanks to your support!** Will you help us increase equitable access to books in 2025? Donate today!



## Impact Library Program



Every month through our Impact Library Program, we grant Little Free Library book exchanges to communities where books are scarce. In 2024, we granted 653 libraries through this program, and more than 3,400 libraries have been awarded since the program's inception. Discover more about the program at [lflib.org/impact](https://lflib.org/impact).

We recently granted an Impact Library package to JaKevis Baker in Wauchula, FL, who says, "I can't thank you enough for the support you've given us through the Little Free Library Impact Program. This library is going to make a real difference, one that goes beyond just books. It's about providing access to new opportunities and creating a spark for learning, growth, and community right where people live."

## Indigenous Library Program

In Native American and First Nations communities, book access is a challenge. Through the Indigenous Library Program, we grant Little Free Libraries full of books to Indigenous communities with limited book access. Last year we granted 100 libraries through this program! Find out more at [lflib.org/inlp](https://lflib.org/inlp).

In the fall we granted two book-sharing boxes and a selection of culturally relevant books to Red Lake Nation College Minneapolis site, the first tribal college located in a major U.S. city.

"Literacy is such an important skill, and ensuring that the Native American community has access to high-quality books where they can see themselves reflected is an honor," said Sarah Barott, faculty member in the English department. "We were lucky to have help from Montana's Poet Laureate Chris La Tray, who led a fantastic poetry workshop after the opening."