

Tip #1: Learn about book access in your community.

Little Free Library's 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-exchange boxes. Our vision is a Little Free Library in every community and a book for every reader.

What is your vision for your service project? How will it support book access in your community?

Explore with these questions:

- Why is book access important for your community?
- Where have you had access to books?
- Why does book access matter to you?

Talk to people who have different perspectives: librarians, teachers, booksellers, parents, and other young people. Look around your community to find places where people can get books—then go talk to them to learn more! Check out book banks, independent bookstores, or groups that help people learn to read.

Search for information about your state, community, or neighborhood. Start with some of these resources:

Book Desert map: unitebooks.com/book-deserts/the-book-desert-map

Reading is Fundamental: rif.org/why-reading-matters



Tip #2: Set your service project goals and figure out how they meet a community need.

Does your community already have a lot of Little Free Libraries? (Use our [free mobile app](#) or [world map](#) to check.) Your project could focus on sustaining those Little Free Libraries instead of building a new one. The most common needs are:

- Coordinating book drives to support Little Free Libraries
- Stocking Little Free Libraries with books in good condition
- Repairing wear-and-tear on Little Free Libraries
- Weatherproofing Little Free Libraries to protect books from snow and rain

If your community needs more book access, think about places where you can add a Little Free Library that will be easy for people to find.

Tip #3: Find someone who can support your project.

It's helpful to have a friend who can help you stick to your goals. Do you have someone you trust who you can talk to about your project and check in with from time to time? This person can be your accountability buddy to keep you on track.

Tip #4: Make a plan for sustainability.

How will you keep the positive impact going?

If you are doing a book drive: Could this be an annual community book drive? Is there a community group who could continue the book drive after you have completed your project?

If you are starting a Little Free Library: People keep coming back to a Little Free Library that is cared-for and well-stocked. Once you complete your project, who will take care of your Little Free Library? Identify a person or community organization that will be the long-term caretaker (steward) of the Little Free Library.