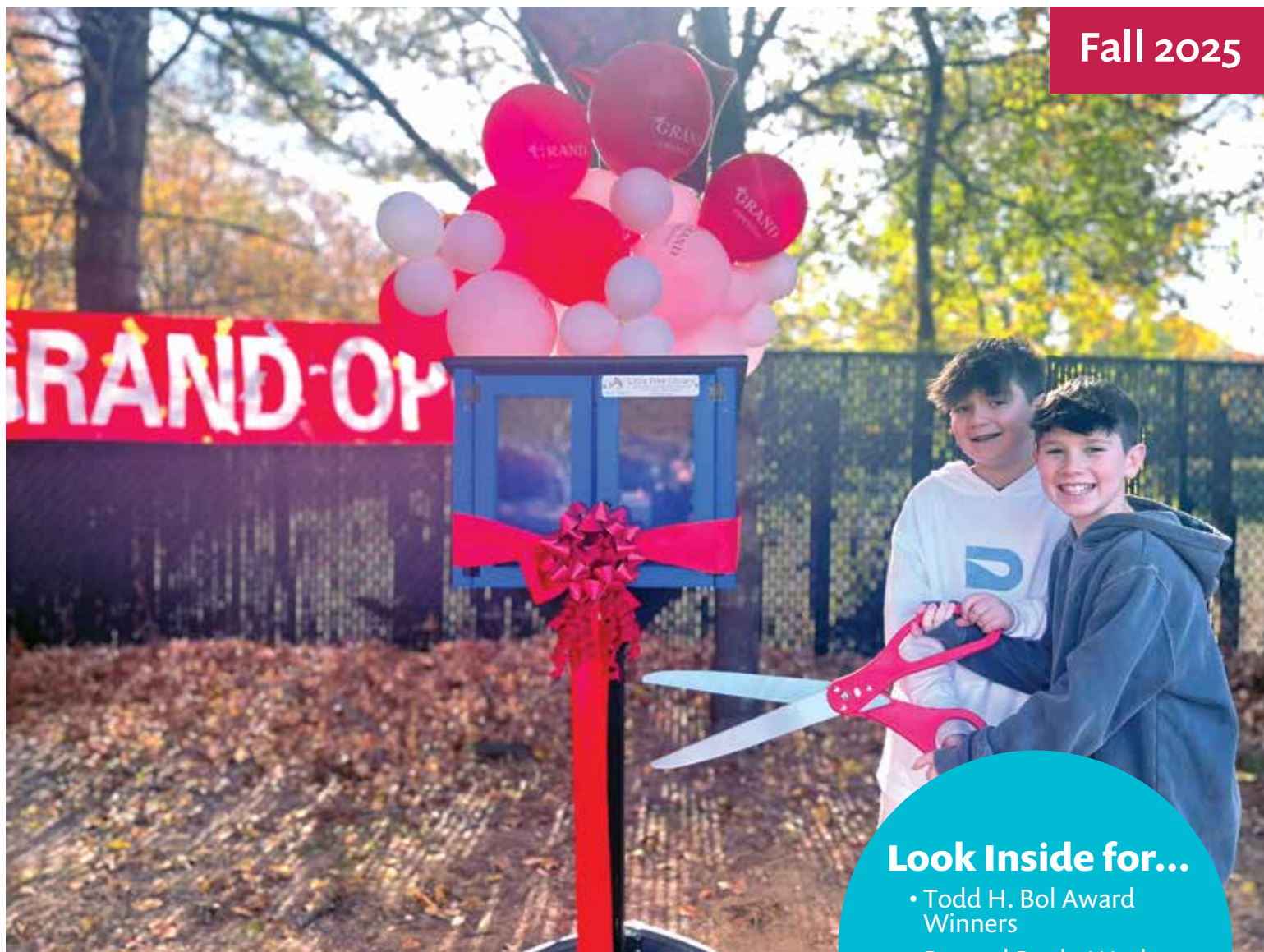




**Little Free Library®**  
Take a Book. Share a Book.

# Little Free Library® News

Fall 2025



## Look Inside for...

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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.

## Little Free Library Week 2025



The third annual Little Free Library Week took place May 11-17, 2025! Stewards and volunteers attended meet-ups, LFL fans shared photos of their favorite book-sharing boxes

on social media, the winners of the 2025 Todd H. Bol Awards for Outstanding Achievement were announced, and everyone played Little Free Library BINGO. We can't wait to do it all again next year! Stay up-to-date by signing up to receive email updates here: [lflib.org/newsletter-signup](https://lflib.org/newsletter-signup).

## Introducing the Booksellers Directory

We're big fans of independent bookstores! Connecting Little Free Library stewards to their local bookstores is one of our goals for creating sustainable, long-term book access ecosystems.



That's why we've developed a directory of LFL-Friendly Booksellers to help connect Little Free Library stewards to their local bookstores, encouraging them to shop local and to deepen relationships within their communities.

This directory is accessible by logging into your steward account in the web portal or mobile app. You can search the map to see if there are any participating bookstores near you! Bookstores offer a variety of resources, from hosting steward events to donating surplus books to stewards and offering steward-only discounts.

Learn more at [lflib.org/introducing-booksellers-directory](https://lflib.org/introducing-booksellers-directory).

## A Letter from Our Executive Director & CEO

I am grateful to have the opportunity to lead Little Free Library, an organization that makes a tremendous impact and is so deeply beloved. When I'm out in the community and people learn that I'm the new CEO, I hear over and over, "Oh, I love Little Free Library!"

In my first 90 days I will be focused on listening to and learning from the community that brings our mission to life. My goal is to understand our opportunities and challenges, to better shape the future of Little Free Library. In the coming months, I look forward to sharing what I've learned and our vision for expanding access and impact.

My commitment to Little Free Library's mission began long before taking on this new role. For more than a decade I have been a passionate advocate for creating systems that support literacy for children experiencing homelessness. I've personally witnessed the profound impact that increased access to books and adults reading with children can have on the lives of children and their families. It's this firsthand understanding of our mission's power that fuels my commitment to nurturing and expanding Little Free Library's reach. Together, we can ensure that the magic of book-sharing continues to enrich lives and build stronger communities, one little library at a time. I'm excited to embark on this next chapter with all of you.

Best,



**Little Free Library®**

Daniel Gumnit  
Executive Director & CEO

## Save the Date: Banned Books Week

Expanding access to books is at the heart of our mission. The rise of book bans in America goes against our organization's core values. That's why we're preparing for Banned Books Week October 5-11, 2025! Learn more at [lflib.org/bbw](https://lflib.org/bbw). Here's how you can get involved:



- **Share a banned book in a Little Free Library.** Snap a photo, and post it on social media with #bannedbooksweek. Don't forget to tag Little Free Library!
- **Download the LFL mobile app.** If you are a steward who shares banned books, turn on the Banned Books tag for your library. If you are a patron, filter your search by the Banned Books tag to find book-sharing boxes near you that champion this issue.
- **Check out our book ban map!** This map shows the areas hardest hit by book bans and corresponding Little Free Library locations. Use the map to take action and share banned books in little libraries: [lflib.org/book-ban-map](https://lflib.org/book-ban-map).
- **Promote the Books Unbanned Library Card.** Books Unbanned provides free access to eBooks and audiobooks for teens nationwide, supporting their right to read what they like and form their own opinions. Learn more and download materials for your library at [booksunbanned.com](https://booksunbanned.com).





## Read in Color®

**We are thrilled to introduce the Fall 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:

- **Hopeful Heartbreakers** (Arlington, TX) is committed to promoting literacy and increasing access to diverse books for underserved youth.
- **Renaissance West Community Initiative** (Charlotte, NC) is a place-based cradle-to-career community located on Charlotte's west side.
- **Peaslee Neighborhood Center** (Cincinnati, OH) is a community hub in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood that emphasizes participatory education.

## Your Support Matters

According to a recent study, **92% of children have access to more books because there is a Little Free Library** in their community ([lflib.org/study-influence-children-reading](https://lflib.org/study-influence-children-reading)).

Because of Little Free Libraries, children read more. Help us get book-sharing boxes into more communities and more books into the hands of children: donate today!



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## 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 Adrienne T. in Knoxville, TN, who says, "Lonsdale Elementary is a Title One school with a large population of Latina and African American families. Many of our student families are ELL population. These little libraries serve our students as well as their families. They are very important to us as there is not a public library [within] walking distance of Lonsdale, and most families do not have transportation."



## Indigenous Library Program

In Native American and First Nations communities, book access can be 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).

Steward Julie W. in Dundas, Ontario, Canada, said, "I have been so blessed since welcoming the Little Free Indigenous Library grant award. The gift of books, the sharing of literature to nurture minds, new friendships and now a community hangout to name just a few. With sweet grass, smudging sage and wild strawberries planted around the base of the LFIL to welcome all that arrive. A bright and cozy little corner of our neighbourhood was created thanks to so many."



## Library of Distinction: Hampton, NH

What a TREEat! We're featuring Little Free Library #7874 in Hampton, NH, as our Library of Distinction.

The library's description on our world map says, "Leif, our resident fairy lives in this magical book tree. He and his friends love sharing their favorite books, bookmarks, games, and seasonal activities. And yes, even in our crazy NH weather (rain, snow, wind) the books stay dry. Engineering or magic?"

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**Front cover:** Ethan and Jackson Levenstien, winners of a 2025 Todd H. Bol Award for Outstanding Achievement



## Introducing the 2025 Todd H. Bol Award Winners!



Little Free Library's late founder, Todd H. Bol, believed strongly in the power of individuals (and especially Little Free Library stewards) to change the world through acts of kindness.

That's why each year we present the Todd H. Bol Awards for Outstanding Achievement to deserving stewards. Meet this year's winners, and learn more about them at [lflib.org/todd-h-bol-awards](https://lflib.org/todd-h-bol-awards).



**Irene Barton and Cobb Collaborative**  
Smyrna, Georgia



**Kristen Berthiaume**  
Homewood, Alabama



**Katie Frazier**  
Warwick, Rhode Island



**Ethan and Jackson Levenstien**  
Dix Hills, New York



**Reyna Macias**  
East Los Angeles, California



**Madison Reading Project**  
Madison, Wisconsin

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