



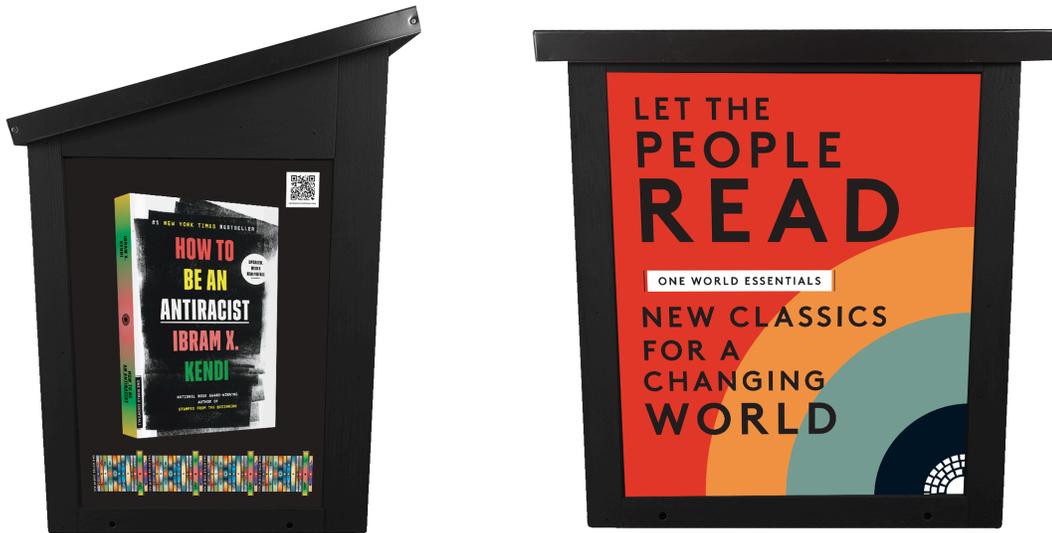
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**Little Free Library and One World Partner to Launch ‘One World Essentials’ Book-Sharing Boxes Nationwide**

***12 custom Little Free Libraries honor authors from Ibram X. Kendi to Trevor Noah***



*Side and back views of a One World Essentials library recognizing Ibram X. Kendi*

**ST. PAUL, MN** – In honor of *One World Essentials*—a landmark publishing program celebrating groundbreaking books that help readers understand and shape our changing world—**Little Free Library®** and **One World**, an imprint of Random House, have announced a new national partnership to bring stories of justice, identity, and hope directly into communities across the United States.

Through this collaboration, Little Free Library and One World will install **12 custom-designed Little Free Library book-sharing boxes**, each inspired by a title from the *One World Essentials* collection and placed in a community with meaningful ties to the book and/or its author. These libraries serve as both a celebration of visionary thinkers and a lasting resource for free access to powerful, conversation-shaping literature.

“Books are the essential medium for immersing ourselves in the kinds of art and ideas that can change communities, cultures, and, most importantly, our own private minds and hearts,” said **Chris Jackson, One World EVP, Publisher, and Editor-in-Chief**. “The books in this series are not just about thinking, but rethinking, not just observing, but getting close, not just catharsis but movement to action. Most of all, they’re meant to be freely read and shared—and we’re excited to get them to more readers through this exciting partnership with Little Free Library.”

The *One World Essentials* authors include: **Ta-Nehisi Coates, Quiara Alegría Hudes, Dr. Mona Hanna, Cathy Park Hong, Valarie Kaur, Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, Heather McGhee, Wes Moore, Trevor Noah, Bryan Stevenson, Karla Cornejo Villavicencio, and Katharine K. Wilkinson and Ayana Johnson.**

“Books have the power to open minds, build empathy, and strengthen communities,” said **Daniel Gumnit, CEO of the Little Free Library nonprofit organization.** “By partnering with One World to share these essential works in places deeply connected to their stories and authors, we’re creating spaces where readers can engage with ideas that challenge, inspire, and help us imagine a more just and connected world.”

To mark the launch, Little Free Library and One World are offering **12 no-cost Little Free Library book-exchange packages** to book-lovers in select communities across the country via an application process.

### **Eligible Locations and Featured Titles**

Each custom Little Free Library corresponds to a specific book and location:

- **Montgomery, AL** – *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
- **Los Angeles, CA** – *See No Stranger* by Valarie Kaur
- **Oakland, CA** – *Minor Feelings* by Cathy Park Hong
- **Atlanta, GA** – *All We Can Save* by Katharine K. Wilkinson and Ayana Johnson
- **Baltimore, MD** – *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore
- **Baltimore, MD** – *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- **Flint, MI** – *What the Eyes Don't See* by Dr. Mona Hanna
- **Brooklyn, NY** – *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee
- **Manhattan, NY** – *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
- **Ossining, NY** – *The Undocumented Americans* by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio
- **Philadelphia, PA** – *My Broken Language* by Quiara Alegría Hudes
- **Washington, DC** – *How to Be an Antiracist* by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi

### **What Each Library Package Includes**

Each selected steward will receive a complete Little Free Library installation package, including:

- A **fully assembled, custom two-story Little Free Library**, painted black with custom panels uniquely inspired by a *One World Essentials* title
- A **standard Little Free Library charter sign**
- A **custom dedication sign** noting the Little Free Library was donated by One World on behalf of the author “for changing the world with words”

- A **wood post kit for outdoor installation** or a **set of legs for indoor installation** (determined upon confirmation)
- **25 brand-new books** from *One World Essentials*, provided by One World
- A **Little Free Library Steward's Guide** and ongoing support materials

If you are in one of the designated locations, you may apply for this opportunity by [filling out the entry form](#) by **February 15**. Together, Little Free Library and One World aim to spark dialogue, deepen understanding, and expand free access to essential books—one neighborhood at a time.

## **[APPLY TO RECEIVE A 'ONE WORLD ESSENTIALS' LITTLE FREE LIBRARY!](#)**

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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 200,000 registered Little Free Libraries worldwide in all 50 states, in 128 countries and on all 7 continents. 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. LFL is a member of the Banned Books Week Coalition, Unite Against Book Bans, the Right to Read Working Group, and the Diverse Books for All Coalition. Learn more at [LittleFreeLibrary.org](https://LittleFreeLibrary.org).

### **ABOUT ONE WORLD**

One World provides a home for authors—novelists, essayists, memoirists, poets, journalists, thinkers, activists, and creative artists unconstrained by genre—who challenge the status quo, subvert dominant narratives, and give us new language to understand our past, present, and future. Our writers represent voices from across the spectrum of humanity telling critical, universally important, and compelling stories about a changing world. One World is an imprint of the Random House Publishing Group, a division of Penguin Random House LLC. Learn more about our books at [randomhousebooks.com/imprint/one-world/](https://randomhousebooks.com/imprint/one-world/)