



Indigenous Library Program

Little Free Library®



Books in the hands of children improve literacy rates.

The more books in or near the home, the more likely a child will learn and love to read. In tribal communities, book access is a challenge, as most do not have their own public libraries. Little Free Library book exchanges are an impactful solution for easy book access.



“Those who grow up with books in the home tend to do better later in life ... We want the community to see themselves reflected in the books they read and those visiting to learn more about Indigenous American cultures.”

– Kaitlin Thompson
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation,
Onamia, Minnesota



Goals of the Indigenous Library Program

Little Free Library grants no-cost 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 important to improving literacy.

Through this program, Little Free Library aims to:

- Strengthen community
- Inspire readers
- Expand easy book access
- Support positive literacy outcomes
- Make Little Free Libraries available in high-need locations serving Indigenous Peoples



Get Involved with the Indigenous Library Program

Apply for an Indigenous Library Program Grant



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Do you live in an Indigenous community? Are you part of an organization that serves or works with Indigenous communities? We invite you to submit an Indigenous Library Program grant application. Grantees receive a Little Free Library, installation materials, and starter sets of diverse books!



Support the Indigenous Library Program

We actively seek funders and partnership opportunities to make the Indigenous Library Program an ongoing success. Contact us if you're interested in learning how to take part, become a partner, or provide financial support. If you'd like to help provide more little libraries to Indigenous communities, consider making a donation today. When

you give, you can specify on our online donation form that you would like your gift to support the Indigenous Library Program.



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