



Read in Color[®]

Little Free Library[®]



Everyone should be able to see themselves in the pages of a book. Little Free Library's Read in Color initiative distributes books that provide perspectives on racism and social justice, celebrate BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and other marginalized voices, and incorporate experiences from all identities for all readers.

By reading diverse books, we can increase understanding, empathy, and inclusion.

About Read in Color

Read in Color aims to amplify diverse voices at a grassroots, community level. The program has four key components:

- **Little Free Library installations.** We are establishing new Little Free Library book-sharing boxes filled with culturally relevant books in high-need communities, working in tandem with local partners. We have installed libraries in more than 30 cities nationwide with more to come.
- **Free diverse books.** When Read in Color launches in a city, Little Free Library stewards in the area can apply to receive shipments of diverse books at no cost, purchased from BIPOC-owned independent bookstores whenever possible.

Read in Color By the Numbers



30

Read in Color
Cities Launched



350+

Little Free Libraries
Granted

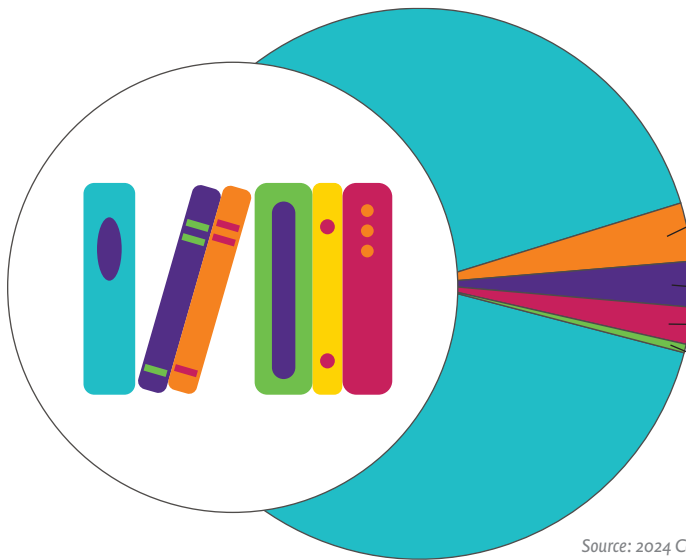


60,000+

Diverse Books
Shared

- **Recommended reading lists.** Our Diverse Books Advisory Group provides a list of multicultural books for children, adolescents, and adults representing Black, Indigenous, Latine, Asian American, Muslim, Jewish, LGBTQ+, and other communities.
- **Read in Color pledge.** Everyone can sign a pledge indicating their commitment to read and share diverse books. Participants have the option to showcase their commitment on our Pledge Wall and have access to special Read in Color resources. Visit LittleFreeLibrary.org/programs/read-in-color/.





Did you know?

In children's literature, only...

13% of books feature at least one primary character who is Black

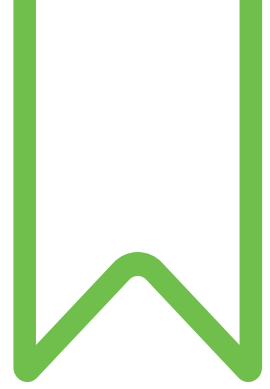
11% are Asian

6% are Latine

2% are Indigenous

You can help get diverse books into kids' hands with a donation!

Source: 2024 Cooperative Children's Book Center Diversity Statistics Overview: Race/Ethnicity



“When children read inclusive books, seeds are planted in their minds, hearts, and souls—seeds of awareness, self-esteem, and connection. If enough such seeds are sown, they will blossom into a society that is far more just and equitable than we’ve ever experienced. Reading in Color is not just fancy for our children’s entertainment. It is necessary for our collective survival.”

—Tameka Fryer Brown, author of *Brown Baby Lullaby* and contributor at The Brown Bookshelf

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Your gift to Little Free Library will be immediately put to use to provide Little Free Libraries where they’re needed most and expand programs like Read in Color. Donate today!



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