



Make It Official: Join The Network!

Our Mission

- To promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide.
- To build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations.
- To build more than 2,510 libraries around the world--more than Andrew Carnegie!

How to Become an Official Little Free Library Steward

Congratulations, you have taken the first step and are on your way to sharing books with your community! The next step is to make it official and join the Little Free Library global network. Register via the Make It Official page of our website (www.littlefreelibrary.org) to receive an official charter sign for your Library and a Steward's Packet of support materials for yourself! When you make it official, not only will you receive a getting started guide full of tips and tricks, but you will also gain access to ongoing support from the Little Free Library team, special pricing on merchandise and new Library models as well as the opportunity to list your Library on the world map!

Roles and Responsibilities

The primary role of a Steward is to care for a Little Free Library so that it becomes and continues a long life as a vital, engaging resource for the neighborhood or community. Stewards are the key local contacts for each Library—for users, donors, the Little Free Library movement and support system. It is not the Steward's responsibility to keep the Library full at all times. Instead, the goal is to welcome participation, create and maintain a friendly place in and around the Library, and encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to share responsibility for it. We encourage you, as an LFL Steward, to:

- Stay up to date on Little Free Library activities, resources and initiatives. Be aware of opportunities to promote reading and literacy. Participate on behalf of your Library users whenever you can, or find others who will.
- Protect the integrity of the Library itself, its contents and the overall reputation of the Little Free Library movement.
- Make sure your Library is orderly, in good repair, fun and interesting. Communicate with your neighbors and other Library users to get advice and ideas. Stay in touch with other Stewards.
- Be available to speak with local media to help positively promote the exciting Little Free Library movement!
- Keep Little Free Library informed about how things are going via our Facebook page.

Understandings and Assumptions

In a very real sense, Stewards are like the parents of their Libraries. If you built it, bought it, decorated it, use it or sponsored it, you treasure it. We know from experience that the most successful Little Free Libraries have Stewards who have actively engaged their neighbors and communities in nurturing and developing their LFL.

What's more, the most effective way to avoid any potentially negative acts toward the library is to have many eyes and ears watching over the care of this special asset to the neighborhood.

Benefits

LFL Stewards are key to the success of the Little Free Library concept. Without you, they are just cute little structures! With your active enthusiasm and engagement, they can become a real asset to not only your neighborhood, but can also bring you new opportunities to connect with people that may share your interests (particularly your love of books), and can provide a fulfilling experience. We are partners with you and will support you with ongoing information and helpful resources and other useful benefits.