



Welcome to Brownie Troop #1441's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Yorkville's Very First Little Free Library

Monday, March 7, 2016 at 5 pm
Yorkville Park and Recreation Building
201 W Hydraulic St, Yorkville, IL 60560

Inspired by their need for a Take Action Project as part of their Brownie Quest Journey, Troop 1441 felt that a Little Free Library would benefit the community for many years to come. After many months of hard work, and with the help and guidance of the Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department, we proudly dedicate this library to the Community of Yorkville to be enjoyed by one and all!

What is a Little Free Library? In its most basic form, a **Little Free Library** is a box full of books where anyone can stop by and pick up or drop off a book (or two). Make it waterproof and mount it on a post by the curb and you've got yourself a miniature library that will attract neighbors and strangers alike. Although the concept has been around for ages, the actual "little free library" movement began with a replica of a one-room schoolhouse built by Todd Bol in Hudson, Wisconsin, in 2009, as a tribute to his mother, a former school teacher. He put it on a post in his front yard, filled it with books, and added a sign that said FREE BOOKS. His friends and neighbors loved it so much that he built several more and gave them away. The idea spread like wildfire until it has now become a worldwide movement. Todd Bol later founded www.littlefreelibrary.org, a non-profit organization with a website where you can register your library for a small fee and they will include it on their world map. As of January, 2016, the organization reports that over 36,000 libraries have been registered in all 50 states and over 70 countries, with literally thousands of new applications pouring in every month. Dedicated to promoting literacy, they also sell ready-made libraries and do-it-yourself-kits and accessories, and currently report an annual budget of over 2 Million Dollars.

How it Works. In keeping with the spirit of the little free library movement that is sweeping the world, this Library is **FREE** and can be used by **ANYONE**—neighbors, friends, and people we don't even know yet!

- **Take a book.** If you see something you would like to read, take it!
- **Share it.** Return it here, to any little library, or pass it on to a friend.
- **Leave a book.** Donate one or two of your favorite books for others to read.
- **Leave a note** inside the books you read, return, share, or donate. Let the next person know who gave it, how well you liked it, and where it's been!
- **Come back again! Tell a friend!**