



# Little Free Library 2016 Program Initiatives

Helping motivate readers and  
strengthen neighborhoods

## Community and Reading Motivation Programs

These programs expand the impact of physical book exchanges with purposeful activities that increase neighborliness and encourage reading habits. While these activities are appropriate for any Little Free Library location, these programs particularly serve those communities that wish to strengthen communication and literacy.

- **Kids, Community, and Cops**

This program works to connect police departments with the people they serve, strengthening relationships and building community. An event in which cops build Library kits together with people from their neighborhoods provides a powerful unifying experience for everyone. Situating finished Libraries near police stations and populating them with books that encourage understanding and provide a source of continuous positive interaction.



- **Small Towns**

There are 11,000 small towns across the U.S. that have no public library. The Small Towns program endeavors to place a Little Free Library in each of them.

- **Storybook Barbershops**

In collaboration with the Dubuque, Iowa barber Courtney Holmes, who made news for giving free haircuts to children who read him stories out loud, this program expands the practice to barber shops nationwide. This initiative focuses on books aimed at beginning readers who are encouraged by reading to appreciative adults and peers.

## Literacy-Friendly Neighborhoods

Little Free Library book exchanges can stimulate one-on-one connections and provide the books needed to motivate readers young and old. This program encourages individual Little Free Library stewards to proactively engage their family members, friends, neighbors, and community around reading and book-sharing with an aim at strengthening neighborhoods and improving literacy. *(Over)*

