

## Little Free Libraries Around the World

Little Free Libraries are a global phenomenon. The small, front-yard book exchanges number more than 100,000 around the world in over 100 countries — from Italy to Brazil to Japan. Now, a new Little Free Library on Matilda St. in West Mayfield will join the movement to share books, bring people together and create communities of readers.

Little Free Library® (LFL) is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community and improves book access by fostering neighborhood book-exchange boxes around the world. LFL received the 2020 World Literacy Award and has been recognized by the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation and others for its dedication to expanding book access for all.

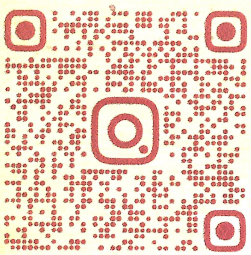
To find other Little Free Libraries near you, visit <https://littelfreeibrary.org/ourmap/>.



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Just a Little Free Library trying to make the world a better place one chapter at a time.



Located on Matilda St. in West Mayfield, Beaver County, PA, the library is walking distance for most borough residents and only a short drive from Geneva College, Chippewa Twp, Beaver Falls, Patterson and Eastvale.

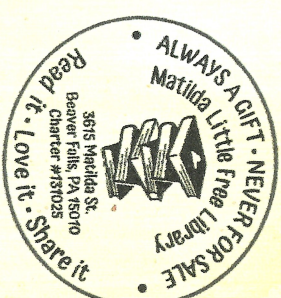
The library is on level ground, on a quiet residential road and sits directly under a street lamp at nights. Feel free to stop by anytime on foot or by vehicle to see the selection or drop off a book!



Matilda Little Free Library

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## Matilda Little Free Library



**What is a Little Free Library?  
How do I use it?**

Take a Book...  
Share a Book



## How Does This Library Work?

This **Little Free Library (LFL)** is a **free book exchange** and offers a way to share good things to read—favorite books from your childhood or books you would recommend to friends: books that teach, intrigue and engage you. All of us can help by keeping this collection stocked with good reading material.

**Who can use this library?** Anyone can use it—neighbors, friends, and people we don't even know yet.

**Take a book.** If you see something you'd like to read, take it. You don't have to give a book at the same time as you take one. Some will drop off donations only, and we need readers to take books to make room for those new donations. It truly is about give and take on a community level!

**Share a book.** After you've read it, share it in any Little Free Library box, bring it back here, or pass it on to a friend.

**What Days or Times Can I Use this Library?** 24/7! It will always be open unless it is undergoing any type of maintenance or repair. A sign will be posted if that should happen.

**What Age Groups or Genres are in this Library?** All ages and as many genres as possible! (Steward has the right to remove any materials deemed offensive or inappropriate.) Please keep in mind children use this library, so no pornographic or visibly explicit materials will be accepted.

**Where can I Drop off Donations?** Donations can be placed directly in the Library if there is room. If not, please feel free to set them on the front porch towards the back out of possible weather. Don't have any books to donate but still want to help? Please visit the [Amazon Wish List under Matilda Little Free Library](#) for books that can be purchased and delivered directly to me to place in the library.

## What Makes this Library Special?

It's Not Exactly "Little"... Most LFLs are a single box with one or two shelves. I really struggled with being limited to just a few books at a time. There are SO MANY good ones to share! After finding an outdoor gardening shed kit that could be converted and a local carpenter to make the customizations, we now have a Not-So-Little Free Library with lots of room!

**There's a Bench!** A place to rest, read to a child, browse through some book descriptions or even just set things down for a minute, it's there for everyone to use and enjoy.

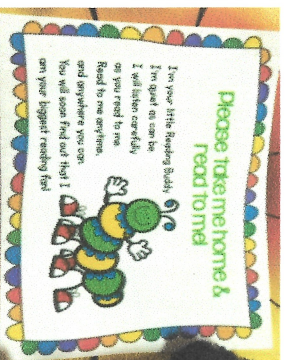


**Dog Lovers** Out for a walk with your furry friend? Stop by for a free Dog Treat. There is even a special "Dog Hitch" to safely hook your leash while you browse!

**Fun for the Kids!** While some gladly jump into reading because it comes naturally to them, others may need a little encouragement. That's where the fun little extras come in... free bookmarks, stickers and especially the Reading Buddies will hopefully help make coming to the library a happy experience for them, and they'll want to visit more often.

**What is a Reading Buddy?** A quiet friend (stuffed animal) who loves to hear someone read to them. If you'd like to donate a Reading Buddy, please do so through our Amazon Wish List. This allows me to ensure all buddies are new, paired with a card and sealed in a bag before being placed in the library.

**New Reading Buddies** will be announced on the Instagram & Facebook pages so be sure to follow!



**Harry Potter Theme.** If you've read or watched the Harry Potter series, you'll recognize the little touches... the Alohomora sticker (the Unlocking Charm) near the door handle, the four Hogwarts House Crests on the bench, the Hogwarts Express train design on the side, and of course, Hedwig the owl, by the Owl Post mailbox waiting to deliver your messages to me. Even the colors of the

cabinet and bench were chosen based on Gryffindor's house colors. Although, I'm a Ravenclaw myself.

**Why Harry Potter?** It's a magical world! A castle where food magically appears in feasts, kids board with other kids like themselves they can ride flying brooms & learn spells! And they... Struggle with not fitting in or coming from a family with lesser resources, worry about grades, bullying, finding out who they really are, finding courage, and yes, they face evil. Kids today deal with all of this except without magical food, flying broomsticks and spells. It's an incredible fantasy world based on real-world challenges. Yet, some sought to censor these books, to make the choice for others that they could not read them. Which leads me to a more serious note....



**Banned Books, Diversity & Inclusivity.** The Harry Potter books were banned or challenged by some schools due to its focus on wizardry and magic. My LFL will include these books as well as any other banned books that I can acquire. **My Library supports Diversity, Equality and Social Justice.** I have signed the Read in Color® pledge on [littlefreelibrary.org](#) as my commitment to reading and sharing diverse books. I believe in the freedom to read, to let a child use their imagination, and to share books that provide a Mirror or Window for someone to see themselves or to see someone else's perspective.

**We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided."**

-Albus Dumbledore, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

**Drop Me a Note!** Inside the library are Comment Cards to leave me a note or request a particular book or genre. I have a LOT more books in my home, so please ask if you are looking for one. If I don't have it, I will try to find it. The comment cards can be dropped into the locked mailbox on the side of the library. Hedwig will be sure to get it to me!

