Little Free Library Initiative

Together with the Educational Service Center of Lorain County (ESC), Lorain County JVS, public library systems, youth-serving nonprofit organizations, and other interested community entities, The Stocker Foundation will implement the Little Free Library Initiative. This special project is intended to promote reading literacy, a love of reading and to provide books to share at various locations across Lorain County where access is a challenge.

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Greg and Melanie are busy implementing the project. Little Free Libraries are being constructed by JVS students, under the supervision of Ron Gresco, for their adopting stewards to monitor and communicate any needs back to the ESC.

This is How the Process Works:

1. Lorain County JVS is constructing and installing 25+ Little Free Libraries throughout Lorain County. Styles will vary depending upon location.

2. Melanie Wilson is contacting local schools, libraries, scout troops, Lorain County Metro Park, various youth serving nonprofit organizations, and businesses to recruit as Stewards for each Little Free Library.

3. To date, 750 Books have been acquired for the Libraries (30 per Library). It is our hope to provide each Steward with a total of 50 books for Year One of the Initiative.

   Little Free Libraries can house books for readers of all ages. However for this initiative, the bulk of books will be geared toward children, Pre-K through 3rd grade.

4. Under the guidance of the ESC, all participating entities/Stewards will work together to build interest and community awareness.

5. Year One of the Initiative will parallel the 2013-14 school year.

How to Become a Steward:

Contact Melanie Wilson via email or phone to let her know you are interested in becoming a Little Free Library Steward.

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It is our goal to have a Little Free Library located in every community throughout Lorain County. With that said, not everyone will be awarded a Little Free Library due to the limited number of Libraries available.

Locations that need a Steward:

Amherst    Lagrange
Avon Lake  N. Ridgeville
Brighton    Penfield
Brownhelm  Pittsfield
Camden      Rochester
Carlisle    S. Amherst
Columbia    Sheffield
Eaton       Sheffield Lake
Grafton     Vermilion
Henrietta   Wellington
Huntington

If you know a business, non-profit or individual in any of these communities who may be interested in becoming a part of the Little Free Library Initiative please forward this entire email to them!

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