





Four Benefits of Book-Sharing Programs

- **1. Supporting Literacy:** Little Free Library book-sharing boxes improve book access and thus help tackle low literacy rates. By providing books all year 'round, they can mitigate the “summer slide” where kids’ reading skills slip. And 24-hour availability makes it possible for kids and working parents to share books at times that are convenient.
- **2. Demonstrating a Reading Lifestyle:** A book-sharing box populated with books for all ages on a variety of subjects will attract patrons from different parts of the community. Participation by such a range of users, from little kids to seniors, shows budding readers the value our culture places on books and encourages good reading habits.
- **3. Forging Partnerships with Parents:** When schools, libraries and parents work together, the outcomes can be powerful. Parents can be important advocates, and they can play a critical role in the funding, implementation, and maintenance of a Little Free Library book-sharing network, whether it be for a school, a library or an entire system.
- **4. Establishing New Avenues of Community Service:** Libraries and schools have established Little Free Library book-sharing boxes beyond their properties as a way to engage with their communities. Volunteers, service groups, and students can assemble kits and maintain book supplies for locations where books are few. A Little Free Library program can attract new partnerships with community groups and demonstrate a heightened commitment to the neighborhoods served.