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Little Free Library Wins Gold Anthem Award for Granting 200 Little Free Libraries and 40,000 Books to Title I Schools

The project was created to honor LFL's milestone of reaching 200,000 Little Free Libraries worldwide

St. Paul, MN (November 18, 2025) – The Little Free Library® (LFL) nonprofit organization is thrilled to announce that it is a 2025 Anthem Award Gold Winner. This award recognizes LFL for granting 200 Little Free Library book-sharing boxes and 40,000 books to Title I schools across the country—the largest grant in LFL's history—honoring the organization's milestone of reaching 200,000 Little Free Libraries worldwide.

Their submission "Celebrating 200,000 Little Free Libraries with Gift of Reading for Title I Schools" is a Gold Winner in the category *Education, Art & Culture: Community Space.* The project was sponsored in part by Penguin Random House, who provided a curated list of diverse books for each library—40,000 books in total; Books Unbanned (Brooklyn Public Library and The Seattle Public Library); and Mortenson. The libraries were granted through LFL's Impact Library Program, which provides Little Free Libraries and book support to underserved communities.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support of our sponsors and the Little Free Library community that made this project possible," said LFL Executive Director and CEO Daniel Gumnit. "Seeing the students' faces at the 200 recipient schools gives us hope that a love of reading will grow in every community we reach, and that together we can make book access more equitable for all."

The Anthem Awards celebrate the impactful, mission-driven work of people, companies, and nonprofit organizations worldwide. It is the largest and most comprehensive social impact award.

"This has been a challenging year for the impact sector, but the Winners of the 5th Annual Anthem Awards have shown their resilience and continued commitment to a better tomorrow," said Anthem Awards General Manager, Patricia McLoughlin. "This year's winners are a source of hope, and I am excited to celebrate their work with the world today."

Anthem Winners are selected by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences. Judges for the 5th Annual Anthem Awards include Nancy Brown, Chief Executive Officer, American Heart Association; Anjelika Lours' Kour, Creative Director & Managing Partner, DD.NYC®; Miguel Castro, Head of Global Media Partnerships, Gates Foundation; Belén Frau, Global Communication & Positioning Manager, IKEA; Heather Malenshek, SVP & Chief Marketing Officer, Land

O'Lakes, Inc.; Singleton Beato, Global EVP, Chief DEI Officer, McCann Worldgroup; Trovon Williams, Sr. Vice President of Marketing & Communications, NAACP; Lauren Garcimonde-Fisher, Vice President of Brand, Planned Parenthood; Roma McCaig, Chief Public Affairs and Impact Officer, REI Co-op; Brett Peters, Global Lead, TikTok for Good, TikTok; and Michelle Waring, Steward for Sustainability and Everyday Good, Tom's of Maine, among others.

ABOUT LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Little Free Library® (LFL) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that builds community, inspires readers and expands book access for all through a global network of volunteer-led Little Free Library book-sharing boxes. There are more than 200,000 registered Little Free Libraries worldwide in all 50 states, in 128 countries and on all 7 continents. LFL received the 2020 World Literacy Award as well as honors from the Library of Congress, National Book Foundation and others. The organization grants Little Free Libraries full of books to underserved areas through its Impact Library and Indigenous Library programs and champions diverse books through its Read in Color initiative. LFL is a member of the Banned Books Week Coalition, Unite Against Book Bans, the Right to Read Working Group, and the Diverse Books for All Coalition. Learn more at LittleFreeLibrary.org.

ABOUT THE ANTHEM AWARDS

Launched in 2021 by The Webby Awards, The Anthem Awards honors the purpose & mission-driven work of people, companies and organizations worldwide. By amplifying the voices that spark global change, we're defining a new benchmark for impactful work that inspires others to take action in their own communities. The Anthem Awards honors work across seven core causes: Diversity; Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging; Education; Art & Culture; Health; Human & Civil Rights; Humanitarian Action & Services; Responsible Technology; and Sustainability, Environment & Climate. This season's sponsors and partners include AARP, Virgin Hotels NYC, The Bloom, The Social Innovation Summit, Sustainable Brands, NationSwell, and TheFutureParty. The Anthem Awards were founded in partnership with the Ad Council, Born This Way Foundation, Feeding America, Glaad, Mozilla, NAACP, NRDC, WWF, and XQ.

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IMAGES

Students at Benjamin E. Mays IB World School, the recipient of the 200,000th Little Free Library—which had a special design and was the first of 200 Little Free Libraries granted to celebrate the milestone.

Students at Watauga Elementary School in Watauga, Texas, with one of the 200 Little Free Libraries granted nationwide

Little Free Library, students, and teacher at West Morgan Elementary School in Trinity, Alabama