

Little Free Libraries Installed in Parks



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Little Free Libraries

Great Falls, Montana – Great Falls Public Library Director Kathy Mora announces that all nine of the Little Free Libraries have found homes in Great Falls parks.

Little Free Libraries are “take a book, return a book” gathering places where neighbors share books and stories. At its most basic, a little free library is a structure, or a box, that holds books, and is placed in a public area where community members can borrow a book and replace it with another. This program has gained much popularity nationwide.

The first of the libraries was installed the second week of May; the remaining eight were installed in other Great Falls parks over the last few weeks in July.

The Great Falls Public Library worked in partnership with Great Falls’ Neighborhood Councils, the Park and Recreation Dept., volunteers, and the three Great Falls high schools. The project was funded by a grant from NeighborhoodWorks Great Falls and funds from the Friends of the Great Falls Public Library.

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All nine libraries were built by a volunteer who is a member of the Park Advisory Board. Along with purchasing building materials, he also solicited donations of materials from local businesses. He painted three of the structures and students from the three Great Falls high schools painted the remaining six.

Neighborhood Councils determined which parks would house the libraries and the locations within those parks for installation. The Park and Recreation Dept. handled installation of the structures. Library staff stocks them with donation books that were not added to the library's collection. Each library has a designated steward from the neighborhood it resides in.

Community members are enthusiastic about the project. In fact, since the installation of the first Little Free Library in Russell Park, a community member told Mora how she brings her wheelchair bound father to the park regularly where she reads to him from a particular book. Rather than take it home, exchanging it for another book, they prefer their reading outings to the park, a perfect community experience.

Following are the locations of the nine Little Free Libraries.

Neighborhood Council #1

Meadowlark Park

2801 Fox Farm Road

Neighborhood Council #2

Rhodes Park

812 Central Avenue West

Neighborhood Council #3

Jaycee Park

225 23rd Avenue Northeast

Neighborhood Council #4

Heren Park

4415 4th Avenue North

Neighborhood Council #5

Russell Park

3333 17th Ave South

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Neighborhood Council #6

Sunnyside Park

1412 High Street

Neighborhood Council #7

Carter Park

611 3rd Street South

Neighborhood Council #8

North Kiwanis

509 23rd Street North

Neighborhood Council #9

Lion's Park

2701 10th Avenue South

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