



## The Friends of the Richardson Public Library

### NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –

#### ***Friends of the Richardson Public Library Offers Free Little Free Library Kits***

**Richardson, Texas, July 23, 2014** – The Friends of the Richardson Public Library (FOL) announced today that they have created a *Little Free Library*® Sponsorship Program, in which the FOL will donate at no cost kits to build small “libraries” for use in Richardson neighbourhoods.

The Little Free Libraries are small weather-proof boxes often mounted on poles or stands in neighborhoods. They hold a small collection of books which are available on a free “take a book, return a book” basis. These “libraries” often become a neighborhood magnet as a place for residents to meet, talk, and get a good read.

These libraries are a world-wide phenomenon. By January of 2014, the total number of registered Little Free Libraries in the world was estimated by LittleFreeLibrary.org to be nearly 15,000, with thousands more being built.

This FOL sponsored program is open to neighbourhood associations and homeowner associations in the City of Richardson, with a limit to one sponsored kit for each association. Please see the Terms & Conditions, program description, and online application at the FOL’s website, [www.richardsonfol.org](http://www.richardsonfol.org).

#### ***About the Friends of the Richardson Public Library***

The Friends of the Richardson Public Library, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, is a service organization dedicated to the mission of helping the Richardson Public Library and its staff be a critical educational and cultural resource for the City and its broader service area. The FOL accomplishes its mission both through direct gifts to the Library and through service-focused activities. These gifts and services enable the Library to go “over and above” its budget to be able to deliver superior services to the residents of the

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City of Richardson, the Richardson Independent School District, and the Library's multi-county service area.

The FOL "recycles" tens of thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, and other material each year, raising thousands of dollars for the Library while keeping valuable printed and electronic media out of the landfill. The FOL participates in or partially funds community activities, such as the Wildflower! Festival, Trash Bash, the annual Christmas Parade and Santa's Village. The FOL also supports staff-focused activities such as sponsoring lunches, attendance at book-related events, and an annual college scholarship for a teen volunteer.

### ***Little Free Library***

Little Free Library is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization whose mission is to promote a sense of community, reading for children, literacy for adults and libraries around the world.

Little Free Libraries themselves are hand-crafted structures that contain constantly changing collections of books donated and shared by people of all ages and backgrounds.

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