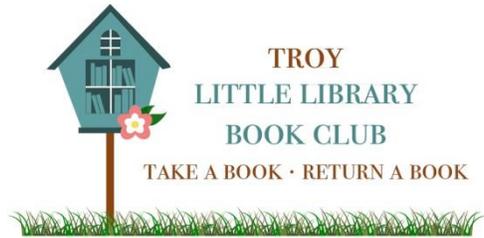


## Hill/Larson/Athens Neighborhood Mini Libraries Promote Literacy and Community



Dear school staff and neighbors,

You may have noticed little libraries in our neighborhood.

There are six libraries in our one-square mile. We invite you to join our closed Facebook group (**TROY LITTLE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB**) so you can learn all about these libraries and events connected to them. The little library project was a cooperative, community effort in its truest sense.

### **So, just how do these little libraries work?**

Our network of neighborhood libraries offer a way to share good things to read—favorite books from your childhood or books you would recommend to friends; books that teach, intrigue and engage us (young *and* old *and* the in-between). All of us can help by keeping these book collections stocked with good reading materials.

**Take a book.** If you see something you would like to read, take it.

**Leave a book.** Leave notes in books. Be a friend to all the libraries.

**Return a book.** You do not need to leave a borrowed book at the same library you picked it up at. In fact, we are counting on you to help us rotate the book stock. Pay it forward. Teachers and parents—please explain the sharing aspect of the libraries. The libraries will only have books as long as everyone shares. If everyone only takes books, there won't be any left to share.

Some of our libraries have journals for you to leave messages and book recommendations. Please do not take these home. We are sad that we lost a couple.

### **Whose libraries are these, anyway?**

These libraries belong to everyone—neighbors, friends, school staff, and people we don't even know yet. Anyone can use them and we hope everyone will help us take care of them. Most libraries have books for children *and* adults (the one at Hill is just for kids).

These libraries are an investment in our neighborhood. Please enjoy and help us take care of them. We are thrilled to be a part of a community that is excited about books! Don't forget to join our Facebook page. It is the best way to find out about locations and great activities. You can also share book reviews/recommendations. Tell your neighbors about the libraries and our Facebook group (Troy Little Library Book Club).

To learn more about the global network of libraries, visit [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org). Have a summer full of reading!