

TRU 100: READ Little Free Library

Action Project Leader: Clare Starkey

University Partner: Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society

Location: Clock Garden near Magruder Hall

Volunteers: Cameron McClure, Emily Anderson, Grady Blair, Adelyn Cox, Penghua Feng, Shuxuan Huang, Libbi Kleitz, Lydia Lamb, Keelyn Legler, Kimberly Niemeyer, Sofia Ragouzis-Roman, Rebecca Rushman, Kate Teku

Mission Statement and Description of Project:

The Little Free Library was created in an effort to increase literacy among all ages within the Kirksville community, though we specifically hope to foster a love of reading in young children.

Specifically, it's a project led primarily by TRU 100: READ students to promote literacy and the love of reading to everyone in the Kirksville community. Anyone can drop a book off and take one to read for free! Even better, the library has books with varying reading levels, labeled with different colors for easy identification: pink stickers are for kids books, orange for young adults, and green for adults.

Truman's Physical Plant staff donated the time and materials to construct the Little Free Library, which started operation in early October. The library was registered with the Little Free Library National Organization in November, so that it now appears on the map organization's world map of libraries.

TRU 100: READ volunteers collect books from donors and from the donation box in McClain, catalog and process the books by stamping them with a custom-made book stamp, and restock the library on a daily basis to ensure that there is a variety of books for each age range.

At the end of fall semester, Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honors Society, will take over management of Free Little Library. We hope that it will continue to serve to promote literacy in Kirksville for a long time to come.

Quotes from TRU 100: READ Volunteers:

"Our action project has greatly helped both the Truman and Kirksville community, and that has made me feel very connected to these communities as well."

-Libbi Kleitz