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UWCK Places Six Additional Little Free Libraries in the Keys

Florida Keys--There are more than 90,000 registered Little Free Library book-sharing boxes in 91 countries worldwide. During September's Literacy Month, United Way of Collier and the Keys is pleased to announce that over the last year, six more have been added in Monroe County. Located throughout the county, these Little Free Libraries will encourage reading and improve literacy in the areas they serve.

These Little Free Libraries were made possible thanks to a donation of retired newspaper kiosks from *The Citizen*, conversion of the kiosks by Melissa Wilson of Marathon, support from Andy & Stephanie Griffiths of Key West, and decorating efforts by many volunteers.

United Way of Collier and the Keys' six new Little Free Libraries are at the following locations:

- YMCA Program Center, Key Largo Community Park, 500 St. Croix Place
- Coral Isles Church, 90001 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier
- Ocean Studies Charter School, 92295 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier
- Jogging Trail, 10550 Aviation Blvd, Marathon
- Sugarloaf School, 255 Crane Blvd, Sugarloaf Key
- Montessori Children's School of Key West, 1221 Varela St, Key West

Little Free Library (LFL) is a registered nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. Little Free Libraries work on the Take a Book, Share a Book lending library premise. Anyone is free to borrow from or donate books to a library.

To donate books, just visit the Little Library of your choice and leave books inside. It's that easy! Please be respectful if a Library is already full or speak with the host location if you want to confirm that they are age-appropriate for their Library. Each location individually determines if their Library accepts children's books, adult books or both.

Through Little Free Library book exchanges, more than 120 million books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

UWCK is proud to partner with Little Free Library to bring these free, easy book exchanges into six additional Keys neighborhoods, along with the Library that was previously placed at Bernstein Park on Stock Island. These libraries further one of UWCK's core focus areas of increasing educational opportunities for Keys residents. If you are interested in placing a Library of your own on your property or for more details including a map of all locations, visit <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>.

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About United Way of Collier and the Keys

The United Way of Collier and the Keys ("UWCK") is committed to investing in and working to create a community where all individuals and families in Collier and Monroe Counties have an opportunity to thrive and achieve their full potential. We will accomplish this through improving education, economic stability and health, as well as providing access to food and safety net services. United Way plays a unique role in convening businesses, nonprofits and government to work together to address community needs. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. LIVE UNITED.

Marathon Little Free Library



Sugarloaf School Little Free Library, decorated by students

