

Extra! Extra! READ all about it!

The Glens at Country Creek is about to join neighborhoods around the world, 88 countries, by installing a **Little Free Library**. It will be located near the benches at the corner of Leatherwood Drive & Buttonwood Circle. There will be an initial supply of books, some of which arrived with the library box, others have been generously donated. Please take a book you've finished, donate it, & take another book. If you are a garage-saler, please feel free to add to our library in this way. We will officially open our **little Free library** on 1 December at 5pm with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Please join us. Immediately afterward, we will decorate the entrance of The Glens with lights, wreaths, etc.

Todd Bol, creator of the Little Free Library movement, dies at 62



Todd Bol hammered together the first Little Free Library. Then he built a movement around it.

Bol believed the now-ubiquitous little boxes of books — and the neighbors who cared for them — could change a block, a city, the world. So he brought them to front yards all over, often installing them himself. Known for his wild optimism and keen business sense, the Little Free Library founder died Thursday morning, just weeks after he was found to have pancreatic cancer. He was 62.

Using wood from his old garage door, Bol fashioned the first library-on-a-stick in 2009 on his deck in Hudson, Wis. It was a tribute to his mom, June Bol, who was always welcoming kids to their Stillwater kitchen table for a sandwich or help with homework. “It was a spiritual gesture,” Bol explained in 2013. At a garage sale in 2010, his neighbors cooed. So he built a few more boxes, selling one and giving away a few dozen more. Bol set a goal of 2,150 — to beat the number of Carnegie Libraries in the country. Less than a decade later, more than 75,000 dollhouse-size libraries have sprouted on front lawns in 88 countries.

The serial entrepreneur spoke about how, after he lost his job, his wife Susan encouraged him to take some time for himself. So he took off on a road trip. “It was like ‘Easy Rider’ — but with a minivan and self-help tapes,” Bol joked. Then he started messing with that old garage door, building a miniature red schoolhouse and stuffing books inside. “Kids reading and people reading to them, you know, it changes everything,” he said. “It changes the whole attitude of what is valued in a community. A Little Free Library is this sweet little nudge.”

