

## **Negaunee Public Library Board**

**February 17, 2015**

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Officers:

President: Al Sundine

Vice President: Jeanne Sandstrom

Secretary: Laura Jandron

Negaunee Recreation & Parks Commission  
PO Box 70  
Negaunee, MI 49866

January 24, 2015



Dear Negaunee Recreation & Parks Commission,

Little Friends would like to construct a Little Free Library at the Miner's Park. These libraries are a free book exchange—people can drop off a book and then take one. We believe that the Miner's Park would be the ideal location for this community library.

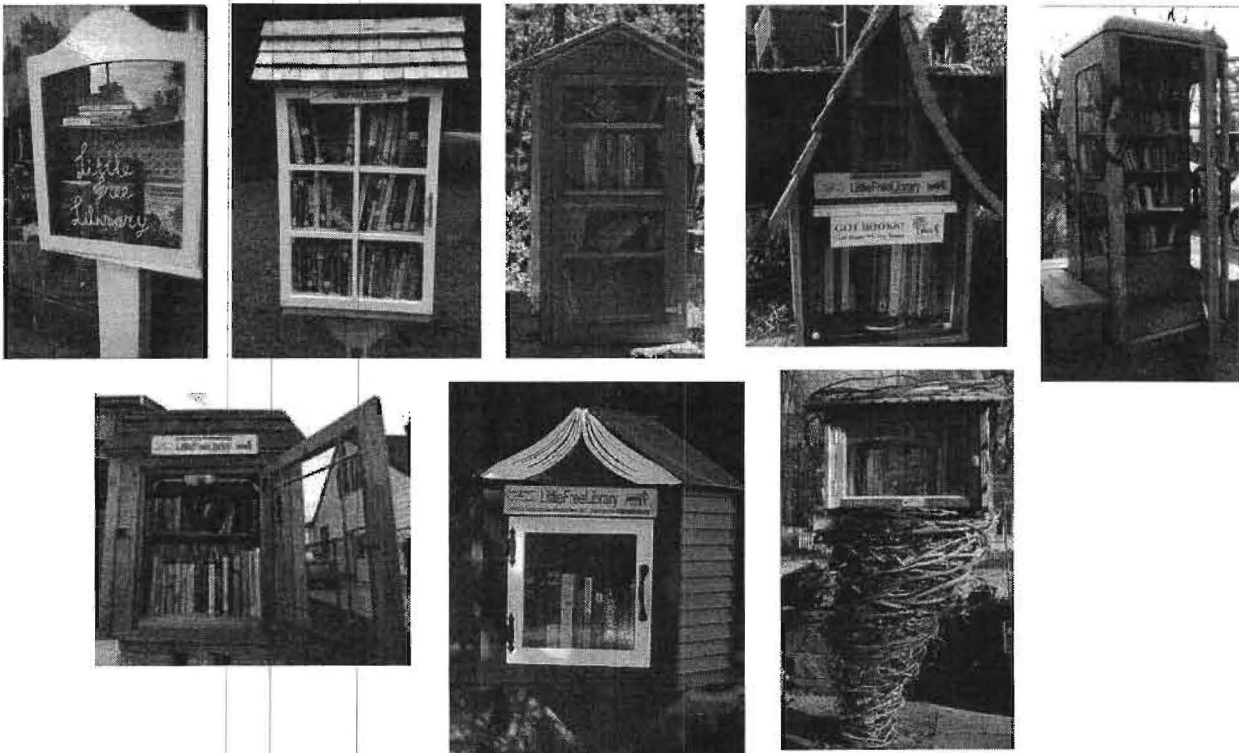
NMU's Build Trades Program has agreed to do the construction work. We would apply for a grant to pay for the materials. We would like to know

- Would you allow us to put a Little Free Library at the Miner's Park?
- If so, are there specific design/location guidelines you would like us to follow? It would be a wooden box affixed to a cement-filled wooden post.
- Is there a cost for this?

Thank you,

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*For more information, please visit [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org). There are a wide variety of styles. The standard style is shown above. Below are some samples from Pinterest.*



## Highlights of Michlib-I list serv regarding Little Free Libraries

### Useful web sites and articles:

- <http://littlefreelibrary.org/> Official Little Free Library site
- <http://www.tadl.org/littlefreelibrary> Traverse Area District Library's Little Free Library
- [http://www.heritage.com/articles/2014/08/30/ypsilanti\\_courier/news/doc5400aeadb6fe137501128.txt](http://www.heritage.com/articles/2014/08/30/ypsilanti_courier/news/doc5400aeadb6fe137501128.txt) Ypsilanti District Library sets up Little Free Library next to bus stop, on library's premises
- <http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2014/07/the-low-tech-appeal-of-little-free-libraries/375101/> The low-tech appeal of Little Free Libraries
- Locally, <http://www.miningjournal.net/page/content.detail/id/592011/Take-a-book--leave-a-book--at-the-Little-Free-Library.html?nav=5001> Take a book, leave a book at the Little Free Library (Harvey, MI)

### Pros:

- Positive addition to the community
- Does not detract from library services
- Popular when the brick-and-mortar library is closed
- Many LFL users become patrons
- Good advertising/marketing venue for brick-and-mortar library; positive press coverage
- Cheaper than a bookmobile
- Some libraries have LFL on their premises
- Stock with extra donations or discarded materials

### Cons:

- Kits are expensive
- Homeowner association resistance
- Time and maintenance required
- Weathering
- Hard to keep stocked with children's books

### Who builds/maintains Little Free Libraries?

- Libraries
- Friends of the Library
- Rotary
- Boy Scouts
- Private parties

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FEBRUARY 17, 2015

### Librarian's Report

The Friends of the Library held its annual Valentine's Tea and Book Sale at the Library from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. The event was very well-attended. TV6 covered the event, interviewing the library director and filming the sale, goodies at the tea, and the crowd of attendees.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has burdened libraries across the country with irate taxpayers, due to the department cutting its budget by decreasing what it distributes to libraries. Libraries are only receiving the federal 1040, 1040A, and 1040 EZ forms, and no instructional booklets. This has led to unpleasant interactions between library staff and people who come in for forms and booklets. The library staff is doing what it can to keep the public informed of where they can request forms (including Senator Debbie Stabenow's regional office), and assisting patrons in printing forms from the IRS website.

The library is currently offering a survey, both on its website and at the circulation desk, seeking patron input regarding an adult book club. Several patrons have requested a book club, and the library wishes to accommodate this request. Patrons are invited to fill out the survey to let the library staff know what they want to read (general fiction and nonfiction, mysteries, or works by local authors) and when they would like to meet once each month.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Holman, director

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**Financial Report**

February 17, 2015

All bills were paid Feb. 1, 2015.

Bills to be paid March 1, 2015:

Alpena County Public Library	25.00	lost book
Baker & Taylor	77.91	
Junior Library Guild (annual subscription – 24 books)	735.00	children's books
McNaughton Books	89.25	
Vernon Library Supplies, Inc.	CD book cases	147.33