
Celebrating 1,000 Little Free Libraries in the CRD!

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Beats Bites Books: Celebrating 1,000 LFL in the Region!

Friends,

I am very excited to invite you to this weekend's big little free library festival! There are now over 1,000 little free libraries in the Greater Victoria area and to celebrate this massive milestone, the Greater Victoria Placemaking Network is teaming up with the Oaklands Community Association to throw a Little Free Library Festival: **Beats Bites Books**.

The festival is taking place this Saturday, September 20, from 4:30-8:30 pm, at the Oaklands Community Centre (2827 Belmont Ave.). It's going to be an absolute blast. The event will feature:

- The launch of the **2025 Little Free Library Awards**. I'll share more details about these awards in my next newsletter).
- LFL Auction – With proceeds going to the **Victoria Literacy Society**. We have some amazing LFLs up on the auction block, including the spectacular LFL below, made by Ray from [I Used To Be A Pallet](#). [Learn more here](#).
- A **Little Free Library Petting Zoo!**
- DIY Zone for Kids – Bookmarks, crafts & a cozy reading circle.
- The [Superheroes of Victoria](#) are going to be there!
- Placemaking Info Booths – Learn how to get involved with your own LFL.
- **Live music & food trucks** – Curated by Oaklands Community Association.
- And a free book pickup for little free library folks to keep their LFLs stocked for the fall. Seriously, there are going to be a ton of free books!

It's going to be an absolute blast. I hope to see you there! Here's one of the fantastic LFLs we will be auctioning off:



And yes, it has a fully functioning light and took over 60 hours to construct!

We will also have LFL-related art, and a number of fantastic creations from LFL builder extraordinaire, Bruce More! Including his 100th LFL. Yes, you read that correctly, Bruce has built over 100 LFLs for the community from upcycled materials. You can listen to Bruce talk about his work on this [recent episode from All Points West](#).

So come on down to the Oaklands Community Centre this Saturday and help us celebrate all things little free library! You can learn more about the event from the [GVPN here](#). It was also covered in recent stories in the [Victoria News](#), and [Victoria Buzz](#).

And, as part of our celebrations, we are gathering stories about our region's little free libraries. Whether it was finding a particularly exciting read, growing a vegetable garden from seeds found at a local little free seed library, or making a new friend after bumping into someone at your local

LFL, the GVPN wants to hear your story. Learn more about submitting your story [here](#). And check out this [CHEK News story](#) as well.

I hope to see you this weekend!

Warm regards,



Dr. Teale Phelps Bondaroff

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