

## Ansonia Hilltop resident launches Little Free Library

By Patricia Villers

ANSONIA - A lifelong love of reading recently prompted resident Melissa Pucci to launch a Little Free Library at her Hilltop home. She said she wants to share her love of the written word with members of the community.

"I was the youngster who stayed up too late reading at night, complete with the flashlight under the bedcovers," Pucci said. "I am still guilty of staying up until the wee hours to get through just one more chapter or to finish the book I am currently reading."

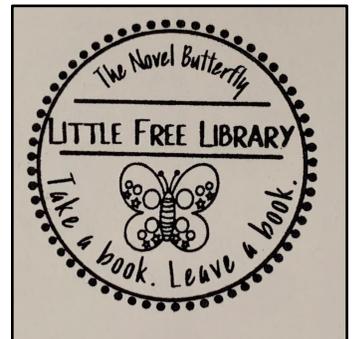
**Little Free Library** is a nonprofit based in Hudson, Wis. The organization inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world, according to its website.



Pucci said, "Access to books is important to me. Not everyone can afford to buy all the latest and greatest bestsellers, and many folks who do buy books regularly, read them quickly and either place them in a pile or on a shelf. I have been sharing books with friends, colleagues, and the fabulous women in my book club for years. Being able to steward the Little Free Library allows me to share with readers all over our community, and in turn they can share with one another, too."

Pucci wipes down all books donated to her library and stamps them with a LFL stamp, and also wipes down the doorknob on the library box. The idea is to take a book, leave a book but she said it's fine if someone takes a book without leaving one.

The library box is located on Arlene Drive. Those who have books to donate may email Pucci at [thenovelbutterfly@gmail.com](mailto:thenovelbutterfly@gmail.com).



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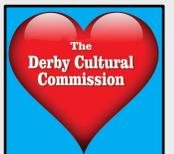
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