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Little Free Library Offers Book Sharing System to County Residents

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Aug. 31, 2018 – The Calvert County Office on Aging, in collaboration with the Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation, will debut a new "Little Free Library" outside of the Southern Community Center and Southern Pines Senior Center co-located at 20 Appeal Lane in Lusby. To kick off community use of the little library, a celebration will be held at the Southern Pines Senior Center Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 11 a.m.

The little library is a wooden box filled with shelves and books that provides citizens with a designated space to exchange books for free. It functions on an honor system, so when taking a book users are encouraged to contribute a book. Little libraries have the added benefit of bringing neighbors together and fostering a community of readers.

"It's our hope that the Little Free Library will bring a little more joy, a little more connection and a whole lot more books to our community," said Aging Service Program Assistant Anne Sledge, who spearheaded the project. "We hope citizens are as enthusiastic to participate in the book program as we are to offer it."

The national nonprofit organization Little Free Library provides technical guidance for communities and neighborhoods interested in installing and coordinating a little library. The organization has been honored by the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation and the American Library Association. According to Little Free Library, there are more than 75,000 little libraries located around the world, sharing nearly 10 million books per year. They report that 73 percent of people say they've met more neighbors because of a little library.

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For more information about little libraries, visit [online](#). Information on the Calvert County Office on Aging can be found online by visiting www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Aging or by calling 410-535-4606 or 301-855-1170.

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