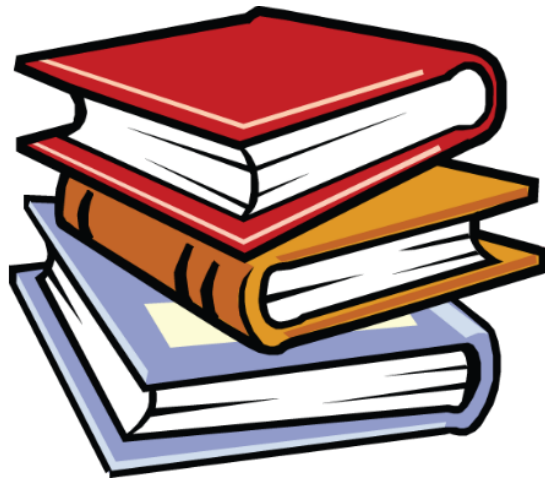




Fort Lee High School's National Honor Society Welcomes
The "Little Free Library" program to Fort Lee!

Literacy Outreach Program Launch!



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The National Honor Society has long been known as an organization that values scholarship, leadership, service, and character among its members. Each year local chapters select community projects that reflect these four pillars, and seek to fill a need within the greater community. This year's cohort of students worked on a year long project dedicated to supporting community literacy during the summer months. The students assembled, decorated, and dedicated four "Little Free Library" lending libraries to each of the local elementary schools just in time for summer vacation. Each Little Free Library will allow school aged children access to reading materials all summer long, even if they are not able to get to the town's public library.

The Little Free Library program was started as a passion project 2009 with one free standing library in Hudson, Wisconsin. Since that time the program has become an international, non-profit with libraries spanning the globe. The mission of the Little Free Library program is "To promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide and to build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations."

Little Free Library How it Works:



“Take a Book - Return a Book”

“A Little Free Library is a “take a book, return a book” free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share. If you want to give a few books, simply put them in a Little Free Library book exchange near you.” Students and families are encouraged to share books they love with the local community by donating well loved copies. Little Free Libraries require no library card, no book fines, and no limits on how many books can be borrowed at time. Each local library at Schools 1, 2, 3 , and 4 were designed in conjunction with the building librarians and principals to reflect the interests and values of each building and local community. Members of the the Fort Lee community are encouraged to peek inside the libraries this summer when they are traveling around town, and see what each unique library has to offer. Books can be borrowed from one library and returned to another. The only rules of the Little Free Library system are to be kind to the lending libraries, and to leave as much as you take. Each local Little Free Library has a unique charter number that will be added to the international Little Free Library locator map. Book drives and donation days will be sustained by future National Honor Society cohorts to maintain the initiative. For more information about the Little Free Library project please go to www.littlefreelibrary.org or contact Ms. Baker at bbaker@flboe.com.

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