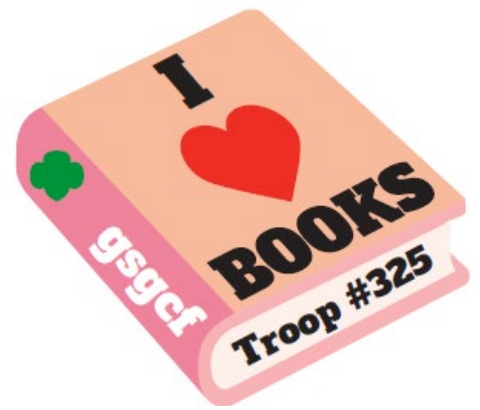




Reading Across Generations Patch Program

INTRODUCTION

Troop #325 proudly created this patch to show how important it is for the community to come together and read. By building and installing a Little Free Library, we hope to create a welcoming place where neighbors of all ages can connect, share stories, discover new books to enjoy, and we are excited to help spread a love of reading throughout our community. We are passionate about everyone having free access to books that they will enjoy.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

By completing this program, Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to share their love for books and reading with members of their community, while helping inspire future generations to do the same. This patch encourages girls to explore the importance of reading, connect with their community, and take action to make books more accessible to everyone.

TO EARN THE PATCH

This patch is designed for Girl Scout Daisies through Ambassadors. Girls must complete eight requirements total, including at least one activity from each section. This patch can only be earned once.

DISCOVER

- Look up Little Free Libraries and see how many are located in your zip code, within ten-mile radius or in your state. Visit: <https://littlefreelibrary.myshopify.com>.
- Research the process of publishing a book.
- Learn why Little Libraries are important to the reading community and how they began. Explain how they help improve literacy and build stronger communities.
- Watch movies about books such as *The NeverEnding Story*, *The Pagemaster*, *The Bookshop*.
- Find your reading level using a resource such as the Oxford Graded Readers Level Test.
- Watch a video about the importance and benefits of reading books.

CONNECT

- Read a book with your troop for 30 minutes.
- Visit a Free Little Library and donate books.
- Paint rocks to leave at or near the library.
- Make bookmarks with encouraging messages to place inside books.
- Leave a note with a book recommendation at the library.
- Read a book to a senior.

TAKE ACTION

- Host a community reading event at a local Little Free Library.
- Create reading kits with a book, bookmark, and activity sheet for younger children.
- Host a book drive to collect books for your community.
- Interview a senior about their favorite childhood book, who read to them when they were young, and how reading has been meaningful in their life.

FINAL STEP

Once you complete your activities, share your experiences with your troop, troop leader, and community! You can submit your work to marketing@gsgcf.org to be shared on social media.