



Little Free Library Volunteer Discussion Guide



1 **Prompt:** How many books do you think you have? How would you feel if you didn't have any books to read?

Fact: 2 out of 3 low income families do not own a single children's book.

2 **Prompt:** Do you think it would be hard to learn to read if you didn't have any books in your house? Why?

Fact: Having books in the home is one of the biggest predictors of future academic success.

3 **Prompt:** What are some differences between Little Free Libraries and regular public libraries? Do you need a library card to take a book out? Is there a limit on how many you're allowed to take? Do you have to pay a fine if you don't bring them back? (answer: no!)

Fact: The threat of fines and fees to overdue or damaged material keeps some low-income families from utilizing the library. (Good news! Cleveland Public Library is going fine-free!)

4 **Prompt:** Why is it important to tidy up the Little Free Libraries? How do we want Little Free Library users to feel when they visit to take home books?

Fact: When spaces are cluttered and dirty, people are less likely to use them – disorganization makes decision-making difficult.

5 **Prompt:** How do Little Free Libraries help the planet? Where might these books end up if they weren't being used for Little Free Libraries?

Fact: About 40 million tons of paper that could be recycled is thrown away each year in the U.S.

