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## **Little Free Libraries™ Now In Frankfort and New Lenox Town Center Bank Locations**

Frankfort, New Lenox, IL - Few things bring a community together like a library. From children's story time to senior book discussion groups, libraries bind neighbors together, encourage friendships and help everyone become more informed and educated citizens.

Because libraries are these cornerstones of the community, and because Town Center Bank is the community bank that puts 'community' first, the Bank is proud to announce that both of their branches are now Little Free Library™ locations.

"We were delighted to find another way we can serve our neighbors," said Shirley Pirko, Vice President. "Neighbors of all ages can come browse our shelves, select a book and then take it home with them, completely free."

Little Free Library™ was founded in 2009. The Library's "Take A Book, Leave A Book" concept has exploded internationally, with over 30,000 Libraries exchanging about 1 million books each year. Their mission includes promoting literacy and love of reading while building a sense of community. Pirko says, "That's a perfect fit with our mission. We're happy to bring Libraries to Frankfort and New Lenox, as our community values education and information."

"Our Bank locations are easily accessible, so neighbors of all ages can stop in, take a break from running errands. The best part of a Little Free Library is that if this book becomes your new favorite, you can keep it - no charge. You can also share it with another reader who might enjoy it," says Pirko.

When it's time to purge your home bookshelves, the Bank's Libraries are the perfect solution. "Donating your books - for all ages - to the Library almost guarantees that they'll find another home; they'll become another person's favorite," Pirko observes. "Books can form lasting threads within our community."

The Libraries are located at the Frankfort Town Center Bank, 20181 S LaGrange Road and at the New Lenox Town Center Bank, 1938 E Lincoln Highway. They are accessible during Bank operating hours; Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 6 pm, Friday from 8 am to 7 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 1 pm. For more information, call 815-806-7007.

"We encourage readers of all ages to visit and "take a book, leave a book" at our Libraries," says Pirko. "Readers do not have to be our customers. These Libraries are open to everyone. They are meant to be a real part of our community."

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