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A Local “Little Free Library” in an Unlikely Place

Last night I took my dog to one of the local off-leash dog parks, the [Ellicott Island Bark Park](#) (stay with me, this is library-related). This is part of Ellicott Creek Park, but being on an island (with a gate across the bridge) has made it an ideal place to take your dog for some running or playtime. I was surprised to see that near the middle of the island was a book case.



I took a look around the side and back, and confirmed that this was, indeed, a “little free library”.



In case you haven't heard the term, the [movement's website](#) explains:

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.

Little Free Libraries have been springing up around Western New York for years, and have previously been written about in [Buffalo Rising](#) and [The Buffalo News](#). This [map](#) on the Little Free Library website shows that there are a ton of them in the Western NY area, with a variety of organizers, including schools, non-profits, and individuals (although the dog park one wasn't listed there). Consider checking the map for LFLs near you.

It just goes to show that you never know where you'll end up spotting a library-related service!



My dog, Ash, checks out the little free library.