

Agindaasoowigamigoonsan

By Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO)

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office aspires to be a library. Although library services are not expected to be provided by such offices, the opportunity to do so in Nagaajiwanaang is too great not to pursue. The idea of becoming a library comes from inventorying the literature review library that the office has maintained over the years. In the process of compiling the titles and authors of each book, it was discovered that this library comprises of nearly two hundred books. Additionally, the office was generously gifted books by the Cloquet Community Center last year. Given these two factors, it made sense to put effort into becoming a library.

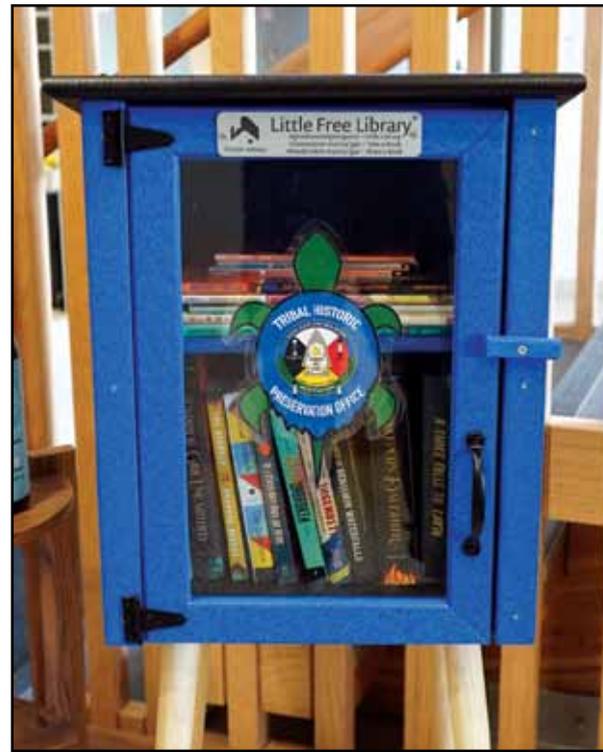
The first step in accomplishing the goal of becoming a library has been completed: the introduction of Little Free Library's Indigenous Library Program to the Fond du Lac Band. Little Free Library is a non-profit organization that promotes access to books for people nationwide and provides diverse books that represent BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) and LGBTQ+ voices. The Indigenous Library Program goes a step beyond this initiative by not just providing the Little

Free Libraries (shown in pictures), but by also gifting books that are culturally-relevant to Indigenous peoples.

Citizens of the Band can now benefit from greater access to books by visiting the new Agindaasoowigamigoonsan (Little Libraries) present at John A. Smith Memorial Building and at each of the three community centers. The reason they are "free" is because books are meant to be taken and returned after reading or gifted away to someone else. Moreover, if you give a book away or keep one, it is a good idea to share a book of your own with that Agindaasoowigamigoons. Do not worry if you are unable to do this because the Tribal Historic Preservation Office has the responsibility of keeping the Little Free Libraries stocked with books. This is the first step in the ambition of being the Nagaajiwanaang Agindaasoowigamig (the Fond du Lac Library).

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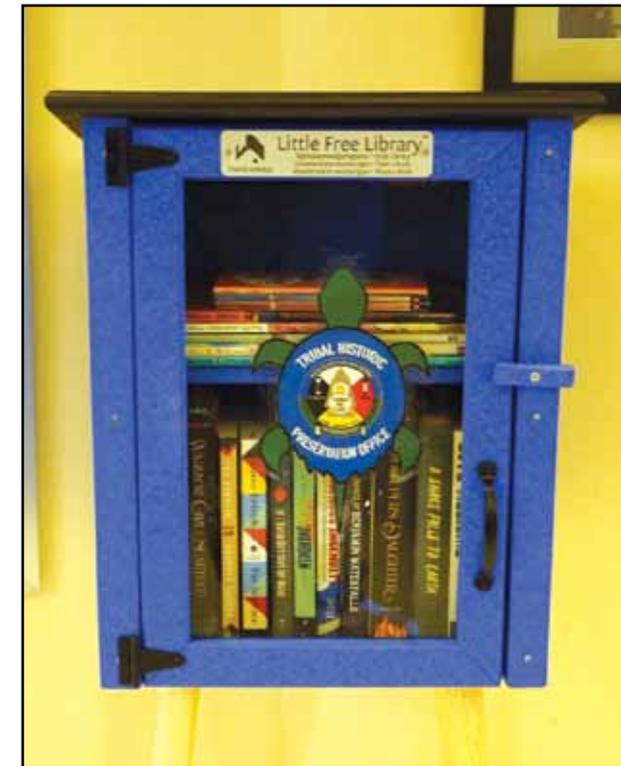
LFL at John A. Smith Memorial



LFL at Cloquet Community Center



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