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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY IN EDWARDSVILLE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK TO CELEBRATE FIRST BIRTHDAY

Little Free Birthday Party Scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 1st at 1:00 p.m.

Edwardsville, Illinois – October 28, 2014. The Little Free Library in the Robert C. Stille Edwardsville Township Community Park is having a birthday party and everyone is invited. Edwardsville Township Supervisor Frank Miles today announced that a Little Free Birthday Party for the Little Free Library will be held on Saturday, November 1 at 1:00 p.m. at the Little Free Library, which is located at the Boundless Playground at the Edwardsville Township Community Park at 6368 Center Grove Road in Edwardsville. Should inclement weather occur, the event will be held at Happy Up, which is located at 6654 Edwardsville Crossing Drive in Edwardsville.

"Ivy Obrecht and Sophia Anderson, the two children who spearheaded the Little Free Library effort last year, approached me with the idea of a birthday party to celebrate the one year anniversary of the Little Free Library in Edwardsville Township Community Park," said Supervisor Miles. "It's a great opportunity to remind the community of this wonderful library within the Park where books can be freely shared."

Miles was approached in October of 2013 by Glen Carbon resident Erika Obrecht about the possibility of establishing a Little Free Library in Township Park. The idea came from her daughter, Ivy Obrecht, age 6, and her niece, Sophia Anderson, age 5. Obrecht and Anderson wanted to give back to the community in some way. After learning about the Little Free Library, Obrecht and Anderson felt a Little Free Library was the perfect opportunity to share their love of reading with the community.

The Little Free Library is a free-standing structure that houses books which are free for sharing. The library contains a general library of quality adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books.

"Ivy and Sophia have reached out to the community for donations and sponsorships to make the birthday party really exciting," said Erika Obrecht. "We have gift certificates to Happy Up, free skate passes for the YMCA, free ice cream at Orange Leaf, gift cards for a free book at Afterwords Books, and bookmarks from Kumon. Sam's Club has donated cupcakes and the Township is providing drinks. It's going to be great!"

For more information about the Little Free Library in Edwardsville Township Community Park, visit the Library's Facebook page - www.facebook.com/edwardsvillelittlefreelibrary. Donations to the Library are accepted at the Library itself or at the Township office, located at 300 W. Park Street in Edwardsville.

Edwardsville Township is comprised of the City of Edwardsville, Village of Glen Carbon and unincorporated areas just outside of these two municipalities. The Township Supervisor's office is located at 300 West Park in Edwardsville and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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