



# Celebrate Gold

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## Reading for the Stars

Kaila Beecher was a Girl Scout for 13 years as a member of Troop 1721 in Service Unit 622. She recently graduated from Raytown High School and plans to attend a college in New York to pursue her Nursing degree.

Kaila saw a need to make books more accessible in her community. She built a “little free library” to make books available at the center of her community and hosted a literacy lock-in for younger Girl Scouts. At the lock-in she collected donations for the library and provided a fun, safe space for the girls to read.

Throughout the project, Kaila found that her community loved having free books accessible. The lock-in was also a hit with Girl Scouts making 38 interactive bookmarks and Kaila being able to speak with 45 parents about the program and how their kids could access books in the future. By spreading awareness on the need for free access to books, Kaila hopes her little library will serve as an important community staple for years to come.

**“Because of Girl Scouts... I have become more confident in myself, learned many lifelong skills and how to be a good leader, and have made so many friends.”**