



Lauren Scott

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Little Free Library

Lauren Scott has been a Girl Scout for 12 years and is in Troop 1945 in Service Unit 651. She is currently a sophomore at Grandview High School.

Lauren's Gold Award project addressed the issue of limited access to reading materials for lower income families. By creating little free libraries, Lauren made books more accessible to the public by removing barriers, such as transportation or cost that might prevent some children and adults from accessing books. Her first library was built at Community Linc and she promoted it through social media and the Southminster Presbyterian's Sunday bulletin. By improving access to literature, she hopes to inspire children to dream and learn through reading.

Lauren worked with libraries at Southminster Presbyterian Church – Community Linc to build her library and sustain the project. It will continue to be maintained by Community Linc and books refilled by donors who have extra books to share. For families in low income situations, even getting to a public library can present too many obstacles to be feasible. Lauren hopes that by creating better access to books, she can help improve literacy rates and get more people reading.

Because of Girl Scouts... I've being able to travel with my troop and I was able to volunteer at Give Kids The World. This helped me get hands-on experiences with helping the children.