



Sophia Nagel

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Make Reading Fun

Sophia Nagel has been a Girl Scout for ten years as a member of Troop 1498 in Service Unit 645. She is currently a senior at Blue Springs South High School.

Sophia's Gold Award project addressed the need for students at her local church to have the opportunity to embrace reading with free access to books. By installing a little free library at her church, Sophia was able to provide children the opportunity to improve their reading skills during free time on the playground. The library offers free books for them to take home and a place for children and families to donate books they've already enjoyed to others in the community.

Sophia worked with her church and volunteers to build her library and fill it with books. The initial books were donated by the families at the church and the VBS kids got to put their handprints on the library. The project has also evolved into an annual book drive at the church that will help fill the little free library, and provide books to the community, free of charge. To reach younger children specifically, Sophia presented her project at vacation bible school over the summer, encouraging the attendees to use the library and find new, exciting books! It is Sophia's hope that her library serves as an ongoing book exchange within the community and encourages young people to develop literacy skills that will help them for the rest of their lives.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have learned a love for volunteering and helping others.