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Katz Family & Staff Donate Little Free Library to “The Basics” Program

Take or Leave a Book at History Park in Olde Towne

Gaithersburg, Md. (June 4, 2021) Montgomery County Councilmember and former Gaithersburg Mayor, Sidney Katz, his staff and family members joined forces to donate a Little Free Library to “[The Basics](#),” a community level initiative to improve early childhood outcomes, including kindergarten readiness. Currently focused on families in the 20877 zip code, The Basics program worked with the City of Gaithersburg to locate the Little Free Library in [History Park](#), adjacent to the [Gaithersburg Community Museum](#) and Train Station in the heart of Olde Towne Gaithersburg. An official ribbon cutting took place on June 4, 2021.

[Little Free Libraries](#) provide access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds through neighborhood book exchange locations. The new Little Free Library in History Park joins one at nearby [Constitution Gardens](#) among the City’s municipal inventory. A third is being considered near Kentlands Mansion and the Arts Barn. There are many more on private properties throughout Gaithersburg. A map can be found [here](#).

The Basics program raises awareness about early childhood development, engaging families around five science-based parenting and caregiving principles that support social, emotional, and cognitive development of young children. The principles include:

- Maximize Love, Manage Stress
- Talk, Sing, and Point
- Count, Group, and Compare
- Explore Through Movement and Play
- Read and Discuss Stories

Learn more about The Basics program [here](#).

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