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## Free little libraries to open on FLW

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.** – Free books will be available to the Fort Leonard Wood community Sept. 29 thanks to the efforts of the Waynesville Middle School and the Fort Leonard Wood School Liaison Office.

To promote literacy, the Waynesville Middle School is slated to open two Free Little Libraries on Fort Leonard Wood.

The Free Little Libraries dedication ceremonies on Fort Leonard Wood are scheduled at 6 p.m., Sept. 29 at the Commissary and 6:45 p.m., Sept. 29 at the Main Post Exchange.

These newly established book exchanges will allow children and their parents to select books on their own time and together.

The book exchange concept is simple: Make free books available at locations where students and their parents frequent. Students are asked to bring a book to the library and trade it in for another one. Their own book then becomes the library's, so that another student may read it. The Missouri State University Literacy Program and Wood Elementary have donated books to help launch the library, along with students.

Feel free to bring any type of book to donate to the libraries at the dedication ceremony.

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For more information, contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at 573.563.4145.

## *About Fort Leonard Wood*

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*Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains about 80,000 military and civilians each year.*

*Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, and the Army's largest Noncommissioned Officers Academy.*

*Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting a colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.*

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