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Little library installed in downtown garden

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A new little library at the Countryside Garden in downtown Crystal Lake will focus on books about gardening, nature and insects for all ages, according to the club that maintains the garden.

The library, which is located in the garden at the intersection of Brink Street, Walkup Avenue and Minnie Street, was dedicated in memory of Judy Thornton, longtime garden club member, avid reader and lover of nature, according to a news release.

For more than 60 years, the Countryside Garden Club has participated in conservation and beautification projects in Crystal Lake and beyond, according to the release. Many residents support the club at its annual plant sale held in late May, the proceeds of which fund multiple horticultural scholarships at McHenry County College.

The library was designed and built by longtime Crystal Lake residents Bill and Margie Meier, according to the release. The materials were donated by Dan Clemen, a local roofing contractor, and Rob Parrish, a Crystal Lake resident and Nunda Township trustee, helped with the installation.



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