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## Gerald R. Ford International Airport Partners with Kent District Library for “Little Free Library”



**Grand Rapids, Mich.** – Free books are now available at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA) thanks to a partnership with the Kent District Library (KDL).

KDL’s program “Little Free Library – Take a Book, Leave a Book” was installed today, and offers travelers a chance to pick up a book for their trip at no charge, or leave books they have finished. Shelves are located on both airport concourses, and include adult, teen, and children’s books. Additionally, multi-language books will be available.

“This is a tremendous partnership for us with the Kent District Library, offering one more amenity for travelers at our airport,” said Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority Acting President & CEO Phil Johnson. “We are happy to support an educational opportunity in our airport, and our hope is that travelers utilize these books to pass the time when they are traveling.”



Each item will feature a “Little Free Library” sticker. Users are welcome to take a book to keep, or return it to the airport or their closest Kent District Library. Volunteers will oversee the airport shelves to ensure they are stocked, and monitor the content.

“We are excited to partner with the Gerald R Ford International Airport,” said Kent District Library Director of Innovation & User Experience Michelle Boisvenue-Fox. “The idea of adding value to the traveler’s experience while coming and going from Grand Rapids by offering a free exchange library using gently used donations and second-run library materials will help anyone beat boredom while waiting. I realize that I am a librarian but I can’t imagine getting on an airplane without reading material.”

The Airport is one of several locations for KDL’s Little Free Libraries. More information on the program is available here: <http://www.kdl.org/little-free-libraries>

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## About GRR

The Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GRR) is the second busiest airport in Michigan. The airport served over 2.5 million passengers in 2015 and over 7,000 travelers pass through GRR each day. The Gerald R. Ford International Airport offers nonstop service to 23 major market destinations with more than 120 daily nonstop flights. The Gerald R. Ford International Airport is managed and operated by the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority (GFIAA). The Airport generates over \$3.1 billion in annual economic output throughout West Michigan and employs over 1,500 people. For more information on GRR visit: [www.flyford.org](http://www.flyford.org) or follow the airport on Twitter: @FlyGRFord.