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The Goose Pond Little Free Library

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I was delighted to read in the Examiner that the idea of little free libraries has been picked up by The Rotary Club of Peterborough and soon more will be found throughout the city.

The Arenas and Parks Advisory Committee may want to know how the Goose Pond Library has been received. It has been in operation now for about 6 months!

The Goose Pond Little Free Library still is, I think, the first to be built on public land – something very special. Thank you to the Arenas and Parks Recreation Advisory Committee.

The Goose Pond Library is also unique in that it is like a “regular” public library: borrow and return. That’s written on the affixed sign. Happily, this is what is happening. Occasionally someone contributes a book, this balances the books that never come back which is not often and all part of the experiment.

The Goose Pond Library is used daily. It has not been vandalized. Who uses the library? There seem to be regular users for the most part. Each day from one to five books are borrowed. It is not as heavily used as I first expected, but use is regular. I also thought I might see more students but there is a wide range of ages among the folks who stop to open the little library door and then pick a book or two to borrow: older couples, mums with strollers, children, young adults - just about every age. There are passers-by who stop for a look and sometimes leave with a book, and those who come especially to visit the library.

I find it best to change the books every other day so there is always a fresh choice. Each month has a general theme (Christmas for December, reflection for January, romance for February and so on). There is however always a good mix of fiction and non-fiction, and always books for younger readers.

The Goose Pond Little Free Library was well built and will be enjoyed for years to come.

Please reach me if you have any questions.
Sincerely

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