

The Highland Avenue Newsletter



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- Highland School Joins the Club of Little Free Libraries
- Quick profile of 2 Pull Out teachers.
- A great Resource for the Schools— Officer Tillson joins the Midland Park School District .

Some facts about Little Free Libraries

There are 75,000 registered little free libraries worldwide

Little Free Libraries can be found in 88 countries

Tens of millions of books are exchanged every year across all locations.

There are actually 2 other Free Libraries in Midland Park. One in Godwin started by Ms. Carr in 2016 and one called the "Tomb of Knowledge" located at 259 Paterson Ave.

Little Free Libraries is a completely non-profit organization

92% of people say their neighborhood feels like a friendlier place with a Little Free Library.

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Highland School's new addition: A little Free Library donated...

This summer, the Thimme Family of Midland Park, took it upon themselves to help increase literacy in Midland Park by building a Little Free Library. With the help of Highland School principal Mr. Pete Galasso the library was able to be located in front of the Highland School in Midland Park, NJ. The idea was fostered by Ms. Christine Carr, the Highland School Librarian who is passionate about the Little Free Library program and actually constructed the first Little

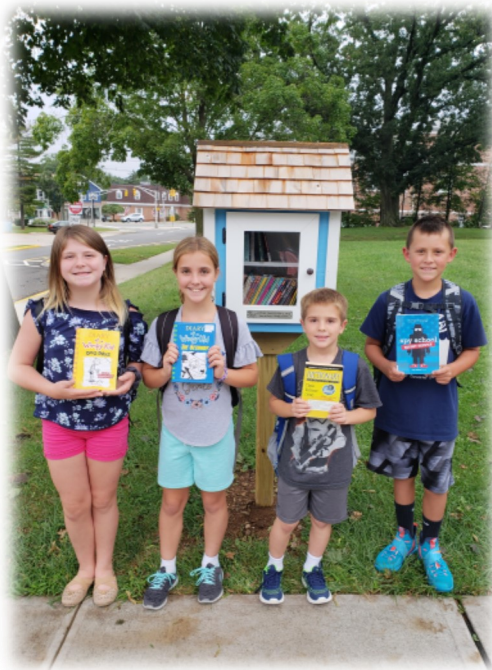
Free Library for Midland Park schools in 2016 at the Godwin School.

For those who don't know, a Little Free Library is a mini library, frequently located outside, to help a community book share by providing a full time location to "take a book, return a book". Little Free Library is also the name of the nonprofit organization that inspires people to build and use these satellite libraries.

The students are very excited to know they can take and keep the books they find in the Little Free Library. Students can also donate books to the Little Free Library and those books will find a new home. "It is thrilling to see so much excitement from the students surrounding this new addition to our community and I'm grateful to the Thimme Family for making this happen." said Ms. Carr.

So much of what Highland has become are the culmination of ideas from the teachers, students, parents and community. This is the case with the lending library; a passionate teacher in Ms. Carr, a willing and creative family in the Thimme's, some construction materials and an idea all come together to create another positive outlet for our students and community .

To learn more about the program visit the official website <https://littlefreelibrary.org> and explore the Map section to find one near you.



The little lending library and Highland students.
Pictured from left to right: Trish Warner, Cienna Thimme, Owen Thimme, Jacob Junta

Photo Courtesy of Ms. Carr

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What football team does
Officer Tillson root for?



Answer Below



San Francisco 49ers

Meet Highland School's Pull Out Team

"What a teacher is, is more important than what 'they' teach"—Karl Menninger

Name: Ms. Amy Tamburri

Graduated: Undergrad– Mount St. Mary's University

Masters: Montclair State University

Hometown: Hawthorne

Favorite Movie: Remember the Titans

Favorite Book: Of Mice and Men, by J. Steinbeck

Hobby: Strength training, reading and baking

Someone who inspires Ms. Tamburri: Mrs. Tamburri's Mom "because honestly, How does she do it all!"



Name: Ms. Elyssa Miller

Graduated: Undergrad– Suni Cortland

Masters: St. Thomas Aquinas College

Hometown: Mahwah

Favorite Movie: The Sandlot

Favorite Book: My Sisters Keeper, by J. Picoult

Hobby: Tennis and Exercise

Someone who inspires Ms. Miller: Ms. Miller's Dad

School Safety is a Common Vision

The borough joins forces with the district to make our schools safer

The world has changed. The bomb drills that had students hiding under desks that were prevalent in the 50's, 60's and 70's during the cold war are no more. In its place, schools now run different drills to ensure safety. Drills that try to encompass every imaginable scenario; Lockdowns, Evacuations, Shelter in Place, are all drills and routines established in public schools that try to prepare students and faculty for the gravest of situations. Unfortunately, this has become necessary in the confusing and often dark times as school shootings and other horrors continue become more common in our schools.

Fortunately, the Midland Park School District, the Borough and the Midland Park Police have teamed up to bring to our schools a resource that will put an exclamation point on all the other proactive safety changes over the past 5 years. Officer Tillson has been appointed the

Midland Park School District School Resource Officer (SRO). Officer Tillson is a Police Officer with 6 years of service who will work daily in the schools, fully armed, providing advice and different vantage points to help administration and faculty keep the students safe. This will serve as not only a deterrent, but a first responder who can make his presence felt as quickly as possible (when every second counts.) But, officer Tillson will also work with the students; getting to know them, and forging relationships from Kindergarten up through the High School. This will inevitably help cultivate a better, more trusting relationship between our students and Police Officers. The overall impact can only be positive on so many fronts. We are glad Officer Tillson is part of the team.

