

## Neighbors Read: Slatterly Park

### ***What is a mini-library?***

A mini-library is a tiny neighborhood library. Slightly bigger than a mailbox, these creatively decorated miniature libraries can be perched on poles in yards, attached to fences, or can even be placed in Community Rooms of apartment complexes.

The books are free! No library card is needed. Best of all, there are no due dates or late fees. Family members and neighbors may take a book or leave a book for someone else to enjoy.

### ***Why should I host a mini-library in my yard or neighborhood?***

Mini-libraries are an excellent way for families to discover new books, promote family literacy skills, and build positive relationships with their neighborhood community and Rochester Public Library. Families will also be able to create their own book and have library staff present fun programs or provide activities at birthday parties or other special events. Participating families will receive incentives such as puzzles, games and books throughout the year.

### ***Will anyone fill my mini-library?***

Yes. Periodically, staff members or volunteers from Rochester Public Library will make a stop at your mini-library to add to your library collection.

### ***What must my family do in order to host a free mini-library in my yard or community room?***

- Families must have a preschool child (0-5) in their family and live within the Slatterly Park neighborhood. All family members are invited to participate in this exciting program.
- Families participating in the program will decorate the exterior of their own mini-library. The base construction of the mini-library box and all decorating materials will be provided to each family.
- Participants in the program will agree to put the mini-library in their yard or work with the library and apartment complex owners to place the mini-library in their building.
- Families will agree to participate in a pre-survey and a post-survey evaluation of the program and complete a literacy log. There will also be several fun mini-library literacy events to attend throughout the year.
- Families will read together and share books!

### ***Who is sponsoring or funding this project?***

*Neighbors Read: Slatterly Park* is a partnership between Rochester Public Library and United Way of Olmsted County. Rochester Public Library has received a generous grant from United Way of Olmsted County to fund this exciting early literacy initiative

### ***How do I sign up?***

You may stop at the Children's Information Desk at Rochester Public Library or call 507-328-2332 to sign up or find out more information about this new neighborhood program!

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- Do you have preschoolers (0-5) in your family?
- Do you live in Slatterly Park?
- Would you like to host a free mini-library in your yard or community room?

**Be a part of an exciting new early literacy initiative in your neighborhood!**



Contact the Rochester Public Library  
for more information  
**507.328.2332**

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**Yes, I want to learn more about participating in this program.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please contact me by:**

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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