About Dedham's Little Free Library Project:

The Dedham Little Free Library project is an officially chartered member of the national Little Free Libraries initiative, which has spurred the creation and installation of well over 30,000 community-created little libraries in 62 countries.

Dedham's individually-decorated mini lending libraries have been built by Dedham High School students and painted by both students and community artists. Looking like a large, decorated mailboxes with a hinged doors, residents are encouraged to “give a book or take a book” from these little libraries. A long-time champion of literacy and libraries, State Representative Paul McMurtry is working with the non-profit library advocacy group Dedham Library Innovation Team (D-LIT) to bring the Dedham Little Free Library Project to Dedham Housing Authority sites across town. The Dedham Little Free Library project is an officially chartered member of the national Little Free Libraries initiative, which has spurred the creation and installation of well over 30,000 community-created little libraries in 62 countries.

Where we receive the book from:

* ED reached out to family, friends, board members, employees, local business's, facebook contacts......... and asked for book donations, specifically children's books (suitable for new born to 18 years) We were so fortunate and excited to receive 50 brand new books from Best-selling children's book author Mary Pope Osborne of the Magic Tree House fame!!! To date we have received around 400 children' books (gently used). Books continue to come in, and they are being rotated weekly. The kids are definitely reading and enjoying these books from their own neighborhood library, its awesome! The library was installed on October 1, 2015 in front of the "Resource Center" located in our 80 unit family development and there have been no acts of vandalism or ill will towards it. Since the library has been installed, DHA has been holding , Reading programs for tots, a Tutor Club for school age children and other educational activities which have been very successful.

Housing America Campaign:

* October 1st DHA had its Housing American Campaign event and it was quite the success. In attendance was Representative Paul McMurtry, DHA Board member Donna Brown and myself, National NAHRO President Steve Merritt, 2 time National NAHRO poster contest winner Felicia Fox, our Executive Director, Artist Rali, Weaver, numerous residents and their children as well as family and friends.

If your interested in starting your own free little library you can visit www.littlefreelibrary.org