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## “New Little Library at Central Park”

“Take a book, return a book” is the idea behind the new Little Library- a dollhouse sized box located at Central Park that is stocked with books for people to borrow. A structure was built around the box so that it’s protected from the rain and it includes benches for readers to sit on.

The idea to put the library at the park came about as part of the Norfolk Art Center’s goal of increasing community involvement in and use of Central Park. Northeast Community College building construction students designed and



built the Little Library with materials purchased by the Norfolk Library Foundation at reduced cost from Carhart Lumber. The Norfolk Public Library stocked it with donated books. Now Norfolk Junior High students and library supporters have been given the responsibility of watching over the Little Library.

A ribbon cutting of the Little Library was held at Central Park Tuesday, November 12, with City, College, and Art Center officials in attendance. Several junior high students also were on hand to look over the new structure.

“The Little Library may be little but what it says is big. It shows that lifelong reading and collaboration is big,” said Jessica Chamberlain, Norfolk Public Library Director.

Anyone can borrow a book to read at the Little Library. They are asked to replace it when they’re done. They can also donate their own books to the collection. For more information call the library at 402-844-2100.