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Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. Chapters Launch Little Library Initiatives to Promote Literacy and Community Engagement

NEW YORK, NY - Chapters across the nation have proudly announced the launch of their Little Library initiatives, continuing our Founder Mothers' legacy of empowering marginalized communities through literacy. Access to these books not only relieves individuals from concerns about financial stability, but also fosters a hunger for knowledge and higher education, transcending socioeconomic constraints and biases.

These initiatives entail placing small, easily accessible book exchange boxes in public spaces, operating on the honor system of taking and leaving a book. The Little Libraries align with the sorority's commitment to education, cultural awareness, and community service.

"Although we've shifted towards virtual learning, not everyone has access to digital devices," said Jasely Molina, supporting Hermana of the Theta Eta Graduate/Professional Chapter of New Jersey. "We're bridging this gap, ensuring our community can still connect to the world. Everyone deserves the right to learn."

Decorated with the sorority's colors and insignia, these Little Libraries serve as vibrant hubs for book lovers, providing a space for neighbors to connect, share stories, and foster a love for reading.

Vanessa M. Barreto of the Theta Omicron Graduate/Professional Chapter of Westchester County & Connecticut shared, "Establishing the two mini-libraries in the City of White Plains was a profound honor. Being chosen for the 'Love Your Block' Grant by the City of White Plains not only affirmed the significance of promoting literacy but also emphasized the necessity for similar initiatives in our communities."

She added, "Through this endeavor, I've witnessed firsthand the transformative power of access to books. One moving testimony came from a client of mine, a Domestic Violence victim, who shared how the Battle Hill Mini-Library has become an invaluable resource for her and her two sons. Lacking and being unable to afford transportation, she found solace in the mini-library closest to her home, where she could spend quality time with her children, instill in them the importance of reading, and broaden their horizons."



"We are excited to see the positive impact these Little Libraries will have on our communities," said Milena Caraballo, President of the Theta Eta Chapter. "By promoting literacy and providing access to books, we hope to enrich the lives of those around us."

Additionally, other chapters, including Iota Chapter at Cornell University and Ithaca College, are currently in the works to establish their own Little Libraries, further expanding the reach and impact of the initiative within Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc.

Both Graduate/Professional chapters are thrilled to receive such incredible support from their communities and members, making history and creating opportunities for enrichment and empowerment.

The Theta Omicron & Theta Eta Chapters invite community members to visit their Little Libraries, located in the city of White Plains, NY, New Brunswick, NJ, and West Orange, NJ. For more information about Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. and their community initiatives, visit www.sigmalambdaupsilon.org.

About Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc.

Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. was founded on December 1, 1987 at Binghamton University with the purpose of providing a voice and means for empowerment to women everywhere. The sorority provides sisterhood and support while also promoting academic excellence, service to the community, leadership and cultural enrichment to college-educated and professional women. Dedicated to uplifting traditionally marginalized communities, the sorority challenges the status quo through programming and civic engagement initiatives that are both exemplary and unique. For more information, visit: www.sigmalambdaupsilon.org

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