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Charlie's Little Library

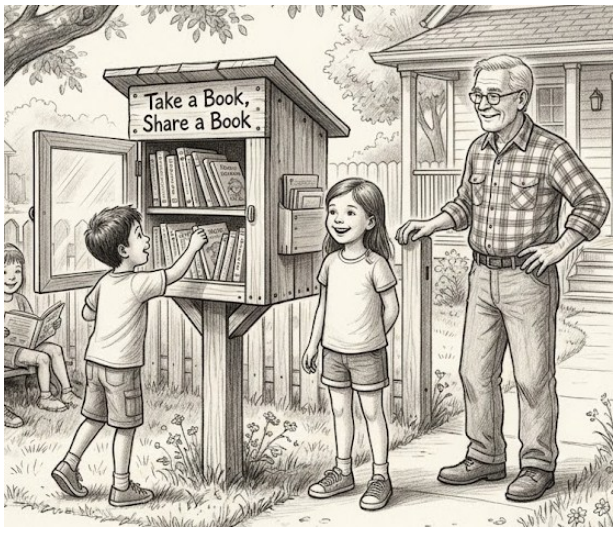
Charlie loved reading more than anything. Every week, she filled her backpack with stories from the school library. When summer vacation was just one week away, Charlie felt a wave of worry. The school library would be closed all summer, and many children on her street did not have books at home. Charlie wanted to build a neighborhood book box so all the kids could share and read stories together.

That afternoon, Charlie found some cardboard boxes in her garage. She taped them together, painted the sides bright yellow, and set the box on her front porch. But that night, a heavy rainstorm blew through the neighborhood. When Charlie ran outside the next morning, her cardboard book box was a soggy, ruined mess. Charlie sat on her porch steps and buried her face in her hands.

Mr. Gable, her retired neighbor, walked by and saw Charlie's destroyed box. "What were you trying to build, Charlie?" he asked gently.

Charlie explained her plan to share books with the neighborhood. Mr. Gable smiled. "A cardboard box won't hold up to the weather, but I have leftover wooden boards in my shed and tools we can use together."

Charlie's eyes lit up. Over the next three days, Charlie and Mr. Gable measured, sawed, and nailed the wooden boards together. They added a clear glass door and a slanted roof to keep the rain out. Charlie painted a sign on the front that read: Take a Book, Share a Book. Her classmates brought extra books from home to fill the shelves.



By Saturday morning, the little library was packed with adventure stories, mysteries, and picture books. Charlie watched happily as three neighborhood kids picked out books to read under the shade of the big elm tree. Charlie learned that when you ask for help and work with others, you can accomplish big goals that benefit the whole community.

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S SOMEBODY (Character)
I IN (Setting)
W WANTED (Motivation)
B BUT (Problem)
S SO (Resolution)
T THEN (End)

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1. Part A

What is the central message of the story?

A. Reading is the best way to spend summer vacation.

B. Working together and accepting help can help solve problems and achieve goals.

C. Cardboard is better to use for art projects than wooden boards.

D. Older neighbors always know how to build things out of wood.

Part B

Which sentence from the passage best supports the answer to Part A?

A. "The school library would be closed all summer, and many children on her street did not have books at home."

B. "She taped them together, painted the sides bright yellow, and set the box on her front porch."

C. "Maya learned that when you ask for help and work with others, you can accomplish big goals that benefit the whole community."

D. "By Saturday morning, the little library was packed with adventure stories, mysteries, and picture books."

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