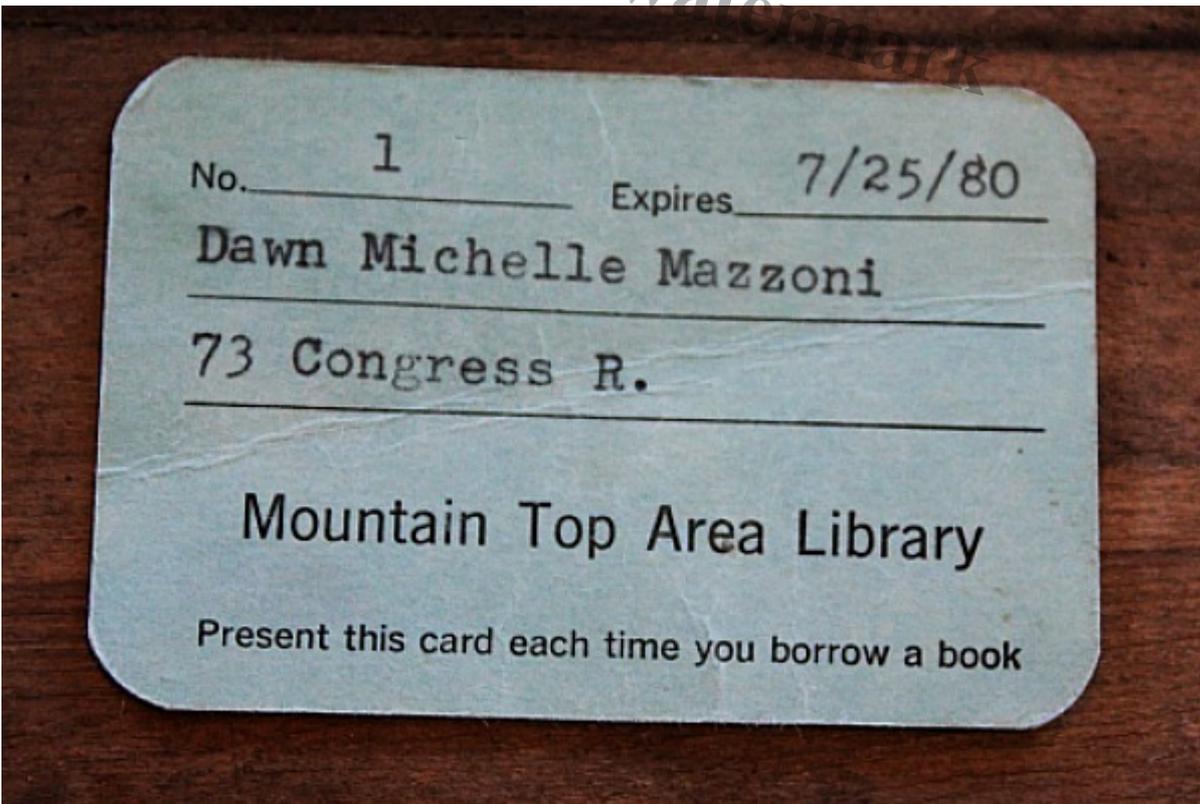




## Little Free Libraries Make Me Smile

### Description



A little known fact about me is that I was the first library card holder in Mt. Top, Pennsylvania. When the Mt. Top Area Library opened its doors my mother, brother and I must have been the first three in line. The library was located in an old home with creaky wood floors. The librarian typed the information on a piece of cardstock back in the day when people used typewriters and there was no

lamination process. We also got our photo in the paper, my brother was card holder number two and my mom number three.

This little bit of memorabilia almost got me a spot on *The Letterman Show* for one of David Letterman's segments with audience members. I attended *The Letterman Show* years ago with a friend and they asked us to fill out a questionnaire regarding any claims to fame. Having been a huge Letterman fan during my college years I thought my library story would be right up his alley. I later got a call back from the producers, but I was no longer in New York.



[Kelly Rae Robert's Little Free Library](#)



from the [Little Free Library Gallery](#)

I've always had a love for books. I have a tendency to collect them more than I do read them and joke about one day opening my own library. I came across the Little Free Library program on [Kelly Rae Robert's blog](#). The Little Free Library is a box full of books where people can share their favorite books. They are typically located in front of a person's home. Anyone can stop by and pick up a book and then bring another book back to share. It encourages reading and a sense of community. You can purchase Little Free Libraries from [their website](#) or build your own. The [Little Free Library website](#) is full of helpful information to help you get started. You can register your library box with the website and they also provide a map of current locations. I was surprised to find there are three registered in my area. There are 4,000 or so registered nationwide. I love this concept and it appears to be growing by leaps and bounds.

Little Free Libraries, sharing books and a love for reading makes me **smile!** How about you? Would you start a Little Free Library?

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