

Montmorency's Blaise van Hecke, Busybird Publishing and Gallery owner, hopes Leader Local Grant helps community book swap project

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Busybird Publishing owner Blaise van Hecke has applied for a Leader Local Grant. Picture: David Smith.

MONTMORENCY publisher Blaise van Hecke wants to put a book in everyone's hands.

The owner of Busybird Publishing and Gallery has applied to Leader Local Grants for a \$1000 grant to get her idea of a free community book swap off the ground.

Mrs van Hecke said the project aimed to promote a love of reading and build a sense of community through the sharing of books.

"The project will start with a birdhouse structure that can house a selection of books that make up a free library," Mrs van Hecke said.

"If you take a book you must replace it with another book of equal quality.

"Reading a book is a solitary pastime, but people love talking about books they have read, so in a way it is a shared experience."

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