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# Blaise looks to books to make a difference

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

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**Blaise van Hecke, publisher at Busybird Publishing, has applied for a Leader Local Grant to help her idea of a free community book swap to become a reality.**

The owner of Busybird Publishing and Gallery has applied for a \$1000 Leader Local 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.

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

Mrs van Hecke said the first library would be set up at the Busybird Gallery in Para Rd, Montmorency, but she would love to see them spring up across Melbourne.

Leader Local Grants is offering community organisations a chance to share in 33 \$1000 grants.

Go to [leaderlocalgrants.com.au](http://leaderlocalgrants.com.au) to nominate a project, but hurry, applications close on May 23.

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