



Carol Gillis AWC Detroit Literacy Heroine



Carol Gillis, strategy and planning manager at Perspecta, has spent most of her career in marketing and communications for IT consulting firms. A West Bloomfield resident, she is VP of Marketing for the Detroit Chapter of the Association for Women in Communications.

Carol was instrumental in launching the Chapter's first Little Free Libraries project. She enlisted her fiancé to construct the library, and together they collaborated on the design to make it appealing and sustainable. Her sons helped install the library on the grounds of The Mercy Education Project (MEP) at 1450 Howard Street near downtown Detroit in the spring of 2018.



MEP empowers low-income women and girls through education, helping them improve academic outcomes and address other life obstacles. "Whenever we're downtown we like to drive by the MEP little library in Corktown. We're happy to know the women and children are really enjoying it," says Carol.

"Literacy is such a crucial foundational skill set that everyone needs. Many of us take it for granted, but there are a lot of people who still need help. Providing this help can unlock their life potential and that's exciting to me. I look forward to supporting additional literacy efforts that AWC Detroit initiates."



The **Mercy Education Project** opens doors of opportunity through education to over 250 girls and women in Southwest Detroit every year. MEP provides intensive, one-on-one tutoring, college readiness, STEM summer camp, GED prep, workforce development, transportation and childcare assistance.