

ALL IT TAKES
IS ONE IDEA 



Eagle Scout James had an idea. It was not a big idea. It was a very small idea that popped into his head one day while he was reading his favorite book.

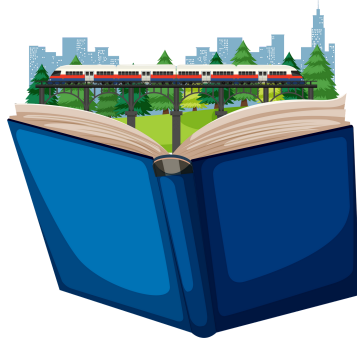




You see, Eagle Scout James loved to read! He read about history and science and loved to learn how things work. He visited the Douglas County Library and bookstores as often as he could.

One day a librarian told Eagle Scout James how lucky he is! Because it turns out, not everyone had libraries to go to or money to buy books from the store.



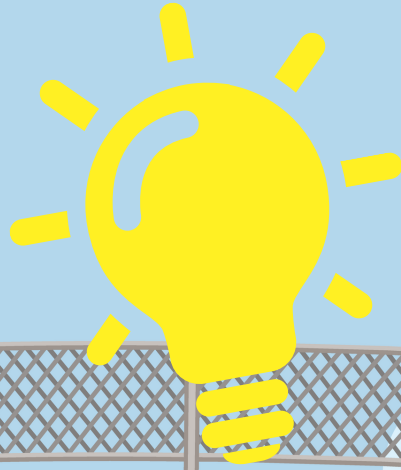


This made Eagle Scout James very sad. He thought of all his favorite stories and of all the facts he had learned from reading.



He remembered his parents reading to him as a little boy and how much fun it had been to spend that time together. What would he do if he didn't have any books to read?





**And that's when
he got his small
idea!**

He could start a free
library!

But how?
He was just one boy.





He had read books about building...
but he would need books to fill a
library. He had read books about
sharing... but he worried his
collection wouldn't be enough.



So, he told his mom about his
idea. And then she had a small
idea too!

They could host a book drive!



At their next Eagle Scout Meeting, James and his mom asked their troop to help them organize a book drive.



The troop
LOVED
this idea!



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BOOK DRIVE!



They set up posters and signs ... and they collected books from local families, bookstores and lots of places across town. But where would they put the books?

The troop members got another small idea!

They knew the local government manages the libraries. Maybe they would have a place to put Eagle Scout James' library.





That's when Eagle Scout James' idea, plus his mom's idea, plus the troops' idea all put together... turned into **ONE BIG IDEA!**



Eagle Scout James went to the Douglas County Health Department and asked for their help. They **LOVED** this BIG idea!

They told him they would put the libraries outside of their office where community members could find them.

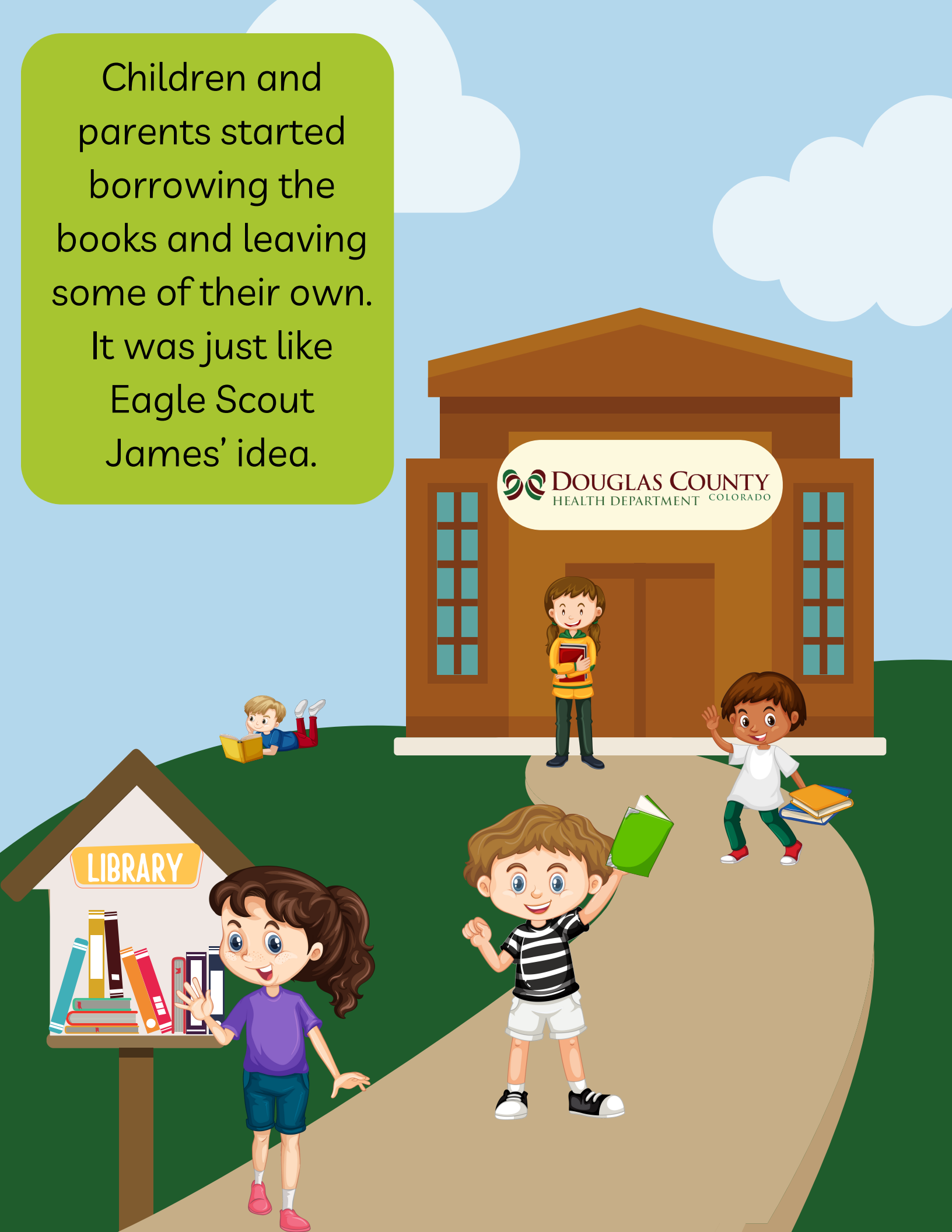


So Eagle Scout James gathered his tools and built two little libraries for all the books to go in. The little libraries looked like houses and were installed outside so that anytime anyone who wanted to read could grab a book.



Children and parents started borrowing the books and leaving some of their own. It was just like Eagle Scout James' idea.

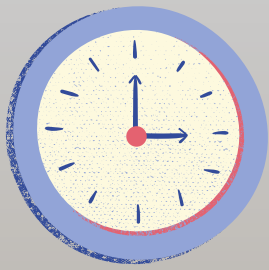
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But do you want
to know the best
part? Eagle Scout
James' idea just
kept growing

**BIGGER
AND
BIGGER!**



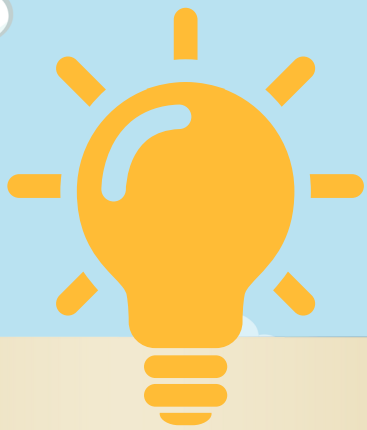


Because every visitor that borrowed a book from that library brought it home to read.



They read stories about history and fairytales and how things work.





And pretty soon, they thought of small ideas of their own.

THE END.



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