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Ithaca Girl Scouts Build Community Book Barn at Camp Comstock



Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Troop 41350 of Ithaca recently completed badgework for their Outdoor Journey by building a community “Book Barn” at Camp Comstock.

Ithaca, N.Y. (July 6, 2023) – [Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways](#) (GSNYPENN) Troop 41350 of Ithaca recently completed badgework for their Girl Scouts Outdoor Journey by building a community “Book Barn.” The project is installed and available for community use at the council’s Camp Comstock property located at 1419 Taughannock Blvd.

Brooke, Genevieve, Lilie and Madison—7th graders during the 2022-23 school year in the Newfield and Spencer-Van Etten districts—worked on the year-long project. With the help of their families, the girls gained new skills in project design, carpentry and building, and community outreach to help fill the barn with books. They invite Ithaca residents to stop by and see the work they did and to take a free book to read and pass along to friends and family.



“My favorite part was working together to build the book barn and knowing that books will be available to everyone for free,” says Lilie.

“I enjoyed building this lending library. My favorite part was the building process and learning to use power tools,” says Brooke.

“I think this project was important because it gives easier access for people to get books without having to worry about returning them,” says Genevieve.

“Carpentering is so cool,” says Madison.

“We are so proud of all the hard work they put into this project,” says Michael Garcia, Director of Camps for GSNYPENN. “The craftsmanship that

they showed was amazing.”

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