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### **January Map of the Month Features Blessing Box and Little Library Locations**

**Lancaster, Ohio** – The January 2024 Map of the Month has been released and features the locations of “blessing boxes” and “little libraries” throughout the Lancaster area. Blessing boxes serve as a resource for those needing a food item while little libraries have books for all ages. The idea behind these boxes is to “take what you need and leave what you can.”

The map features known locations. A zoomable version of the map can be found here: <https://bit.ly/JanMotM>.

Stacy Knight, Map Room Technician and creator of this month’s map, sourced locations of these boxes throughout social media. The response from members of the community was strong and locations continue to be posted online. She is updating the map as she receives new information. There are several new locations reported just this past week.

Dr. Carri Brown, Fairfield County Auditor, stated, “The County Auditor’s Real Estate Offices at 108 North High in Lancaster is now home to a Little Library. This Little Library was moved from the Amstutz building on the corner of Pearl and Main Streets. It can now be found on the High Street side of our building. Employees have already brought in books for the community.”

Additionally, the 2023 Map of the Year has been announced. The winning map was from January 2023 and featured Zane’s Land Grant (It is found here: <https://bit.ly/ZanesLandGrant>). This map received 33% of the total votes and was created by Nick Dilley, GIS and Map Room Manager. All of the other maps from 2023 received some votes and positive comments, yet the Zane’s Land Grant Map was the favorite of the year.

For more information or questions about the Map of the Month program or any other aspect of the County Auditor’s Office, please contact Rachel Elsea, Communications Officer, at [rachel.elsea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov](mailto:rachel.elsea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov)

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