

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Won't people steal the books?

No. You can't steal a free book. And if you have a good steward and lots of active users, eventually someone who tries to "steal" books will realize that it's not a good thing to do. If they do take books, they might even re-sell them, the QR code and message sticker or stamp in the book will help prevent used bookstores from buying them. (see #5 below). It will also notify the sticky fingered folks that they are violating the spirit of the entire Little Free Library movement.

2. Won't someone vandalize the Little Library?

It is the Village's goal for the Little Libraries to be placed in highly visible locations on public property. This should reduce or eliminate vandalism.

3. Where can Little Library be placed?

With the support of the Village, the preferred Village-owned locations are parks. More specifically for the Little Library boxes to be installed on post adjacent to public sidewalks next to the parks. The Village will also contact local schools and churches for their interest in participating as Little Library sites.

4. What if we run out of books?

Ask Library users, neighbors and potential users to contribute books. Keep them informed about what they can bring. But don't let people assume that someone else (you, for example) is responsible. The more people who participate, the better.

5. How much does a Little Library cost?

The cost is as low as \$50 for a set of "build it yourself" plans and go up to \$800. Creativity and uniqueness in the Little Library boxes are encouraged.

6. I noticed on the side of the Little Library a graphic design within a black and white box. What is the black and white design and box?

The black and white graphic box is a QR code. A QR code can be read by your smart phone with a special app that directs you to this page. It's our way of notifying people that they can find answers and some entertainment or valuable information about Little Libraries.

Little Libraries is an organization that began in Hudson, WI. For more information visit: <http://www.littlefreelibrary.org/index.html>



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Five Easy Steps

to a Little Free Library in Your Neighborhood

1. Identify an approved public location and steward.

2. Decide if you want to:

- **Build it Yourself.** Get plans and instructions. This would be a great project for an Eagle Scout or a woodworking hobbyist.
- Select a complete Little Library from the photos on the website.
- "Endow" for someone else (tax deductible!)
- Honor someone or have a Memorial Library.

3. Contact us. Use the contact form on the Village website.

4. Build Support

- **Lead the way.** Be the first to give to the Pay it Forward Fund.
- **Find a business or group sponsor**
- **Tell your neighbors and friends.** Invite them over for a little house party or send them a note asking them to join you in "Pay it Forward."

5. When it is installed, celebrate! Send your photos and information to the Village for website posting, Village's Facebook or possibly to the Little Free Library group to get on the worldwide map!



Each Library Needs a Steward

We want to have a contracted steward with each Little Library box in order to communicate on a regular basis, oversee the book collection and maintenance. As a steward you will be able to select a location from one of the identified sites, choose a Little Library box design, then build it, buy it or help raise funds by sending neighbors and friends to a designated online site to be co-sponsors. Once the Little Library box has been constructed (and painted) , the Village will take responsibility for the installation on any Village site. The steward must accept responsibility for the Library.

Keep your Little Library full of books.
Protect it. Enjoy it. Feel great!
P.S. Always support your public and school libraries!