

## Level Two

# Little Free Library



A little free library is a library for the neighborhood that operates on the honor system. Anybody has access to the books, but it is asked of them to either return the book they take or replace it with another book. This way the library stays full of books and the neighborhood can fully enjoy its benefits.

**Investment:** To buy a library it will cost around \$300. The time required is a couple weeks for approval of location.

### 1. Identify Location

- Choose a place within your neighborhood that has a lot of foot traffic and visibility but does not impede pedestrians, motor-vehicles and service men.
- Submit a [Request Form](#) to **Heather Patel** [hpatel@ajcity.net](mailto:hpatel@ajcity.net) to get permission to place the library in that area.
- They will require you to get a blue stake and place it in the location you want to have the library, so that it can be determined if that location has any utility lines that need to be avoided.

### 2. Get your Library

- You can either buy a library online through [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org) or you can build one yourself.
- If you decide to build one, make sure that it is pleasing to the public eye and that it is all weather proof. So water and dust will not be able to reach the books inside.
- Decorate the little library and make sure to add instructions on how to use the library. Try writing it on or within the library where it is easily visible.
- A caretaker will also need to be determined so that they can maintain the Little Free Library. All maintenance will be required by the caretaker.

### 3. Add Books

- You can add books from your own collection, have fellow neighbors contribute or have family and friends donate from their collections. It is best to get different genres in your free library so that anybody will be interested in using the library.

### 4. Spread the Word

- Tell your community about the new free library and where it is located. You can even have a notice put into your neighborhood newsletter. The more people who use it the better.

### 5. Read to Your Hearts Content

