

A Quick Readout on Little Libraries

Size & Type

- The maximum size allowed is two (2) feet by two (2) feet by one and a half (1.5) feet.
- Little libraries must have their own mounting post. They may not be attached to any other street structure or street tree. The post cannot damage tree roots two (2) inches or larger.
- Little libraries must be at least two (2) feet above the ground, and no more than three and a half (3.5) feet above the ground.

Placement

- **Sidewalk considerations:**
 - Always ensure a clear path of travel. Little libraries require four (4) feet of clearance in front of them as a path of travel. Six (6) should be provided if possible.
 - Keep all in-sidewalk utility boxes and vaults, sewer vents, etc. clear and accessible. Call 811 if you are unsure your post placement will affect any underground utilities.
 - Keep the little library three (3) feet from street trees and from vertical street/sidewalk elements. These include things such as street or utility poles, parking meters, garbage cans, etc.
 - If a little library is placed in the furnishing zone, its opening must face the fronting property, not the street.
- **Fire and safety considerations:**
 - Keep the little library at least four (4) feet from a fire escape's footprint and
 - five (5) feet from a fire hydrant or a building's exterior fire department connection.
 - Little libraries may not be affixed (chained, tied, bolted, etc.) to public infrastructure such as parking meters, light poles and bike racks, or street trees.
 - Little libraries may be placed along a sidewalk with existing elements. However, there must be one (1) four (4) foot, unobstructed gap every twenty (20) feet.
- **Parking considerations:**
 - If street parking is parallel to the curb, the little library must be two (2) feet from the curb.
 - If street parking is perpendicular or at an angle to the curb, the little library must be four (4) feet from the curb.
- **Curb Zone considerations:**
 - Little libraries may not be placed in bus zones.
 - Little libraries may not be placed in red or blue curb zones except when:
 - The sidewalk is nine (9) feet or wider, and
 - the little library is placed against the property line and leaves the required path of travel, and
 - the little library follows all other clearance requirements.

Sample Plan

Plan not drawn to scale.

