

# Little Free Library Building Contest



A Little Free Library is a “take a book” “leave a book” gathering place where visitors share their favorite literature and stories. Can you imagine a world without books? Yet many children and adults in our community have limited or no access to books. Together we can fill our neighborhoods and places where families gather with little libraries.

Due to funding restrictions the contest is open only to community members, organizations and businesses building and placing a library within Clay County. Prizes will be given for the most creative and best themed.

Not interested in building but would like to be a caretaker for a library?  
We will match you up with a builder!

**Applications for contest entries will be taken from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>. Libraries will be on display for community voting August 10<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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Clay County Early Childhood Initiative  
Little Free Library Building Contest  
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Registration Form

Name/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person if Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you/your organization be the Builder of the Library?  Yes  No

Will you/your organization be the Sponsor for your Little Free Library?  
(A sponsor is the Little Free Library Caretaker)  Yes  No

(If no, you can build your Little Free Library and donate to another  
program/individual to sponsor)

Where will your Little Free Library be placed? \_\_\_\_\_

Everyone is welcome to build or sponsor a Little Free Library. Due to funding requirements for the program, only Little Free Libraries placed in Clay County will be eligible for the contest prizes.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Strnad at 218-443-3916 or  
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Registration forms for the contest can be scanned and emailed to Carolyn or sent by regular mail to Clay County Collaborative, 715 11 St N. Moorhead MN 56560



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# Clay County Little Free Library Builder Guidelines

## The Fundamentals:

- Check with city ordinance or neighborhood association for any restrictions on the placement of a Little Free Library in your neighborhood. They cannot be placed on the boulevard.
- Use your imagination. Remember prizes will be given to the most creative and best themed.
- No smaller than 20" wide by 15" deep by 18" high. You can vary the dimensions as appropriate for the house you are constructing.
- During the design process don't forget to determine how your library will be displayed. It should be mounted on a sturdy pole or on a secure foundation.
- Should be somewhat enclosed to protect books from the weather.
- Use of recycled and found materials encouraged. Demonstrate green building techniques and materials whenever possible
- Build and finish the Library to last. Use screws rather than nails, and several coats of stain, paint or sealer.
- If you are entering the contest, your library must be display ready (minus the mounting pole).

Templates and samples can be found at

[www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org)

<http://littlefreelibrary.org/builders/>

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Little-Free-Library/>

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