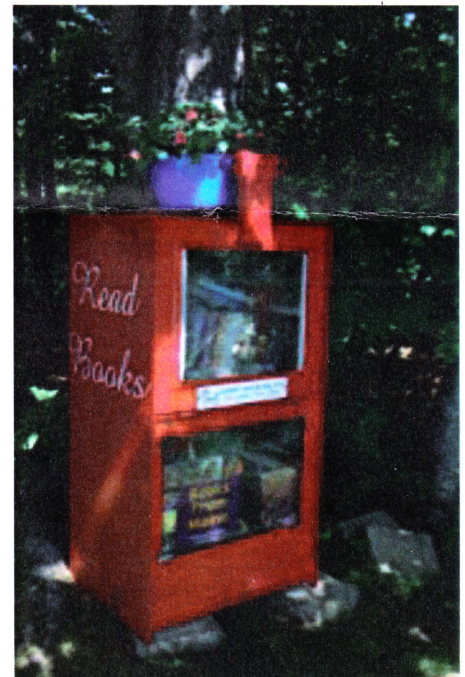
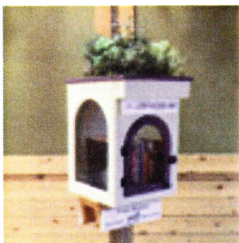


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Q&A for Public Little Free Library Sponsorship

1. What is a Little Free Library?

A Little Free Library (LFL) is simply a free book exchange, usually consisting of a box of books posted in an accessible spot. Founded as a non-profit in 2012 with a goal of installing 2,510 libraries (one more than Andrew Carnegie's public libraries), Little Free Libraries now number 36,000+ internationally.

2. Why is the Scarborough Public Library supporting these Little Free Libraries?

The Scarborough Public Library is delighted to promote literacy throughout our community. This is a natural extension of our mission. Furthermore, patrons share with us all of the time that they feel a real sense of community at the Library. We believe that this sense of community can flourish around public and neighborhood Little Free Libraries as well.

3. How are Little Free Libraries decorated?

The first LFL was designed to look like a one room school-house. Some are decorated to match a nearby home or building. Others are decorated with plants that grow on the roof. Many library owners use their library to express their creativity. There are no right or wrong ways to decorate a LFL.

4. How will this sponsored Little Free Library be decorated?

You are free to decorate your LFL any way you wish. We can help with recommendations for paints, stains and sealers that have proven successful on other LFLs. If you would prefer to have the Scarborough Public Library arrange to have your LFL painted or stained, we have volunteers prepared to help with this project.



5. What happens to the Little Free Library once it's installed?

All Little Free Libraries need a steward to check in on book inventory, curate the collection, make certain that the LFL is in good shape, etc. Community Services will tend to mowing and clear sidewalks. Any additional maintenance will be the responsibility of the sponsor.

6. Are Little Free Libraries targets for vandalism?

While reports of vandalism are rare (less than 0.01%), it can happen. The areas that Community Services has offered are well lit, high traffic areas with a naturally low occurrence of vandalism. We believe that presenting these public Little Free Libraries as well loved and well tended community resources will further reduce the chance of vandalism.

7. Is there any ongoing support available?

There are tremendous resources available at littlefreelibrary.org. There are tips and suggestions for keeping inventory fresh, keeping the community engaged, sharing your successes, etc. Additionally, we plan to support a local FB page that will enable stewards to support and encourage one another.

8. Where can I find out more about Little Free Libraries?

The most comprehensive and up to date resource is littlefreelibrary.org. There is also a fantastic book entitled *The Little Free Library Book* available for your perusal at the Scarborough Public Library.

