

# March 2021 Community Newsletter Content

## Little Libraries

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities



### *What:*

- A Little Library is small and free and whatever shape you'd like it to be. The idea is that the Little Library sits on your lawn or in a public space where neighbours can take a book or leave a book.

### *Purpose:*

- Neighbours get to know one another by gathering around the library
- Encourages reading for adults and kids
- Help build momentum for your community association's programs and services
- Engages the community by offering participation in little libraries
- Encourage positive use of the community and its assets
- Proactive community-based crime prevention

### *Checklist:*

#### **Before:**

- ☐ Find a home for your community's Little Library. This can be on your property or in a public place like a park or community association. If you choose a public place, ensure to get permission from the landowner or the City.
- ☐ Choose a steward to take care of the Little Library. This can be one person or a couple people who will be in charge of making sure the Little Library is cleaned, stocked and inviting for the public.
- ☐ Build the Little Library or purchase one from [www.littlefreelibraries.org](http://www.littlefreelibraries.org) . Get creative! Little Libraries can look like telephone booths, bird houses, mailboxes, etc.
- ☐ Call Alberta One Call or go to their website [www.albertaonecall.com](http://www.albertaonecall.com) to have someone ensure that the area for your Little Library is safe to dig.
- ☐ Collect books from family, friends, or neighbours.
- ☐ Assign the role of advertising to 1-2 individual(s). Consider newsletter articles, bulletin boards or the community association website.

#### **Ongoing:**

- ☐ Stewards will be in charge of cleaning and stocking the Little Library. This will be their ongoing responsibility after the Little Library is installed. Be sure the stewards have a stock pile of books for restocking.

### *Key Consideration:*

- Little Libraries can be registered internationally at [www.littlefreelibraries.org](http://www.littlefreelibraries.org) for the cost of \$34.95. To have your Little Library placed on a Calgary map for free, email [yyclittlelibraries@gmail.com](mailto:yyclittlelibraries@gmail.com)
- Consider planning a block party for an inaugural celebration of your community's Little Library. Check out *Love Where You Live: Host a Block Party!* in the Building Safe Communities' Virtual Resource Centre at [www.calgarycommunities.com](http://www.calgarycommunities.com).
- For more information on Little Libraries check out the Federation of Calgary Communities' resource *Little Libraries*.

## City of Calgary Content

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