

City of Belmont Little Street Library Guidelines



What are Little Street Libraries?

Little Street Libraries aim to promote literacy, build a sense of community and endorse reading. Various little free libraries are being installed in places such as parks, residential properties near schools and child care centres within the City of Belmont. The 'little library' is a simple book swap concept - they are filled with books so that anyone can stop by and collect a book or two, providing they replace the ones that they take with other books.

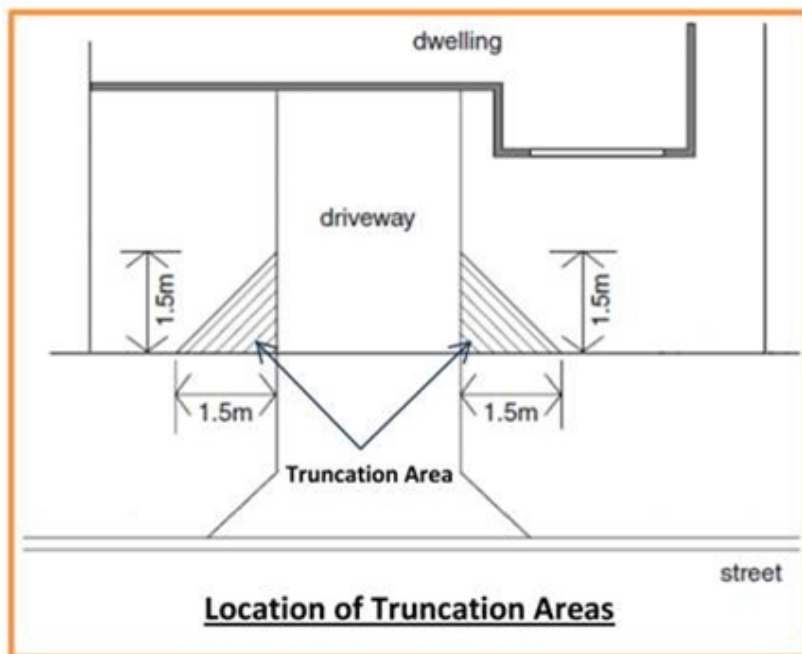
The City of Belmont supports the installation of little free libraries as they encourage an interest in reading by making books more accessible in different locations in the community.

The following guidelines aim to clarify the scenarios for little libraries situated on private land and those on public land.



LITTLE STREET LIBRARIES ON PRIVATE LAND

The City of Belmont supports Little Street Libraries on private land.



Areas near a driveway within 1.5m of where the driveway meets the front boundary are designated as the Truncation Area as per the Residential Design Codes. These truncation areas ensure safety by providing unobstructed sight lines at vehicle access points. Preferably, little libraries should be located outside of the truncation area. In the event that a little library is located within the truncation area it should not exceed a height of 750mm.

If you are interested in installing your own library within your private property boundary, the following website

provides some useful information. Street Library Australia – <https://streetlibrary.org.au>

LITTLE STREET LIBRARIES ON PUBLIC LAND

The City of Belmont supports Little Street Libraries on public land including neighbourhood parks, where appropriate. However, the City does not support little libraries on verges or road reserves. In the first instance, please contact the City's Placemaking Officer on 9477 7409 to discuss your idea.

Following this discussion, a Little Street Libraries on Public Land application form must be completed with final plans attached for approval.

The City does not provide funding for little free libraries and ongoing upkeep and maintenance is the responsibility of the applicant.

The City of Belmont may remove the little street library should it become a hazard or fall into disrepair. In such a situation, a City Officer will contact the applicant to request the removal. Should the applicant not respond within 7 days, the City will instigate the removal.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact the City of Belmont's Placemaking Officer on 9477 7409.

APPLICATION FORM LITTLE STREET LIBRARY ON PUBLIC LAND

Please answer ALL questions.

Main Contact Details:

Name _____
Group (if applicable) _____
Address _____
Suburb _____ Post Code _____
Contact numbers (H) _____ (W) _____
(M) _____
Email _____

Secondary Contact Details:

Name _____
Group (if applicable) _____
Address _____
Suburb _____ Post Code _____
Contact numbers (H) _____ (W) _____
(M) _____
Email _____

Details of proposed Little Street Library:

Location _____
Nearest Intersection _____

Please ensure you attach the following to this application:

- Aerial image of the property marking the location of the library.
- Dimensions including height, depth and width.
- Dimensions from front and side boundaries.
- Footings details.

I declare that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct.
I agree to undertake ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the Little Library.
I agree to indemnify and keep indemnified the City of Belmont from and against all liability of any kind arising either directly or indirectly as a result of the Little Library.

Applicant's signature

Date

PLEASE FORWARD APPLICATION TO:

Chief Executive Officer
City of Belmont
Locked Bag 379, Cloverdale WA 6105
Attention: Community Placemaking
Fax: 9478 1473
placemaking@belmont.wa.gov.au

Enquiries to City of Belmont Community Placemaking – 9477 7409

