

Little Street Library Guidelines

What are Little Street Libraries?

Little Street Libraries aim to promote literacy, build a sense of community, and encourage reading. Various 'little libraries' are being installed in places such as parks, residential properties near schools and childcare centres within the City of Belmont.

The Little Street Library is a simple book swap concept. You:

- take a book – if you see something you like to read, take it.
- give a book – leave books in the Little Street Library you no longer read for other book lovers to enjoy.
- share a book – return your book to any Little Street Library once you are done to keep the movement going.

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

I Want to Install a Little Street Library

There are two ways you can get a little library in your neighbourhood - on public land or private land.

Public land

The City of Belmont supports the installation of little libraries on public land such as neighbourhood parks, to encourage an interest in reading by making books more accessible in different locations in the community. The little libraries are constructed to the correct dimensions by Belmont Men's Shed, and a local artist is engaged to decorate the little library.

How to Apply for a Little Street Library on Public Land

1. Send an enquiry to artsandplace@belmont.wa.gov.au or call the Arts and Place team on 08 9477 7248 to discuss your idea.
2. Apply to install a Little Street Library on public land by submitting a [Little Street Library on Public Land Application Form](#) to the City for approval.

The City of Belmont:

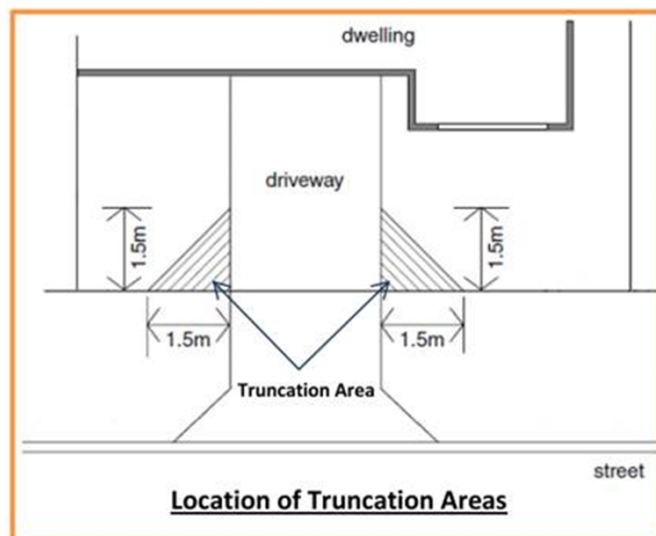
- provides funding for Little Street Libraries on public land including the construction, decoration and installation.
- does not support little libraries on verges or road reserves.
- may remove a little library should it become a hazard or fall into disrepair. In such a situation, a City Officer will contact the applicant to request the removal. Should the applicant not respond within 7 days, the City will instigate the removal.

Private land

Installing a little library on private land requires you to meet certain guidelines to ensure it is safe and does not obstruct sight lines at vehicle access points.

Areas near a driveway within 1.5m of where the driveway meets the front boundary are known as the truncation area, as per the [Residential Design Code State Planning Policy 3.1](#) (Clause 5.2.4 - Street Wall & Fences and Clause 5.2.5 - Sight Lines).

These truncation areas (refer to diagram below) ensure safety by providing unobstructed sight lines at vehicle access points. Preferably, Little Street Libraries should be positioned outside of the truncation area. In the event that a Little Street 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, visit the [Street Library Australia website](#) for more information.

Please contact the City of Belmont's Arts and Place team via email artsandplace@belmont.wa.gov.au or by calling us on 08 9477 7248 for more information.