

10 Street Library Grant Program: FAQs

Q: Do the ten libraries get delivered to us or will you distribute as the hosts come on board?

A: We distribute to hosts - unless you want to do it.

Q: Do the hosts have an agreement with Street Library to detail what happens if they move house/leave the program/the library is destroyed i.e replacement/ etc? Can we see this agreement?

A: No - it's totally up to them. We wouldn't enforce any agreement like that - they are volunteers not service providers ;). As part of getting the library though they have to paint, install, register and promote it though. However - we won't be banging on anyone's doors and taking their library back if they don't do this - it will be just bad karma for them. We make it clear up front though.

Q: Can I see an example of the promo page you'll do for us?

A: <https://streetlibrary.org.au/live-blacktown/>

Q: What conditions or qualifications do you impose on the Street Librarians?

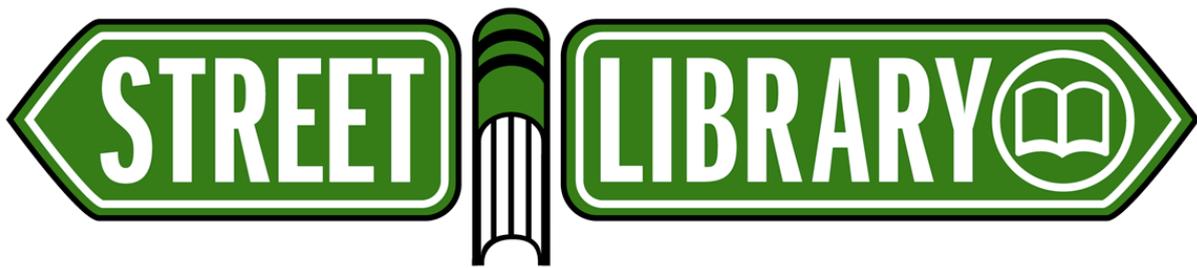
A: You can see our conditions in our email here

You'll need to:

- a) Paint it in bright wonderful colours, and love it to bits
- b) Install it within a 3 month period of being awarded the grant
- c) Organise a bit of a launch party (cupcakes will do!) with any neighbours who might be interested in the project.
- d) Register the library with us (free, just take a picture and let us know where you put it online)
- e) Be open to receiving press enquires about your Street Library, and mentioning us (Street Library) and the donor council

Q: Do you encourage people to put them in public spaces?

A: No - <https://streetlibrary.org.au/ufaqs/want-put-library-verge-need-permission-council/>



Q: Can you show me some examples of Street Libraries that have been installed by the grant in another council?

A: Sure - see these ones!

- <https://streetlibrary.org.au/library/sparkle-book-box/>
- <https://streetlibrary.org.au/library/me-books/>
- <https://streetlibrary.org.au/library/bronte-eec-community-library/>
- <https://streetlibrary.org.au/library/play-with-me/>
- <https://streetlibrary.org.au/library/the-hungry-worm/>
- <https://streetlibrary.org.au/library/jnc-street-library/>

Q: What about press - do you handle it?

A: We help our Street Librarians facilitate their own press - and we would love it if council's own press officers helped us amplify this grant program. See an example of some press we got in local paper recently

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Book boxes bind community

Mini libraries catch on in streets

Shaya Laughlin

CUTE mini street libraries are popping up all over the eastern suburbs.

Bondi Junction street librarian Catherine Munro has had a weatherproof box in her yard for several months.

The community book exchange is part of a free library movement that started in the US in 2009.

Book-lovers set up a mini library with books they have read and are happy to lend.

"Everyone uses it like they use a water bubbler," Ms Munro said. "It's the heart of the community - chairs have even started to appear there.

"Adults and children are using it."

Ms Munro said books were never overdue and the system worked on honour.

"There is no need to monitor the books because they turn over," she said.

Ms Munro said her two children read books quickly, and street libraries ensured they always had new books.

Street Library founder Nic Lowe said he had a few street libraries worth \$300 available for \$10 to Waverley Council residents.

The library must be installed on a property you control, which may be private or school grounds.

Preference will be given to artists, writers and low income or unwaged persons, as well as charities.

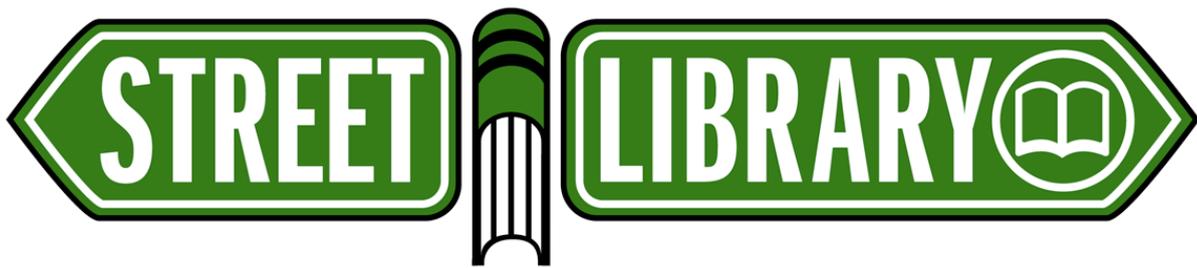
Go to streetlibrary.org.au/live-waverley-council/

Elodie Nettheim, 9, and Charman Goodsir, 9, at their local street library in Bondi Junction
Picture: John Appleyard

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Q: Will you let our mayor launch one?

A: Sure - but you'll have to organise it with the Street Librarian. Mayors need their hands held a bit more than we're used to! We'll put you in touch when the libraries are ready.



Q: This looks awesome - how do I get started?

A: It's simple - order this program online here. No credit card needed.

<https://streetlibrary.org.au/p/council-grant-pack-10-libraries-10-hosts-community/>

Q: Who decides who gets the Street Library? Is it us or you?

A: It's us. We create a shortlist based on their application plus other data around walkability and marketing benefits. We then conduct a phone interview with the potential recipient to ensure they are suitable, understand their responsibilities and are a good ambassador for the project.

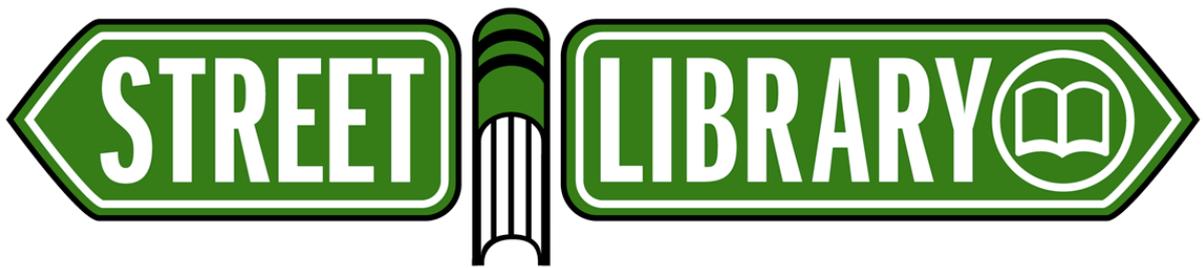
Q: But.....I want some input on who gets the Street Library?

A: Sorry, you can't. It's up to us. We've got experience in this, and we know how to do it quickly, professionally and what landmines to look out for.

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