



Little Libraries in City Parks

City of South San Francisco

Program Overview



- Small outdoor book-sharing boxes located in public spaces
- Operate on a **“take a book, leave a book” model**
- Accessible to all residents at no cost
- Encourages literacy, reading, and community connection
- Little Free Libraries are part of a global movement with **more than 200,000 libraries worldwide.**
- The model relies on community participation and operates on an honor system where anyone may take or share books.

Proposed Program

Benefits for the Community

- Promotes literacy and lifelong learning
- Encourages reading for children and families
- Provides free and accessible books
- Enhances park amenities
- Builds community connections
- Parks are ideal locations because they are **highly visited gathering spaces for families and youth.**

Why Install Them in Parks?

Proposed approach:

- Install Little Free Libraries in city parks
- Place near playgrounds, picnic areas, or high-visibility locations
- Books supplied by the SSF Public Library and community donations
- Parks staff periodically monitor for maintenance

Potential community partners:

- SSF Public Library
- Local schools
- Literacy organizations
- Community volunteers
- Service clubs

Fiscal Impact



- Request for \$5,000 from General Fund
- Installation by staff absorbed within Parks & Recreation operating budget
- Will seek Community sponsorships for funding and donations of books
- Ongoing costs expected to be minimal.

Recommendation

- Approve funding in amount of \$5,000 for installation of Little Free Libraries in City parks and authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to implement the program.
- Expected outcomes:
 - Increased access to books
 - Stronger community connections
 - Enhanced park experience for residents



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