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DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Little Free Library / Pantry

This is one in a series of Development Information Bulletins prepared to assist Property Owners and Developers to undertake specific types of development in the City of Mount Pearl. For further information on other Bulletins available in the series please contact the Department of Community Development.

What is a Little Free Library/Pantry?

A Little Free Library/Pantry are typically seen in the form of a small storage bin or wooden box/shelf in a public space or placed on a private property that provide books and/or non-perishable food items for the community. Anyone may take a book or food item or place items in the box to share. The intent is to provide free and accessible books and/or food items to the wider community, “Give what you can, take what you need.”

A permit is not required to install a Little Free Library/Pantry in the City, however there are some important things to consider including:

- Determine whether private property or public property best suits your vision.
- Confirm if neighbors are supportive of the project.
- Placement should be in an area that is safe and accessible, has a low vehicular traffic volume, well lit, does not impact local traffic, does not interfere with the City’s snow clearing operations.
- If a post in the ground is required, prior to digging, a request for an underground wire locate must be made to NF Power to ensure the safety of the worker and to ensure that underground wiring/conduit is not damaged. The City will not take any responsibility for any injuries or damages that may occur in this process.
- Consider how you will protect the Little Free Library/Pantry from all types of weather conditions.
- Ongoing maintenance and stocking of items.
- No litter or debris should be found on site.
- Pest and rodent control (food items should be non-perishable and protected from rodents).