

Little Free Book and Seed Library Manual

Thank you for hosting a Little Free Book and Seed Library in the City of Vincent.

This Manual has been developed as a resource for you. It is a work in progress and we welcome your contributions.

Contact details of the project organisers:

Please email tvincentlibraries@gmail.com with your queries and suggestions.

You can also ring Theresa on 0415 279 506 or Irma on 0466 640 455

To make it easier we will refer to the Little Free Book and Seed Libraries as LFL in this Manual.

- **Free books and seeds, available 24/7**
- **Take a book and leave a book.**
- **Save your seeds and share them with your neighbours.**

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Background of Little Free Libraries (LFL)

Little Free Libraries have been set up all around the world to give communities 24/7 access to books and to encourage book exchanges in the local neighbourhood, building community and sharing resources.

The first LFL in the City of Vincent was set up in Anzac Road in Mount Hawthorn by Theresa Youngs-Lachmund in 2015. It is still in operation and has now moved to 58 Norfolk Street in Mount Lawley.

Transition Town Vincent received a grant from the City of Vincent to establish additional LFLs in the City of Vincent. Very likely a LFL has been set up in your neighbourhood,

Check out [this map](#) to find your nearest LFL.

Our LFL not only books but seeds to share as well.



Design of our LFL

LFL are usually set up in upcycled containers of different shapes and sizes. The books are displayed in a way that is protected from the weather, while still being easily accessible.

Some LFL have a chalkboard painted on one or two sides of the library, for easy communication between readers and the library host.

Some of the most suitable items to upcycle into a LFL are bedside cupboards and tables that are high enough to hold books that are standing upright so that the book title is easily visible.



The drawer at the top of the box usually contains the LFL communication book, the seed container, and writing utensils, including chalk.

All LFL are painted in bright colours and decorated in various ways, according to the preferences of the LFL host. Most display our Logo

Interested in becoming a host

In support of our LFL hosts, a closed facebook group has been set up. This will allow confidential message sharing, peer support and facilitate communication. Please send a facebook friend request to Irma Lachmund or Theresa YL and we will add you to the group.

If you do not have a facebook account, contact will be via email.

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You also might want to set up your own support network for the LFL including people in your street.

Content of the LFL

Books

Most LFL contain a good selection of books that give the reader a good choice.

Some LFL focus on children's books which usually have a high turnover rate.

Books usually turn over frequently.

Seeds

The libraries also offer seeds for sharing.

Available seeds will vary. Usually available are tomatoes, pumpkin and parsley as they are very easy to grow.

Small quantities of seeds are made available in envelopes that show the name of the seed variety and more details about the particular seeds in the envelope.

More information on seed saving can be found here on these websites:

- Permaculture West - <http://permaculturewest.org.au/community/seed-saving-wa>
- How to grow tomatoes in Perth - <http://www.wascene.com/home-garden/grow-your-own-tomatoes/>

Growing instructions can be found on the Transition Town Vincent Website www.ttmthawthorn.org. The website will change in the near future and we will let you know when it does.

How you can get involved

Connect with LFL in Vincent via Facebook

LFL in the City of Vincent are connected through an open facebook group. Join that group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1927722484161990/>

Donate books and seeds

Please make contact with the host of your LFL whether additional books or seeds are needed. Single books and seeds can just be added to the LFL content.

Please do not dump books in the LFL but donate your excess books to charity.

All books are suitable except R18+ books.

Best way to make contact is by just knocking on the door of the host or leaving a message on the chalk board.

Support your local LFL host

Many hosts are grateful for support in their local neighbourhood for the running of the LFL. Such support is especially required when the host goes on holiday for a few days or weeks.

Also by just keeping an eye on the LFL you already help keep this community hub running well.

Please connect directly with your host to see what support is needed. Simply knock on the door or leave a message within or on the chalkboard of the LFL.

Set up your own LFL

You will find setting up a LFL rewarding and life enriching.

Simply set up a weatherproof container at a location that is accessible 24/7 to your neighbourhood.

Let us know if you would like to join this project. There is no financial incentive for LFL hosts, but support is available:

Facebook group for Little Free Library Hosts in the City of Vincent

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1503766102987677/>

For more information please contact ttvincentlibraries@gmail.com.

Your Little Free Library Team