Can I install a library on public property? What permissions do I need?

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Every city will have different rules. You can apply for permits, variances, and approvals but it could take a long time. Watch the video below to learn more, and here are some of the strategies we've learned over the years:

The best strategy is to avoid needing to ask permission. Unless you are the local authority (the city government, for example) that is officially sponsoring the library, pick a spot on private property. The larger the municipality, the more difficult approval may be.

Be considerate of other people's rights. Don't put the library where it might block daily activities such as walking, biking, shoveling snow, etc.

Assure whoever is worried that you have a good steward and lots of people who will look out for it over the long term. The authorities don't want to have added responsibilities.

If you have to seek approval from local authorities, it may help to show them an example of amended zoning ordinances from another city that allow Little Free Library book-sharing boxes.

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