



Little
Free
Library®

How to Install a Little Free Library

Installation Materials

- Official Little Free Library charter sign
- Power drill or screwdriver
- Square #2 drill bit
- 7/64" drill bit (optional)
- Library post with topper
- Post hole digger (optional)
- Shovel
- 6 - 2.5" lag (wood) screws
- Level
- Tape measure



Step 3

Dig a 2-foot deep, 1-foot wide hole. At this depth, your 5-foot library post will sit about 3 feet off the ground. You can dig a deeper hole if you wish to make the library more accessible to small children.

Step 1

Choose a great spot for your Little Free Library and plan accordingly. Consider foot and vehicle traffic, lighting during the day and night, utility lines that may be buried (call 811 to have a professional check the area and mark any spots you should avoid), and the overall safety of the location. Verify the proposed location is compliant with local zoning laws.

Tip: Most stewards install their libraries 3-5 feet from the sidewalk or nearest path.

Step 2

Using the 2 screws included with your charter sign and a power drill or Phillips screwdriver, attach the sign to the door of your Little Free Library. We recommend attaching the sign above the window so visitors can easily see your charter number.

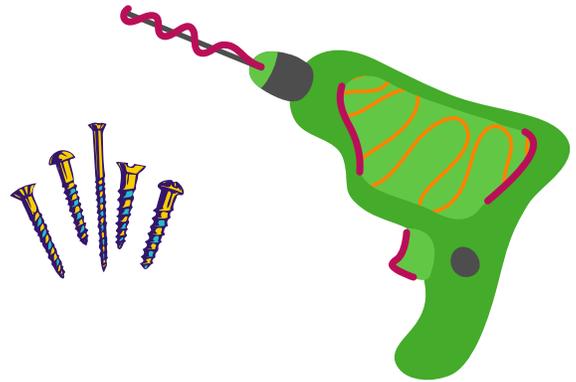


Step 4

Center the library post in the hole and fill half of the hole with dirt. Then, use your level to ensure the platform is even with the ground.

Step 5

Fill in the rest of the hole, tamping down the dirt firmly to keep the post secure. Some stewards choose to pour concrete around the base of the library for added security, though this usually isn't necessary.



Step 6

Use a measuring tape to center your library on the platform.

Step 7

Secure the library to the post by drilling 6 2.5" screws through the library base and into the post topper. Optional: to make this easier, you can pre-drill holes with a 7/64" drill bit through the bottom of your library first.

Step 8

Add your library to our world map at [LittleFreeLibrary.org/MapYourLibrary](https://www.littlefreelibrary.org/MapYourLibrary), join the Facebook group for registered stewards, stock your library with great books, and prepare for lots of visitors!



Additional Resources

- [Start your own Little Free Library](#)
- [VIDEO: How to Site and Install a Little Free Library](#)
- [LFL Stewards Facebook Group \(note: you'll need your charter number to join\)](#)