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**Subject:** Little free library

Dear Kevin,

Good afternoon. It was a pleasure speaking with you today. I am so grateful that you got back to me so quickly. Little Free Libraries are near and dear to my heart and I've made inquiries about creating one for years now. As an author, I have access to a great number of books from author friends, various contacts and local organizations. Little Free Libraries are a great love of mine and I have been replenishing them all over Stamford since 2020 and the pandemic. I often post them on my author Belle Calhoun fb page and encourage others to donate to them and visit the ones in their communities all across the country. I regularly visit and donate to the ones at Cove Island and Barrett Park. It would be an honor if my request was approved.

I love Stamford and Little Free Libraries (as well as actual libraries). I grew up across the street from a public library in Massachusetts and it forever changed my life. I think Little Free Libraries do so much to support literacy and foster a love of reading in people of all ages.

I am requesting permission to install a Little Free Library at Scalzi Park in Stamford. The park is a vibrant location for people of all generations and ethnicities. This would be a great location in my opinion. I am attaching a picture of the actual location where the box could be installed.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Hello. My name is Sandra Calhoun and I've been a resident of Stamford for 21 years. I'm an author who has an avid love of books and literacy projects. In March of 2020 when the pandemic struck, I began spending time at Cove Island and fell in love with the Free Little Library there, which I've been replenishing for four years.

My idea is to have a Little Free Library at Scalzi Park at the location I've already provided a picture of. This location is visible from the street to passersby and there is a parking lot nearby, as well as a playground and tennis courts.

Specific questions asked:

<https://shop.littlefreelibrary.org/collections/little-free-library-kits/products/two-story-shed-light-blue-kit-little-free-library-1>

With regards to the design, I am hoping to have a box a robin's egg color with a quote about reading on it along with a floral design. My sister is an artist and has agreed to help. I can have a sketch next week.

Weights 25 pounds and

My husband is able to install (former engineer and quite handy).

It would be my pleasure to maintain this Little free Library.

I am going to pursue a grant for the library but am willing to pay for it myself if that doesn't work out.