



Community Sharing Libraries

Size and Design Guidelines

SIZE	CONSTRUCTION SUGGESTIONS
<p>A basic library is approximately 24" tall, 22" wide x 18" deep. Minimally larger designs will be considered.</p> <p>Note that many childrens' books are extra tall or wide and don't fit on standard shelves so you may wish to stagger your shelf heights.</p>	<p>Use recycled and found materials if you can and demonstrate green building techniques and materials whenever possible.</p> <p>Build and finish the library to last. Use screws rather than nails.</p> <p>If your library is made of wood, either stain or primer and standard house paint (water-based or oil-based paint) should be used to help protect the wood and make it last. Stain or paint will need to be reapplied every 1-2 years, as needed.</p>
<p>DESIGN</p> <p>Design must be appropriate for all ages and cannot violate any legislative provision, including British Columbia Human Rights Code.</p> <p>Must securely protect their contents from rainfall and other weather hazards and be safely secured to the ground and be clearly marked in such a way to clearly indicate that the box is a book sharing box and part of a book exchange.</p> <p>Must be placed in well-lit area.</p>	<p>Give your roof an overhang to stop water from running down the sides and into the library. Test that the construction is waterproof.</p> <p>In order to avoid condensation issues, you can create an air vent by drilling four small holes in the floor of the library near the front.</p>