

# Starting a Little Free Library

- [Donors Choose](#) was our first step. Our class wanted to ask others to help us fund this project. I created the project on the Donors Choose website and began sharing with parents, friends, and family. You may have a different way to fund your project!
- You'll need to visit the [Little Free Library](#) starter site to help you find out the first steps to take (finding a location, choosing your library style, registering your library).
- Once your library has been delivered, you will want to design a special way to make your library stand out. My class decided to make a flower out of their handprints on the back. I did a protective wood stain all over the box and let it dry for several days before painting each of their hands and placing them in a circle. Each child also signed their name in sharpie.
- I ordered an adhesive brass plaque from this [Etsy shop](#). I had them print our school name, a small dedication, and the year.
- I purchased a mailbox post from Home Depot similar to the one [here](#). My husband used a post hole digger first and then [Quikrete](#) once the hole was ready. We left that there for several days before the dedication to make sure it was completely dry and prepped.
- We attached the library with wood screws, nuts, and bolts.
- Use this link for some free and [printable bookmarks](#). The kids chose several to color and I had them laminated. We placed a stack of these inside the library for others to take during their first visit to the library.
- Each child painted a rock to encircle the ground portion of the post.
- You'll want to plan a special day to dedicate the library. We invited parents and family to meet one night after school. It would be sweet to have your students create an invitation.