

Workshop Grant Program: FAQs

Q: Who builds the libraries? Are they hard to build?

A: You build them. It's not IKEA, and you'll need to be able to hammer a nail, glue a joint and use a cordless drill to make and hang a small door.

Q: What about if I don't know how to do these things?

A: They come with a comprehensive written instruction set that will make your life easy, assuming you can read!

Q: How long does it take to build one?

A: Between 3 to 5 hours, depending on the level of skill of the participant. If you're very familiar with wood working and assembly, closer to 3 hours. If you're a bit fumbly, and have trouble reading instructions, then closer to 5 hours. If you've got more people, it will take a shorter time BUT more people add complexity to a workshop. For a workshop for 10 libraries and 10 people, be prepared to spend at least 6 hours in the workshop, including setup and supervision.

Q: Can one person do it by themselves?

A: Yes

Q: Do I need special materials or tools?

A: Not really. You'll get a instruction list when you commit to the grant.

Q: Where should we build it?

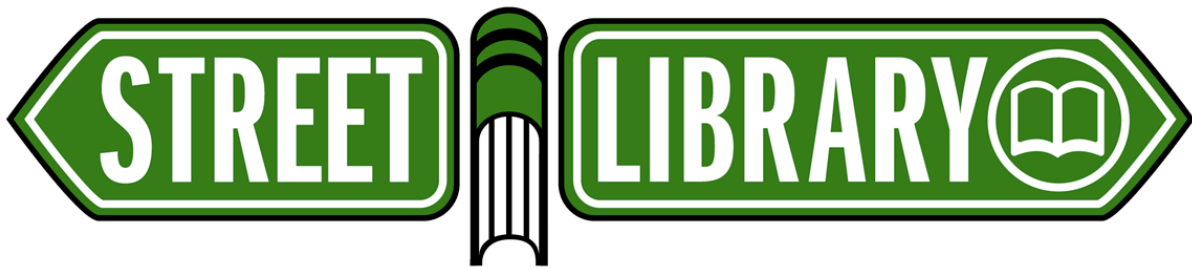
A: In a space with one workshop table per library. The table should be about 2m long and 1m wide.

Q: Do I need earplugs or any other OH&S gear?

A: Nope, unless you hammer your finger and scream loudly. Then you might want to put your fingers in your ears.

Q: What about painting? Will we get everything done in a day?

A: Painting a street library properly takes some time - from 4-6 hours including drying time. You can find out more about [painting your libraries here](#). So no, you won't get the libraries built and painted in one day.



Q: Do I pick them up, or do you deliver them to where we'll be making them?

A: You can pick them up (from Erskineville NSW), or get them delivered. Delivery costs extra (\$25 per library, any capital city in Australia).

Q: Do I need to order 10?

A: Yes, there is a 10 order minimum.

Q: Will you come and help me run the workshop?

A: Nope - you'll have to find some crafty person who is a teacher, a bit organised and a little bit handy. I'm sure you know someone like this?

Q: Can I mount it straight away, or does it need time to cure?

A: It depends on the glue you use, but you probably want to wait overnight and paint it as well before you install it.

Q: But isn't this an indoor library? What if I want to use it outside?

A: Then [read our instructions](#) about how to paint this library so well it will withstand the elements here. If you'd like the super tough marine ply version of the library (it costs more), then let us know and we'll sort it out.

**Q: What's the minimum age that can do this?
Can my toddler get involved?**

A: We've run workshops with kids as young as 7, but the perfect age is about 12 - 5 hours is a long time to keep a child engaged in a task, especially when they're quite young.

