

PALOUSE WASHINGTON

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



The city of Palouse lies in the heart of the beautiful Palouse region of southeastern Washington State. This growing community is surrounded by the rolling wheat fields that are signature of this scenic area. This design for their soon to be built "Little Free Library" represents their closeness to nature and agricultural history.

CULTIVATING KNOWLEDGE

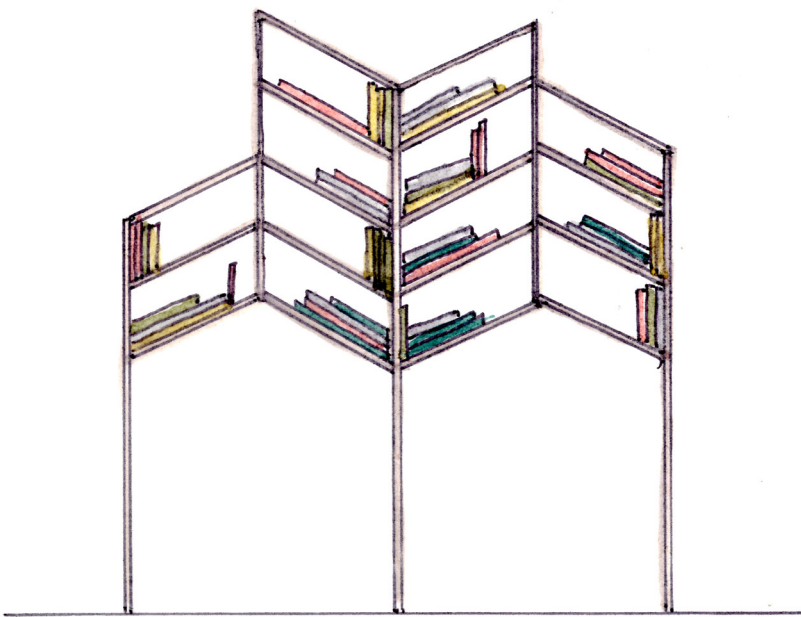


WHAT IS LITTLE FREE LIBRARY?

Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" gathering place where neighbors share their favorite literature and stories. In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share.

WHY PALOUSE?

A Little Free Library in Palouse gives the perfect opportunity to promote reading for children and literacy for adults through a simple design. The goal of this library is to increase the love of reading by building this free book exchange and to build a sense of community by sharing skills, creativity and wisdom across generations.



CONCEPT:

With the Palouse being known for their agriculture, primarily the growing of wheat, this Little Free Library encompasses just that. The plywood form, inspired by the shape of wheat, uses a piece of nature to provide shelter for the books. Each space represents the different spikelets on a piece of wheat, creating 13 separate holding areas. Using a clear sustainable resin to enclose the books from weather, each column will have its own door on the front side allowing access to all books. This user friendly design incorporates the town's largest economic product into a place of shared learning for the community. Anyone in the town is welcome to easily come take a book and leave a book for the rest of the community to enjoy.

MATERIALS:



Sheathing Plywood
Home Depot
Model # 915378



Weatherproof Stain
Home Depot
Model # 507701



Crystal Clear Resin
3Form
Exterior Finish



Cabinet Hinges
Home Depot
Model # ET-H-N

Materials for this design include sheathing plywood, covered in a weather and water proof stain. This allows the wood to show its natural grain and keeps the design simple for a small town look. The windows inset into the doors will be made out of clear exterior resin, a sustainable and plastic like material that will protect the books from the weather. The construction is basic with common cabinet hinges.