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Little Free Libraries NZDSN - 18th June 2024

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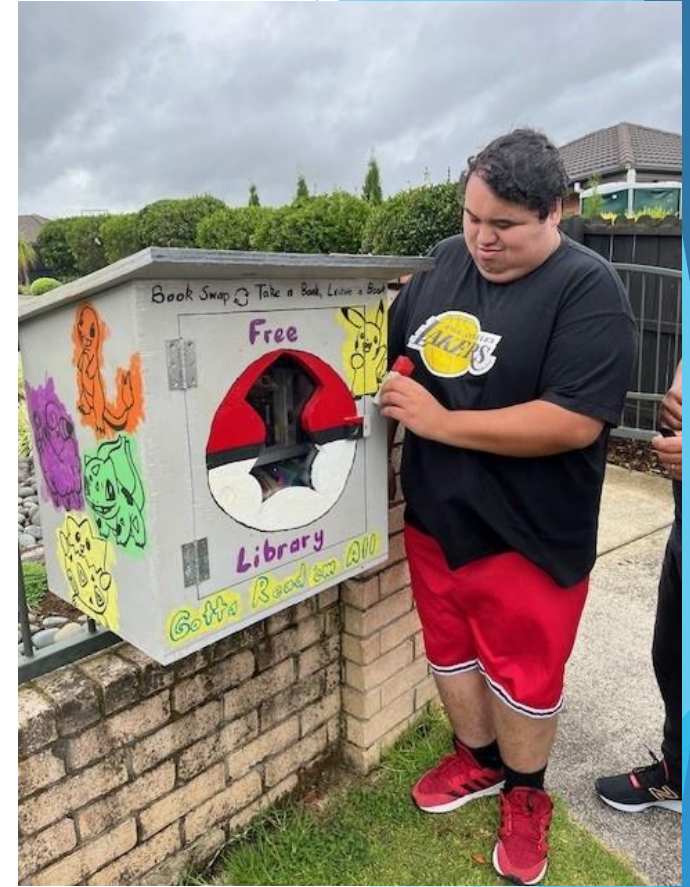




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- ▶ Based in Auckland with 2 sites in Papakura and Penrose and we offer an outreach service for people who live rurally or need a specific tailored programme at home
- ▶ Disability Support Service
- ▶ Support approximately 250 people
- ▶ Work with people who have mild-complex disabilities and some are under ACC
- ▶ Our Papakura site hosts majority of people and we offer a variety of options including our Wood Workshop and Engineering Space
- ▶ Fully adapted gym and kitchen suitable for all
- ▶ Art, music dedicated spaces as well as utilising other community buildings





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- ▶ My role is Community Engagement
- ▶ I work across all of Auckland working alongside disability and non-disability services
- ▶ Finding opportunities for the people support on and off site
- ▶ Engaging with 33 community networks across Auckland
- ▶ Presenting to a variety of community organisations including little library project as well as our services
- ▶ Coordinating the transition coordinators meetings
- ▶ Working alongside the transition team
- ▶ Being part of the Collaborate for Transition team for the last 8 years
- ▶ Organising monthly meetings with community providers - activity, recreation, IF hosts, employment, tertiary and education services and any other interested parties

Beginning of Little Library Project involving the local Community

- ▶ Saw the little libraries in Onehunga
- ▶ Found a free little library being given away
- ▶ Proposed idea with Real World Living and discussed with management and workshop staff
- ▶ Brought back prototype
- ▶ Found resources to make one
- ▶ Spoke to local board in Papakura
- ▶ Received support from Auckland City Libraries - Papakura & Takaanini
- ▶ Found locations for first libraries

First little free library in place with prototype



Gathering supplies



Supplies

First builds



Working 1:1 to create the little libraries



Library building process



First library in community is up in Conifer Grove



Corner Donzella Road, Conifer Grove



Ready to go out - maker of this little library



New Prototype - Ploughmans Road, Pukekohe



42 Ploughmans Rd,
Pukekohe

Visiting the completed libraries in the community



Based at a Community Mental Health Service



*15 Aberfeldy
Ave,
Highland
Park*

Streamlining process

- ▶ We found that using treated plywood worked much easier as takes much less time and they can make a lot by themselves without to much help
- ▶ More people could help make the libraries
- ▶ Some were taking initiatives to complete more
- ▶ Each door on the little libraries represents the person who helped make it

Advertising

- ▶ I have now presented at networks/organisations specifically on the little libraries
- ▶ Talking at all the networks and meetings about them
- ▶ This brings a presence to people with our organisation and the biggest takeaway as people were surprised more often than not that people with quite complex disabilities are able to make contribute in this way
- ▶ The people themselves visiting the sites
- ▶ Bringing people on site including Judith Collins MP to view them making them and our workshop

Logos and promo

- ▶ ‘Random Acts of Batman’ donate signage when they saw what we were doing
- ▶ We also ensure all people / organisations that have donated are mentioned and acknowledged in each library
- ▶

Made by the Workshop Team at



With recycled products donated by

3R Recycling

Robyn, Angela

Several Auckland City Libraries

Random Acts of Batman

Action Manufacturing

<https://www.facebook.com/robynsfenceartandlittlefreelibrariesauckland>



Outcomes so far

- ▶ We have given 60 little free libraries away for free
- ▶ 48 are up and running and some for nearly 2 years
- ▶ 12 are still being put up and decorated
- ▶ Greater awareness to local community and afar
- ▶ More visibility

Next steps

- ▶ Continue marketing the little libraries
- ▶ Find more ways of accessing plywood / supplies
- ▶ Bringing more awareness and creating more ideas for our team to make and challenge their skills



TREATED / MARINE PLYWOOD NEEDED

So we can keep making Little free libraries for the community of Auckland, we have already given away 50 all across Auckland,



Please contact Robyn- robyn@realworldliving.co.nz or via Robyn's Fence Art & Little Free Libraries Auckland Facebook page

Mapping / Contact details

- ▶ From this process I have mapped all of Auckland and then have continued to map the rest of NZ and ensuring that the little libraries we are making are highly promoted as well as all others - [Auckland](#) and [New Zealand](#)
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