



## **Little Library**

installation instructions

NOTES: Please check for any damage caused by the shipping company and take appropriate steps to file a claim, if needed.

\*Please call **Digsafe** and check for any underground utilities before digging anywhere.

### **Materials/Tools needed**

Cordless driver, star drive bit/Phillips head bit, post hole shovel, regular shovel, level. If using concrete to anchor the post, you'll need 50 or 80 lb bags of premixed concrete, like Quikrete (not included). Concrete amounts can be easily calculated at <http://www.quikrete.com/Calculator/Main.asp>. Amount required depends on how deep you dig the hole.

- 1) In your package, you will find the Little Library box (pre-assembled), 4 support braces (these may be loose or pre-mounted to the top of the post), 4x4 wooden post, all hardware.
- 2) Decide where you want the Little Library, and use your post hole digger to dig a hole 2 feet+ deep depending on your frost line. If you want, place 6" of drainage stone in the bottom of the hole.
  - Note: the post can be adjusted up or down depending on the age group of the users. The post is long enough to be mounted at a height for adult access, as well.
  - Note: that the top of the post/supports is at the **BOTTOM** of the box, so adjust your height accordingly.
- 3) Drop the bottom of the post into the hole, and use your level on two adjacent faces of the post to make sure the post is plumb (vertical) while you backfill the hole with dirt or with concrete.
- 4) Check plumb on those adjacent sides frequently while you pack dirt (or concrete) around it. To ensure that the dirt is tightly compacted, use a piece of rebar, or the round end of your shovel, or etc.
- 5) If using concrete, let it set for a few hours or overnight (see instructions on the bag).
- 6) If the support brackets are not already mounted to the post, mount them now. The assembly should be flat across the top, as this is what supports the bottom of the LL box.
- 7) Now mount the box. There should be at least 4 pre-drilled holes through the inside floor/base of the LL. Center the box, and square it up with the post, so the sides of the box are parallel with the sides of the post. Use the screws included to fasten the box to the supports.
- 8) All this wood is treated with kid-friendly preservative, but as is the case with all wood facing the elements, it needs to be cared for, so check it periodically for rough spots, splinters, etc, and sand them out, and treat it with kid-friendly wood preservative (we have it available if you can't find it) once or twice a year to keep the wood from deteriorating.