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## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor & Council  
**From:** David Reynolds  
**Re:** Agenda Item: Girl Scout Project – Alder Park  
**Date:** 10/04/22

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this agenda item is to allow our local Girl Scout Troop an opportunity to present their latest project idea and have Council consider approval for installation of the project in Alder Park.

Girl Scout Troop #10238 is excited to have Council consider the construction and installation of a *Book Exchange Library*. With activities like mini soccer, fishing, and other park uses occurring regularly in Alder Park, the girls feel that park users might benefit by having the ability to grab a book while sitting and watching sports or waiting to catch a fish.

Staff has reviewed the request along with past scout projects; staff's opinion is that this project is suitable for installation in Alder Park.

Attached please find a copy of the project presentation.



Girl Scout Bronze Award Book Exchange Request

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## Why we want to do the project

To ensure families and individuals have access to books.

We had the idea of putting the book exchange at Alder Pond Park in New Castle. Alder Park is the soccer fields by KSE and Riverside. We chose Alder Park because it gets a lot of use during spring and fall during New Castle Soccer seasons. Finally, our Book Exchange will be maintained by a take book leave a book system to ensure there will always be books inside. The Girl Scouts will fill the book exchange with new and gently used books, mainly geared toward children and young adults.

- Becca's story

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## What is a Bronze Award?



The Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. There are three stages of the Bronze Award

- Journey (three badges with a similar theme-
  - Power of One, Power of Team, and Power of Community)
- Take Action Project- volunteering at the Animal Shelter
- Community Project that is sustainable- aka the Book Exchange at Alder Park

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## Project Design

- We found a little free library design from HGTV
- The dimensions are 14x14x18
- Can lock with a hook
- Weather resistant



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# Budget

- Created a budget by looking up the project design supplies and searching the Lowes website. The budget was \$100 to construct the Book Exchange
- Donated plywood from Journey's family
- The girls held a bake sale at City Market to earn funds for the project



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## Location Plan – Alder Pond Park

- The pink dots are the two proposed locations



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## How will it be maintained?

- The girls will check on it at least once a month for the first year
- The girls will reach out to others to see if someone or another organization wants to adopt the book exchange.

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## Books in Book Exchange

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- Chapter Books
- Graphic Novels
- Baby Books
- Toddler Books
- Early Reader Books
- Books for all ages



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## Request to Install the Project at Alder Pond Park

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Planned installation date Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

The Girl Scouts emailed Dave Reynolds, Town Administrator and he ran this by the Public Works Director, and all looked good.

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