

# Bringing a Free Little Library to Cherry Creek Park

A Community Initiative to Foster Reading and Connection

Parks & Recreation Department Board Meeting  
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Norman, OK

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# Why a Free Little Library?

- Encourage literacy and book sharing in the community
- Early literacy development begins in the first five years of life
- Foster connection and engagement among neighbors
- Promote sustainability by reusing and sharing books



# Location in the Park

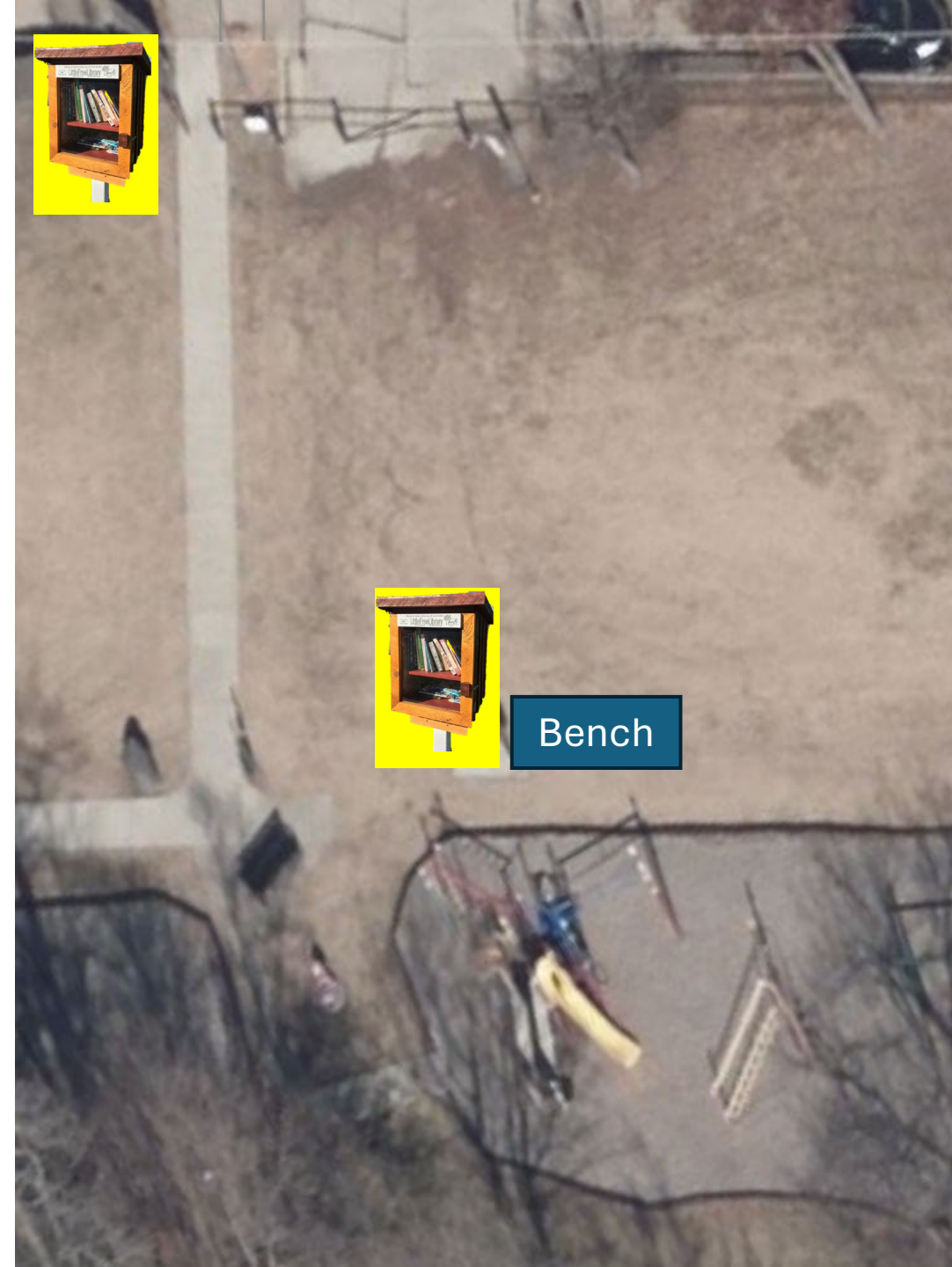
## Option 1: At the entrance of the park

- Inclusive to walkers only
- Inclusive to parents entering the park for bench time reading
- Allows children to choose a book on exiting the park to take home

## Option 2: Near the park bench



Bench





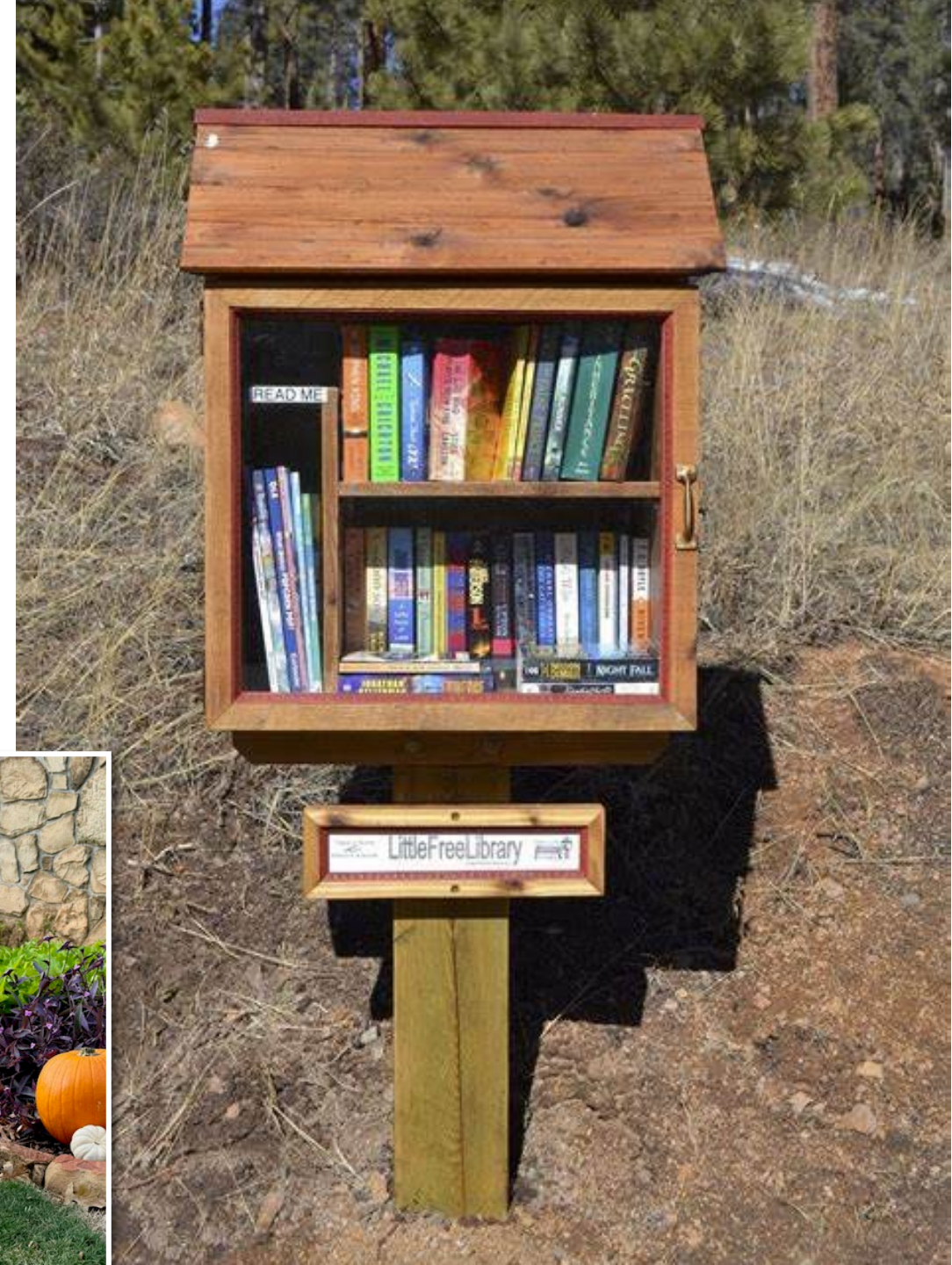
# Design and Maintenance

## Cabinet design

- Glass / Plexiglass
- Magnetic closer
- Weather resistant exterior paint

## Minimal maintenance

- Regular check-ins
- Restocking
- Cleaning





# Who will Build & Assemble

## Grandpa Edwards

- Seasoned Carpenter
- Retired home inspector
- Very meticulous

## Donnie

- Painter

## Allyson & Evan Rink

- Project Manager(s)
- Finance Committee

## City of Norman

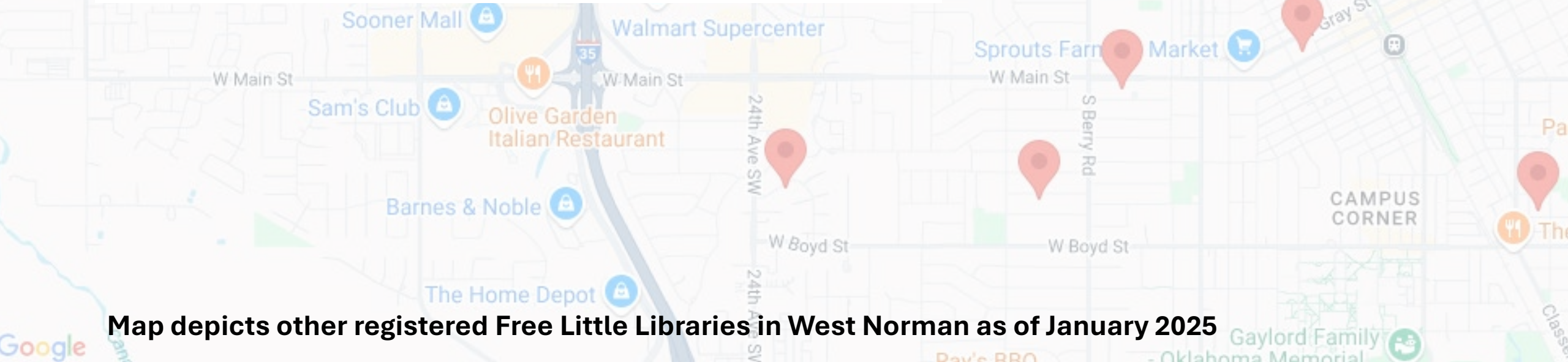
- Install Team
  - April timeframe is goal





# Benefits to the Community

- Strengthens a sense of community
- Provides free access to books for all ages
- Enhances the park's appeal and usage



Map depicts other registered Free Little Libraries in West Norman as of January 2025

# Budget and Costs

- Estimated costs for materials and installation.
  - Sustainable sourcing
  - Conservative budget
    - \$150-200
  - English-Spanish Bilingual Free Little Library Charter Sign & Registration
    - \$49.95
- Funding sources: Rink family



# Call to Action

- Approval to install the Free Little Library
- Rink Family completes the build
- Schedule an install day/time.
  - Late March/April
  
- **Questions?**

