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Commissioner Nicole Banks
Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
246 Dudley Road
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Commissioner Banks,

We are pleased to bring forth for consideration by the Newton Parks, Recreation, & Culture Commission the possibility of installing a Little Free Library (LFL) for adults in Wellington Park on Kilburn Road, West Newton. Our community is very excited about this project and we have experienced volunteer stewards to curate the LFL.

Friends of Wellington Park (FOWP) is already in possession of the proposed LFL and mounting post for it and prepared to do the installation under the direction of your department. The daughter of our volunteer LFL curators grew up playing in Wellington Park and had entered a nationwide essay contest where the prize was a Little Free Library box, mounting post, and collection of books.

The retail value of the LFL box in our possession is \$389.95 and the value of the accompanying "Library Post with Topper Kit" is \$79.95 for a total value of \$469.90. These are the current prices from the official Little Free Library store (<https://littlefreelibrary.myshopify.com/>).

I am writing on behalf of the board of FOWP to officially gift this "LFL Box and Post Set" to the City of Newton with the understanding that it will be installed at Wellington Park. We believe that the addition of LFL would be a valuable cultural asset to our park and a great benefit to the community.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Board of Directors
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