Fremont Second Chances Policy **ADOPTED 3.19.26**

The Fremont Public Library District supports local Little Free Libraries* or other locations for the community to receive or exchange books for free.

If a business owner or unit of government is interested in inviting the Library to maintain a collection of free books on their site, they must submit an email to fplddirectors@fremontlibrary.org to be considered. If the applicant is in an apartment complex, they must provide a written consent from the leasing or management company.

RULES:

1. Any requests must be within the Fremont Public Library District Boundaries. Special consideration will be given to sites that are more than 1.5 miles from the library and/or a ten-minute drive.
2. Sites must be in a visible location, either close to the sidewalk or in a building that the community frequents without barriers to entry.
3. The Fremont Public Library District will be responsible for a minimum of:
    a. Checking on the site once per month, straightening the area, removing garbage, weeding the collection, and resupplying with appropriate materials from the Fremont Second Chances Collection.
    b. Installing and maintaining the signage branded “Fremont Second Chances.”
4. The Fremont Public Library District will not:
    a. Build independent structures to house the collections, separate from any enclosed building on the site
    b. Unless explicitly agreed upon, install or maintain shelving including any minor repairs
5. The property owner on whose property the collection is placed agrees as part of the program to a revocable license allowing either the property owner, or the Fremont Public Library District to terminate the arrangement and remove the collection as their respective needs arise and understands and agrees to hold the Fremont Public Library District harmless from any and all claims, loss or damage to property owner’s property, and against liabilities and costs, including attorney’s fees, as a result of participation in this activity.
6. Regular Fremont Public Library District circulated materials cannot be returned to the Little Free Library or other collection exchanges; they must be returned to the Fremont Public Library District building to be checked in and circulated in the library collection.
7. The selection of books provided is not customizable beyond general age group considerations based on the need of the community it serves. Fremont Second Chances are made up of books donated by the community as well as withdrawn library books.

Neither the property owner nor the Fremont Public Library District are liable for the content in the collections. The Fremont Public Library District subscribes to the American Library Association Freedom to Read Statement. As such, censorship is not supported by the Library and a balanced collection of books is strongly recommended.

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Individual Little Free Libraries* Support

Individual homeowners with free community libraries on their property may request books from Fremont Second Chances to supplement their collections. Each homeowner may request up to 4 boxes of books (up to 30 books in each box depending on size) per year to help restock their Little Free Library®. The homeowner (or business owner) can fill out the form on the Library's website, specifying the location of their library and the intended audience and general materials that the community is seeking. Fremont Library cannot fulfill specific title or author requests, but can provide for general age ranges, broad interest categories, languages, and formats as available at the time of the request.

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