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## **TAKING IT TO THE STREETS: MORE STREET LIBRARIES COMING TO RYDE**

The City of Ryde has teamed up with Street Library Australia to give away 10 street libraries to local residents, childcare centres, schools, community organisations, community members, volunteers or businesses.

A street library is a home for books that is publicly available for anyone to take or leave a book. They offer a range of benefits to the community such as:

- encouraging books to be recycled and shared;
- providing easy access to literature for any member of the community;
- providing opportunities for community members to meet, connect, and socialise; and
- enlivening and activating public spaces

To date there are six registered street libraries in the City of Ryde. Four of these have been installed by Council on public land, with two installed by residents on their land.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the street libraries have attracted lots of interest from community members wishing to get involved through installing a street library for the community on their own property.

“In response to this, Council is now giving away a street library (valued at \$300) to 10 successful applicants,” Cllr Laxale said.

“Council’s first six street libraries have been highly successful at activating what were once bare spaces, and the community love the fact that a good read is never far away.”

The street library project is led by the City of Ryde’s City Activation team. All street libraries must be installed on a property in the City of Ryde local government area that is in an applicant’s control. Recipients of each street library are also responsible for its installation and upkeep.

Preference will be given to locations that will serve a wide and diverse community, as well as applicants that can demonstrate a genuine commitment to installing and caring for the street library to ensure it thrives.

Applications for the 10 new street libraries opened on Monday, 17 September and will close on Thursday, 18 October.

Community members can apply for a street library by [clicking here](#).

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