

G.R.E.A.T. LITTLE MINDS- DESIGN GUIDELINES

BOOK EXCHANGE SPECIFICATIONS

All pre-built little book exchanges will serve as an initial canvas for each artist. Each book exchange are made from plywood and weighs approximately 40 lbs. Artists need to ensure the entire roof is weather-protected such as singles or metal.

PAINTS, TOPCOATS AND WEATHERPROOFING

Book exchanges will be placed in areas fully accessible to the public. Although a few may be in indoor locations, most will be outdoors. Please consider carefully the weather and other elements of nature, including sun, rain, wind and dirt. We cannot guarantee whether a given book exchange can be placed indoors or in a weather-protected location. The book exchange will require primer prior to art application. Additionally, G.R.E.A.T. Little Minds is an interactive program that allows the public to touch and feel the designs. As such, designs should be created with durability and public safety concerns in mind. Artists should be aware that vandalism can occur. Artists may modify the original book exchange but objects or additions to alter the book exchanges should be attached in such a way that it cannot be easily removed.

We find the greatest creativity is often reflected in the door handle. It can be an antique knob, latch, or anything else that is easily incorporated into your design and safe.

The surface of each book exchange will need to be primed. Acrylic paint, artificial resin paint or two-component paint can be used to paint the book exchanges. **A minimum of three coats of varnish is required using a two-part, hard gloss varnish.** This step is critical to the ultimate durability of your design.

RETURNING BOOK EXCHANGES

Your book exchange must be delivered to The Hudgens by January 21, 2020. Delivery dates and times will be confirmed in a separate communication. Your book exchange should be labeled with your name and the title of your art on the bottom of the book exchange.

SAVE THE DATE - EXHIBITION

We hope you can join us for the G.R.E.A.T. Little Minds reception and exhibition ceremony on Saturday, February 8, 2020. A formal invite will be communicated.

All book exchanges will be on display for a community-wide exhibition prior to placement in the community. This exhibition will add flair by asking patrons to bring a new or gently used children's book appropriate for young children ages 0-8.



QUESTIONS?

Contact Katie Gill, G.R.E.A.T. Little Minds Program Director at katie@gwinnettcoalition.org or (770) 995-3339, ext. 209.

G.R.E.A.T. Little Minds is a program of the Gwinnett Coalition for Health & Human Services