

BRITISH TELEPHONE BOX RESTORATION AND COMMUNITY LIBRARY PROPOSAL

Cameron Park Airpark Estates

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1. Executive Summary

This proposal presents a small, volunteer-supported project to restore a historic British K6 telephone kiosk and repurpose it as a publicly accessible community library.

The concept follows the Little Free Library model, with more than 200,000 installations worldwide demonstrating strong community engagement, low maintenance, and minimal issues.

Placerville Airport operates a similar Little Free Library installation with no operational, safety, maintenance, or vandalism issues and views it positively as a community feature.

The Lindbergh bench provides a direct local precedent for a small, non-operational installation that enhances the airport environment without impacting aviation activity.

The kiosk will be donated and maintained through volunteer support. The project requires no funding, no utilities, and no operational commitment from CPAD.

The installation is structured as a reversible pilot project.

2. Project Overview

- Passive 'take a book, leave a book' exchange
- No staffing or supervision required
- Aviation and general reading materials, including youth-focused content
- Multiple placement options with CPAD input

3. Installation and Maintenance

- Durable restoration with tempered glass
- Interior shelving
- Stable base or foundation
- Secure anchoring
- Solar lighting and ventilation

No utilities or complex systems required. Replacement parts are readily available. Maintenance handled through FOCA volunteers.

4. Compatibility and Impact

- No impact on airport operations or safety areas
- No noise, traffic, or environmental burden
- Fully compatible with surrounding land use
- Passive, non-operational feature

Consistent with common airport features such as benches, memorials, and displays.

5. Cost, Ownership, and Reversibility

- No cost to CPAD
- No utilities or operational responsibility
- Volunteer-supported

If no longer desired, the kiosk may be removed without burden and returned at no cost.

The project is structured as a reversible pilot.

6. Public Benefit

- Promotes literacy
- Supports aviation education
- Enhances community engagement
- Preserves a historic structure
- Enhances the visual character of the airpark entrance

7. Precedent

Placerville Airport operates a Little Free Library installation with no operational, safety, maintenance, or vandalism issues and views it positively.

The Lindbergh bench provides a local precedent for compatible, non-operational installations.

8. CPAD Meeting Presentation Speech

Good evening. This proposal presents a small, volunteer-supported project led by FOCA and based on the Little Free Library model, with over 200,000 installations worldwide.

Placerville Airport operates a similar Little Free Library installation successfully within an airport environment.

A restored British telephone box will serve as a public aviation-themed book exchange.

It follows the same pattern already established by the Lindbergh bench as a passive, non-operational feature.

The project requires no funding, no utilities, and no operational support, and is structured as a reversible pilot.

Approval from CPAD is requested for placement and location, with multiple options to be presented.

This is a low-risk, no-cost project that provides a positive community benefit. Thank you.

9. Key Questions (Quick Reference)

- Operations: No impact
- Cost: None
- Maintenance: Volunteer supported
- Risk: Minimal
- Reversibility: Yes
- Precedent: Established locally and at Placerville Airport