



Libraries and Reading Gardens

 PercussionPlay
Outdoor Musical Instruments

Music Made for the Great Outdoors



Percussion Play is the world's leading manufacturer of outdoor musical instruments. Designed with durability in mind, we are committed to making musical expression accessible to everyone, everywhere.



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Today, Libraries worldwide are starting to incorporate gardens into their public services. More than simple outdoor reading areas or spaces for story time, they are increasingly being used in engaging and playful ways; as learning environments, for active play and sensory stimulation.

Outdoor musical instruments are an innovative and delightful way for children and adults to enjoy the outdoors and enhance the sensory experience of a reading garden. Fully inclusive, accessible and multi-generational, our instruments make music-making possible for all ages and abilities.

No matter the size of a garden or whether it is in a rural or urban area, we have musical instruments to suit. Creating areas for music and sound exploration will help integrate music into the everyday experience of the community, making the reading garden a favourite destination for library patrons.



"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

Cicero, Roman Philosopher

Pickerington Public Library, OH

Funded by the Friends of the Pickerington Public Library, the new music-garden which opened in November 2019 will allow visitors and patrons of the library to experiment musically outdoors - regardless of their age or ability - and will provide a year-round venue for outdoor programs.

The outdoor garden sits in front of the library's main branch and features a Babel Drum, Rainbow Samba Drums, Rainbow Cavatina Xylophone and Tubular Bell Chimes.

“We’re charged with inspiring knowledge and connecting the community,” said Library Director Tony Howard. “The creation of the Children’s Music Garden helps the library in accomplishing our vision by meeting the lifelong learning and enjoyment needs of our citizens and provides a fun and educational space outside of the building that is accessible to all.”



“We recognize the benefits that music has on early literacy development by connecting singing, reading, talking in all of our early literacy classes. We hope to see visitors use the garden all year-round.”

The music garden is the latest project by the library intended to provide outdoor programming and relaxation spaces.

“Our plans are to tie some of our early literacy classes and events to the instruments, bringing the children out and experiencing this in an educational way,” Howard added. The instruments are designed to be used by people of all ages, and Howard said he hopes they allow adults to embrace their inner child while giving children a new activity at the library.

Lisa Drerup a regular patron of the library along with her 5-year-old son, Caleb, told us the music garden is a “great addition to the library. It will introduce instruments and music to kids at a young age, and be another great reason to come to the library.”

Other libraries who have chosen to install outdoor musical instruments include:

- Chapel Hill Public Library, NC
- Dvoracek Memorial Library, NE
- Wheaton Public Library, IL
- Liverpool Public Library, NY



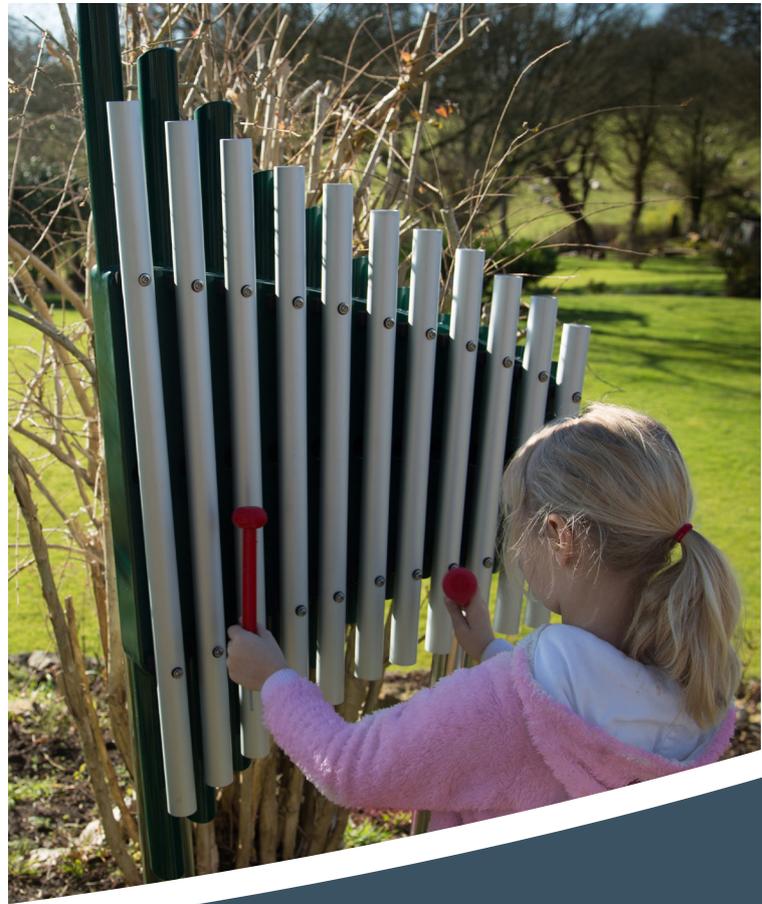
Communities Need Music

Libraries welcome and serve all members of the public, providing access to knowledge and learning. With the significant threat of music disappearing from our schools, could libraries become the new champions of music?

Picture a community musical garden. A place that encourages individuals, families or groups to create music together and experience playing large scale, high-quality musical instruments outdoors in a fun and carefree way. A place that fosters the enjoyment of live music making for all participants; whether they are performing or watching and listening to others.

Music within communities brings about positive, long lasting and life changing experiences. Music breaks down barriers between people and cultures and your library garden could become a place where people find connections with each other, with their library, and with the beauty of music making in the great outdoors.







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