

Donation Guidelines

Each year, hundreds of items are donated that are not sellable. This takes up a lot of time and space that we just don't have. We encourage you to think carefully about what you are donating to the library. If you wouldn't buy it at a garage sale, it is likely that we will not be able to use it either. If you are donating a lot of items at once—Please call ahead so that we can make arrangements to assist you. (616) 850-6945

Here are some guidelines to help you decide what is appropriate to donate:

We Love These!

- Newer items—the newer the item is, the better
- Gently used items—items in good condition, with no obvious stains, smells or other gross stuff
- Fiction, especially anything from the last five years
- Non-fiction that is still relevant and accurate
- DVDs in good cases
- Video games for game systems that are still commonly in use
- Books in another language, like Spanish or Arabic

We Can't Accept These

- Damaged items—anything that is yellowed, stained, ripped, scribbled in or chewed, missing pages, or has a weird smell. This includes anything damaged by water, insects, mold, tobacco smoke, or mildew.
- Textbooks, Law books, Engineering books, Self-Help or Medical books older than 5 years
- Encyclopedias
- Catalogs or junk mail
- VCR Tapes

General Hint: If you wouldn't give it to a friend, please don't give it to the library.

If you have books, catalogs, etc. that don't fit our criteria please consider the Paper Gators located at most area schools. The money earned from Paper Gator recycling goes to help the Special Education Programs offer additional experiences to the students they serve. If you don't know where a Paper Gator located near you is, call your local school or Cheapstacks at (616) 850-6945.