

Book Donation Guidelines

The FRIENDS will accept new and gently used:

- hardback books: fiction & nonfiction
- paperback books: fiction & nonfiction
- children's books
- CDs
- DVDs and Blu-Rays
- puzzles

Donations must be made during library hours and should not be left outside the building. Please bring your items inside and ask for assistance at the desk. A hand truck or cart is available to help carry. A tax deduction letter may be obtained when you donate.

Due to the lack of storage space and the difficulty of resale of some materials, not all donations are acceptable.

We cannot accept damaged or heavily used books, including:

- mold or mildew on books
- damaged spines
- water damage
- torn covers or pages
- highlighted material
- books written in or marked (except signed or inscribed)

In addition, we cannot accept:

- encyclopedias
- reference books more than 3 years old
- computer books/manuals more than 1 year old
- magazines, including National Geographic and American Heritage
- Reader's Digest Condensed Books
- textbooks
- bulk packs or other bound study materials
- video cassette tapes or cassette tapes
- vinyl records

We kindly urge our community members to follow these guidelines when donating materials to the library. Due to limited storage at the Ambler location, the absence of trash pickup services, and the costs associated with discarding unacceptable items, any materials that do not meet these guidelines must be discarded at the library's expense. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated! Thank you for supporting our library!

Occasionally we find personal items in donated books (example: book marks, photographs, news clippings). By the time the items are discovered, we are unable to tell who donated the book and the materials are discarded. Photographs are usually saved for a reasonable amount of time in hopes that the owner may come to claim them.