

Book Donation Guidelines

All donations accepted by The Smithtown Library become the property of the Library and will be utilized in the manner deemed most appropriate by the Library staff. Donated items could be added to the collection, given to the Friends of the Smithtown Library for sale at their book sales, or disposed of in some other appropriate manner. All proceeds from the Friends sales are used to benefit the Library.

The Friends Book Sale is held on a daily basis at the Smithtown Main Building and the Kings Park & Nesconset Branches. Those are the only buildings that accept donations. The materials must be brought into the library, not left outside. Please bring in no more than 2 or 3 boxes at one time as storage space is very limited. Receipts are available at our Reference Desks or at the Media Desk in the Main Building. We do not count or place a value on your donation. We suggest you speak to your tax preparer regarding charitable donations.

In general, books that have been stored in attics, basements or garages are neither acceptable to add to our collection nor to sell in our Friends Book Sale. Excesses of temperature and humidity often ruin books and render them inappropriate for our collection or book sales.

We do not accept books or other materials that are

- Brown
- Burnt
- Chewed
- Damaged
- Damp
- Highlighted
- Insect damaged
- Missing covers
- Moldy
- Musty
- Ripped
- Soiled
- Smelly
- Yellowed
- Water damaged
- Written in

We do not accept

- AAA Travel Guides
- Bootleg DVDs
- Case, statute or regulation law
- Cassette tapes
- Catalogs

Cliff Notes
Computer games
Computer software
Condensed books
Dissertations
Encyclopedia Yearbooks
Encyclopedias
Games
Homemade DVDs or CDs
Magazines
National Geographic
Professional Journals
Puzzles
School Yearbooks
VHS
Vinyl records

We do not accept certain books more than 5 years old, specifically in these areas:

Business
Computers
Health / Medical
Investment
Test Prep
Textbooks
Travel

Any questions you have regarding book donations can be referred to the Reference Desk at The Smithtown Library 360-2480.