



Book Donation Policy

We appreciate the offer so many of you make to donate your gently used books to our collections. Some items may be added to our collection or passed along to the Friends of the Meyersdale Public Library—a support organization—and sold in used book sales to generate funds for the library.

The library reserves the right to accept, decline, or discard any books or other materials that do not meet our donation qualifications in any manner it deems appropriate. Because we try to the best of our ability to keep our collection current, **we are not able to accept all the books offered.** Due to our limited space, we must use our resources wisely.

Please do not leave boxes of books at our door while we are closed!

We will generally accept when space/processing capacity permits:

- a. **Adult Fiction published by reputable publishing houses within the last 10 years and in good condition**
- b. **Non-fiction books published within the past 5 years and in good condition**
- c. **New children's books and recent YA books that are in good condition**
- d. **DVDs and CD Audiobooks that are in good working order**
- e. **Current editions of magazines (within 6 months)**
- f. **A maximum of two boxes at a time**

Items we cannot use:

- a. **Any items with cracked or damaged bindings/spines, torn or dog-eared pages, or excessively worn/missing covers**
- b. **Any items with yellowed, brittle pages**
- c. **Dirty, dusty items**
- d. **Stained, water-damaged, mildewed items**
- e. **Items with ~~excessive~~ notes, underlining, or highlighting**
- f. **Old encyclopedia sets or dictionaries**
- g. **Old Medical, Science, Geography, or Law books**
- h. ***Reader's Digest* condensed books**
- i. **VHS or cassette tapes**
- j. **Textbooks of any kind (with some case-by-case exceptions)**
- k. **Inappropriate or damaged, scratched, or worn videos and audios**
- l. **Boxes of books that have been stored in an attic or basement for a long period of time**
- m. **Used workbooks and notebooks**
- n. **Books published by vanity presses (self-published), unless by a local author or covering local subject matter**
- o. **Yearbooks/directories for schools or organizations outside of our local region**

We ask that you **please examine ALL items you plan to donate to the Meyersdale Public Library before you bring them** to us to ensure they meet our donation qualifications. Sorting, cataloging, and processing donations takes time, and we are grateful for your efforts to preserve the quality of our library's collection and services.