



## Irvin L. Young Memorial Library

### **Donations and Discards Policy**

Programs at the Library are funded in part through the sale of donated items and library materials that have been deemed no longer useful or appropriate to the collection. Because only certain types of materials have resale value, the Library will only accept the following:

1. Hardcover fiction and nonfiction, both adult and children's
2. College textbooks published within the last 10 years
3. Foreign language books in Western script
4. Trade and mass market paperbacks
5. DVDs and Blu Ray Discs
6. Music CDs
7. Books on CD
8. Video games
9. Playaways

Books and audiovisual materials must be in good usable condition; must be free of molds and odors caused by musty conditions, smoke or other reasons for offensive odors; must be reasonably clean and free of excessive dust, grit, cobwebs, and the like; and must be free of insects.

The following items will NOT be accepted:

1. High school textbooks,
2. Classroom manuals, teacher's manuals, and related materials.
3. Books that have been marked with ink or highlighters.
4. Encyclopedias.
5. Videocassettes, music cassettes, audiobooks on cassette or LP records
6. Denominational materials and religious pamphlets.
7. Magazines, journals, periodicals, and newspapers
8. Personal diaries, letters, workbooks, and the like.
9. Comic books.
10. Any objects, other than traditional library materials.

The library reserves the right to evaluate all items as possible additions to the collection or replacements for worn materials in the collection. The library reserves the right to dispose of donations if deemed unsuitable. Items may be given to the Friends of the Library organization and offered for sale to the public locally through the Friends of the Library bookshop or nationally through the Friends of the Library Amazon storefront. All donated items, which do not sell within one year of their donation, will be sent to a third-party vendor for sale. All library discards will be sent to a third-party vendor for sale. For various reasons, some items may be placed in the city recycling program. No donated items will be returned to the donor. Librarians will not give appraisals of gifts and donations for tax purposes.