

Gift and Donation Policy

Accepting gifts and donations is an important way for the Seabrook Library to benefit from the generosity of the community it serves. Gifts and donations of materials are reviewed using the same criteria as purchases.

The Seabrook Library welcomes gifts of new and used books, audio recordings, videos, and similar materials. Items will be added to the collection following the selection policy of the library. Once donated, items become the property of Seabrook Library, and may be given to other libraries and non-profit agencies, sold, traded, or discarded if they are not added to the collection. Donated items will not be returned to the donor and the library will not accept any item that is not an outright gift. The library will acknowledge receipt of donated items but is unable to set fair market or appraisal values. It is recommended that the donor make a list of items donated. If items are being donated to obtain a tax benefit, it is the donor's responsibility to establish reasonable value or obtain expert assistance in establishing any value. The library also reserves the right to decide when a gift added to the collection must be withdrawn.

Monetary gifts, bequests, and memorial or honorary contributions are particularly welcome. Funds donated will be used to purchase items following the selection policy of the library. If requested, notification of memorial or honorary contributions will be sent to the family of the person being recognized. Suggestions for subject areas or other areas of interest are welcome and will be followed to the extent possible. Individuals with donations totaling \$50.00 or more will have their name added to the Supporters of Your Library Giving Tree.

Acceptance of donations of equipment, real estate, stock, artifacts, works of art, collections, etc., will be determined by the library board based on their suitability to the purposes and needs of the library, laws, and regulations that govern the ownership of the gift, and the library's ability to cover insurance and maintenance costs associated with the donation.

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Seabrook Library Trustees