

Materials Donation Policy

Thank you for your interest in contributing materials to Cary Memorial Library. Before you leave any materials with us, please read the following and the terms of our [Collection Development Policy](#) regarding donated materials. Exceptions to this policy must be discussed in advance with the staff member responsible for the relevant collections.

- All donations of materials must be outright gifts and become the property of Cary Library.
- Library staff determine which donations will be added to the collection using the criteria described in our Collection Development Policy. Full text of our [Collection Development Policy](#) is available.
- Donations may be removed from the collection at any time due to age, damage, or lack of use. Materials removed from the collection cannot be returned to you.
- Donations that are not added to the library's collection may be sold, transferred to other libraries, donated to other organizations, or recycled.

Monetary Donations in support of Library Collections

The library welcomes monetary donations in support of library collections. Donors may specify that their gifts be used to purchase materials for specific areas of the collection. Library staff will select individual titles in accordance with the library's Collection Development policy. Monetary donations in support of library collections may be made through the [Cary Library Foundation](#).

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