

Donations to the Collection

Donations of materials are evaluated according to the same selection criteria that govern the acquisition of purchased material.

The Library reserves the right to refuse donations of materials that may not be in accordance with the Resource Development Policy.

Materials donated become the exclusive property of the Kitchener Public Library. The acceptance of a materials donation does not mean that the Library will automatically add the donation to the collection. Such gifts may be assigned initially to the branch of the donor's choice but must be available for use system wide. Items may be sold or discarded as the Library chooses.

For all collections, except local history:

- The Library will accept materials in new or nearly new condition including hardcover books five years old or newer, paperbacks three years old or newer, literary classics in good condition, undamaged DVDs and music CDs with the original jewel cases and booklets.
- Dated, yellowed, damaged or musty items will not be accepted. Nor does the Library accept condensed books, videocassettes, text books, CD-ROMs, magazines or newspapers.

For the specialized local history collection, the Library will accept archival materials which meet the local history selection criteria.

Other Organizations

There are several local organizations which will also accept certain donated items, listed below. Please contact these organizations to determine whether they are able to accept the items you wish to donate.

Non-Profit Organizations

Canadian Federation of University Women 1-855-595-7306

Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy 519-620-0918

Canadian Diabetes Society 1-800-505-5525

Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Centre 519-894-0628

Mennonite Central Committee 519-886-6226

Salvation Army Thrift Shop 519-584-0818

The Working Centre, Worth a Second Look 519-569-7566

House of Friendship 519-742-8327

Literacy Group of Waterloo Region 519-743-6090

Emmanuel Bible College 519-894-8900 ext 273

Used Bookstores

K-W Book Exchange 519-742-1261

Old Goat Books 519-880-9595

Second Look Books 519-744-2274

U of W Used Book Store, Student Life Centre 519-888-4567 ext. 2390

Value Village 519-576-4403

Hospitals & Nursing Homes

Pinehaven 519-885-6990

Beechwood Manor 519-746-1560

St Mary's Hospital 519-749-6551