

Donation Guidelines for the Friends of the Amesbury Public Library Bookshop

Thank you for keeping the Friends of the APL Book Shop stocked with appealing materials!

We will gladly accept in clean, dry and gently used condition:

- Hardcover and paperback books for Adults, Teens and Children - Fiction and Nonfiction titles
- DVD films
- Music CDs
- Audio books on CD , Foreign language instruction on CD
- Puzzles and Games

Donations may be brought into the APL during regular library hours. DO NOT leave them outside the building or in the library book drop. Donations per day are limited to 2 cardboard boxes (no larger than copy paper boxes) OR 4 grocery bags. If you have a larger donation please call the APL circulation desk ahead of time at 978-388-8148 to make arrangements for drop off and to make sure that a volunteer will be available to assess and receive your donation. Donations that do not meet guidelines will be declined. We cannot guarantee assistance with bringing your donations inside the library. *Please bring a helper if you will need one.*

We cannot accept books in the following condition(s):

- Wet, moldy, mildewed, musty or water damaged (previously wet)
- Dirty or Soiled; Cigarette odor
- Damaged --- broken spines, excessively highlighted, torn or missing pages

Certain items, for whatever reason, do not sell in the shop and we cannot accept them:

- Encyclopedias; Textbooks
- Reader's Digest condensed books
- VHS tapes
- Audio books on tape
- Vinyl records (LPs); Music cassettes
- Homemade copies of any media

Condition matters! *If you would not give it to a friend, please do not donate it to The Friends!*

FAQs:

What happens to the items I donate?

- Depending on the quality of donated items, they will be sold in the Friends Bookshop, put into the general collection of the APL, donated to local non-profits or recycled.

How much can I claim as a charitable donation?

- The Friends cannot assign value to your donation. A receipt designating the number of hardcovers and paperbacks donated can be provided upon request.