

Frequently Asked Questions About Donations To the Calaveras County Library

Calaveras County Library accepts donations of books and other materials in good condition. Some items may be added to our collection or passed along to the Friends of the Library and sold to generate funds for the library. Donations are accepted at all locations.

What types of materials are accepted as donations?

The Library accepts:

- Hardback fiction and non-fiction books, less than 10 years old**
- Children's books**
- Books of local interest**
- Unabridged Audio books on CD, complete sets**
- Commercially produced DVD and Blu-Ray movies and television series**
- Current paperback books in good condition**
- Current magazines and periodicals in good condition, less than 2 years old**
- Hardback classic literature, in excellent condition**
- Commercially produced music CDs**

The Library cannot accept:

- Outdated informational material**
- Materials with torn or missing pages, excessively worn covers**
- Materials with yellowed, brittle pages or damaged bindings**
- Dirty, dusty items**
- Stained, water damaged and mildewed items**
- Materials that have been written in or highlighted**
- Scratched or worn media**
- Outdated textbooks and encyclopedias**
- Toys, games, puzzles and artwork**
- Professional journals**
- Non-commercially produced media**
- Outdated workbooks or study guides that are written in**
- Computer programs**
- Videocassette tapes, any type**
- Audiocassette tapes, any type**
- Non-commercially produced music CDs**

The Library accepts certain materials with limits:

Informational materials and almanacs, less than 2 years old

Travel guidebooks, less than 3 years old

Textbooks, less than 3 years old

Test preparation guides, less than 2 years old

Where do I donate my materials?

Donations are accepted at all branches, in clean bags or boxes. Please don't overfill.

Please inform the staff at the circulation desk that you are dropping off donated items. You may be asked to leave the items at the front desk or bring them to a delivery door.

Library staff and volunteers should not be expected to carry any bags, boxes, etc. Upon request, a cart or hand truck may be made available to you.

Will I be able to deduct these items on my tax return as a charitable donation?

The Library staff does not determine the value of the donation. Receipts can be provided designating how many items and what type were donated, upon request. If you are requesting a receipt, please be ready to let staff know the number of items and what types of items you are donating.

What does the library do with the materials I donate?

Depending on the quality and condition of the donated items, they will be added to our collection, sold by the Friends of the Library or other sources to benefit the library system. Some items will be disposed of at the Library's discretion if they do not meet our selection standards.

Items donated to the Library become the sole property of the Calaveras County Library system and the Library may use or sell the items at the Library's discretion. Donated items will not be returned.

Where can I get more information about items I want to donate?

Visit your local branch in person to talk with staff or call 209 754-6510 for more information.

The Calaveras County Library staff and Board thank you for your generous donations.