West Sacramento Friends of the Library

Book & Magazine Donations

The West Sacramento Friends of the Library accept donations of new and gently used books, magazines, and AV materials on behalf of the Yolo County Library.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Where can I bring my books and magazines to donate?

Please use the special Friends book drop located to the left of the entrance and around the corner on the north side of the building (the side facing City Hall on West Capitol Avenue.) There is a drop box marked with the Friends logo for both books and magazines. If the drop is full, place donations as far back as possible towards the wall, under the roof overhang, to keep items out of any bad weather.

What happens to my donations once I give them to the Friends?

All donations are first sorted by genre in our storage room. Some items will be given to the librarians for consideration to include in the library collection. The largest percent of donations will be shelved in the Friends alcove (book sale area) to the left once you enter the Library. The books that are stored in the storage area will be shelved as the books and magazines are depleted. Occasionally there will larger sale events if the Friends get an overflow of items.

What if I only want to donate my books if they are included in the collection?

The Friends don't make the final decision to include a certain book in the collection, the librarians do. If you want to talk to a librarian about adding your books to the Library call 375-6465. Please be assured that all donations benefit the Library. All money earned by the Friends book sales are used to fund library programs for adults and children, books, videos and audio books.

What kind of items are the Friends interested in?

Because our storage area fills up quickly and to insure that our sales offer current and attractive material we ask that your donations are limited to the following:

BOOKS	AGE
Hardbacks & Paperbacks for adults & children (in good condition)	Any age
Hardware & Software books	Not older than 3 years
Textbooks & Law books	Not older than 5 years

Encyclopedias & other book sets	Not older than 5 years
MAGAZINES	AGE
News & Current Affairs	Up to 6 weeks
Business & Finance	Up to 6 months
New Yorker	Up to 6 months
Atlantic Monthly & Harpers	Up to 1 year
Computer & Office Equipment	Up to 1 year
Women's, Men's & Teenage	Up to 1 year
Cooking & Food	All years
Travel	Up to 2 years
Sports, Outdoors & Health	Up to 2 years
Science (Smithsonian, Natural History, Audubon, Nature, Archeology, etc.)	Up to 4 years
Sunset	Up to 2 years
Popular Mechanics, Popular Science & How To	Up to 4 years
Architectural Digest & Art	All years
National Geographic	All years
OTHER MEDIA	AGE
Videos, CDs, DVDs & Cassettes	All
LPs or any other type vinyl record	NOT Accepted
Homemade audio visual of any kind	NOT Accepted

There are always exceptions and if you have a donation you think may not fit in to the guidelines above, please contact the Friends voice mail line at 375-6465 ext. #4. One of our volunteers will return your call within 2 to 3 business days.