

Gift Policy

The Friends of the Maplewood Public Library encourages and accepts gifts and donations that support the Friends goals and are consistent with the Friends mission statement. The Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations to the Friends are fully tax deductible and receipts are available upon request. However, neither the Friends nor the Maplewood Public Library will assign monetary value to donated items.

The Friends of the Maplewood Public Library Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject any gift or donation. If a gift or donation contains restrictions, acceptance will be conditional upon approval of the restriction by the Friends of the Maplewood Public Library Board of Directors.

Once a gift is accepted by the Friends of the Maplewood Public Library, it becomes the property of the Friends and will not be returned to the donor. Donated materials remaining from book sales and other fundraising events will be made available free of charge to non-profit agencies, community organizations, schools or other uses at the Board's discretion.

Books and Other Materials for Fundraising Events

Donations of new or gently used books, media items and other specified items will be accepted during a publicized timeframe before a book sale or other fundraising event.

The following are materials that the Friends accept:

- Books for readers of all ages - hardbacks and paperbacks, fiction and non-fiction
- New books, best sellers, coffee-table, gift books
- Other media – Audiobooks, DVDs, Music CDs
- Puzzles (good condition with all the pieces)
- Games (good condition with any missing pieces identified)

The following are materials that the Friends does not accept:

- Books that are damaged from water or pets, moldy or with missing pages
- Encyclopedias and reference sets
- Newspapers and magazines
- VHS tapes, cassette tapes and phonograph/vinyl records
- Textbooks
- Financial, legal, health or travel books (published more than 3 years ago)

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