

Donation Policy

Festus Public Library welcomes book donations all-year-round.

All donations accepted by the Festus Public Library become property of the Library, to be used as the Library best determines. The Library makes no guarantees that the donated materials will be added to the collection. Donations not added to the collection are included in our annual Friends of the Festus Public Library Book Sale, added to our Sale Room, given away freely, or recycled. The Library will, upon request, provide a receipt for donated items, but cannot assign a value to donated materials.

We accept:

- Hardcover and paperback books for children, teens, and adults
- Contemporary and classic fiction
- Magazines from less than 2 years ago
- DVDs, music CDs, and audiobooks on CD

We cannot accept:

- Textbooks
- Encyclopedias or other reference sets
- Old dictionaries
- Health, travel, or training books over 5 years old
- Newspapers
- VHS or cassettes

In the interest of health and safety, we also do not accept:

- Books that have been stored in attics, cellars, garages, or basements.
- Books in poor condition, including those that are yellowing, moldy, mildewed, water-damaged, or highlighted.
- Books that are infested with bed bugs, mites, etc.

When dropping off donations:

- Bring donations in boxes, plastic bags, or anything else that can be left at the Library.
- Bring donations to the circulation desk inside the Library.
- Do not leave outside doors or in book drop. Donations are only accepted during operating hours.
- The Library will accept two boxes of books at one time.

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