

Used Material Donation Guidelines

The Barrie Public Library is happy to accept the following items in *excellent* condition:

- classic titles, older best sellers and popular fiction of enduring interest
- local materials about Barrie and Central Ontario
- books that have been published or purchased within the past 5 years
- popular, current paperbacks
- CDs, DVDs and Audiobooks
- textbooks published within the past 10 years
- magazines

We are unable to accept the following items:

- materials that are worn, torn, underlined, highlighted, dusty, dirty, mouldy or in otherwise poor condition
- encyclopedia's, outdated computer books and manuals, Reader's Digest condensed books, colouring books, workbooks, blank page journals
- records, cassette or VHS tapes

The Library will accept up to 3 boxes of books at a time at the Downtown or Painswick branch.

Please note In order to streamline the sorting and organizing of donations, please drop your materials to staff at our delivery door located at the rear of the building off of McDonald Street. As we are tight on space, the Café volunteers will not accept donations at the counter.

If you have potential donations that fall outside of the guidelines (including donations in languages other than English), please contact the Barrie Public Library Volunteer office at 705-728-1010 x 7005.

Please examine each book to make sure it meets the donation guidelines. By only donating materials that we can accept, you are saving the library the precious time and resources required to handle and dispose of unusable material.

If donations do not meet the guidelines above, the items will not be accepted by the library.

What can I do with materials the library cannot accept?

Recycle! Reuse!

Most thrift stores accept books and other materials as donations or you may decide to recycle your books or magazines. Please note that the City of Barrie requires you to remove the cover of any hard cover book before placing it in your recycling bin.