Donations Policy

Donations from community members enhance Wauwatosa Public Library (WPL) services and support WPL's mission to provide equitable access to information and to encourage reading and lifelong discovery.

Donations may be tax deductible. Donation forms are available upon request. WPL does not place a financial value on donations.

WPL reserves the right of ultimate disposition of any donations and it is with this understanding that donations are accepted. WPL will not accept any donations that are not outright gifts.

Donations of books and materials
WPL accepts donations of new and lightly used books and materials. Donated materials may be added to WPL's collections, given to other organizations, sold, recycled, or discarded.

Donated materials may be added to the collection in accordance with WPL's Collection Development policy.

Monetary and other donations
Donations of money, real property, securities, personal property, art, antiques, or other valuables may be accepted and approved by the Library Board. Any monetary donation over $1,000 may require acceptance by the Library Board, which will determine the most appropriate use of the donation in consultation with the donor.

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