Gifts Policy

Purpose & Scope

Gifts to Wallingford Public Library are welcome and, where a special need arises, may be actively sought.

Gifts of money or stock may be accepted with conditions attached, if those conditions are consistent with library purposes and formally accepted by the Board.

Gift objects will normally be accepted only if they are given unconditionally. Accumulating gift objects with special conditions can become unmanageable for future Boards and Administration.

Because conditions change, WPL must be free to use, sell, display or eliminate its property according to prevailing goals, needs, policies and priorities. Any exception to this policy will be decided on an individual basis by the Board of Managers. Conditions thus accepted will be scrupulously honored.

Role & Responsibilities

The acceptance by WPL of a gift from a benefactor does not imply WPL support or acceptance of that benefactor's personal views, nor does it grant the benefactor any rights or influence over WPL's collection, programming or other operations.

Procedure & Guidelines

Appraisals of gifts-in-kind for tax purposes cannot be furnished by the Library except in unusual circumstances and by vote of the Board of Managers. Necessary appraisals should be obtained by the donors prior to making gifts.

Memorial gifts totaling $1,000 will be acknowledged on the Memorial plaque.

Significant gifts and bequests with a value over $10,000 will be acknowledged on the appropriate plaque.

Books and other library materials purchased from gift and memorial funds are marked with appropriate book plates at the donor's request.

At the donor's request a plate identifying the donor or person in whose memory a gift has been given may be placed on the donated piece of furniture or equipment. To insure uniformity in content and appearance, the library will purchase and mount plates as requested.

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