

## DCPS Book Donation Guidelines

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Thank you for supporting DC Public Schools. Guidelines on book donations are listed below. These books will be donated directly to student and classroom libraries. Please note that in some cases we may not be able to accept donated items due to age, condition, or content. Additionally, the DC Public Education Fund, an independent charitable nonprofit formed to support DCPS initiatives, is raising funds to grow school library collections across all DCPS schools. To learn more visit [www.dceducationfund.org](http://www.dceducationfund.org).

### **The following are general guidelines for book donations:**

- Recent titles (no more than 7 years old for fiction and picture books, no more than 3 years old for nonfiction books)
- Age appropriate
- Hardcover preferred, but popular paperbacks may be accepted
- Excellent condition

### **We cannot accept:**

- Damaged books (broken bindings, missing pages, soiled, musty, moldy, with smoke or water damage, or with excessive writing in the text)
- Outdated materials
- Toys, games, puzzles, artwork
- Magazines (bound or unbound)
- Condensed books (Reader's Digest)
- Professional journals
- Encyclopedias
- Cookbooks
- Non-commercially produced media
- Workbooks or study guides that are partially or wholly filled in
- Computer programs

For additional resources that accept book donations, please check the American Library Association's [Sending Books to Needy Libraries: Book Donation Programs](#) resource page.