

## **Gifts and Donations Policy Screven-Jenkins Regional Library**

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by the Screven-Jenkins Regional Library System Board of Trustees)

The Screven-Jenkins Regional Library welcomes gifts of new and used books, audio recordings, videos, and similar materials. Items will be added to the collection in accordance with the selection policy of the library. Once donated, items become the property of the Screven-Jenkins Regional Library, and may be given to other libraries and non-profit agencies, sold, traded or discarded if they are not added to the collection of the local County Library. Donated items will not be returned to the donor and the library will not accept any item that is not an outright gift. The library will acknowledge receipt of donated items but is unable to set fair market or appraisal values. It is recommended that the donor make a list of items donated. If items are being donated to obtain a tax benefit, it is the donor's responsibility to establish fair market value or obtain expert assistance in establishing any value. The library also reserves the right to decide when a gift added to the collection must be withdrawn.

Monetary gifts, bequests, and memorial or honorary contributions are particularly welcome. Funds donated will be used to purchase items in accordance with the selection policy of the library. Books, videos, and other materials purchased with bequests and memorial or honorary contributions will be identified with special donor (paper) plates whenever possible. If requested, notification of memorial or honorary contributions will be sent to the family of the person being recognized. Suggestions for subject areas or other areas of interest are welcome and will be followed to the extent possible.

Acceptance of donations of equipment, real estate, stock, artifacts, works of art, collections, etc., will be determined by the local County Library Board and regulations that govern the ownership of the gift, and contingent upon, among other factors to be considered by the County Library Board in its sole discretion, and the library's ability to cover insurance and maintenance costs associated with the donation.