



PORT HOPE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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POLICY: DONATIONS AND GIFTS	
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General Statement

Port Hope Public Library greatly benefits from gifts and donations received from generous supporters each year. These welcome contributions will be used for library materials, programming, equipment, and as a valuable means of developing and expanding the library's collections.

Donations and Gifts Categories

Materials in General – Gifts of library materials will be accepted and added to the collection only if they are needed and meet the criteria of current collection development needs and policies. Items not added to the collection will be considered for the ongoing Book Sale, given to other libraries, or discarded.

Collections – Gift collections will be accepted only by the Chief Executive Officer, with the counsel of the Library Board as appropriate, and with the understanding that the collection may not be kept intact.

Recognition Gifts – The Library welcomes monetary gifts for purchase of library materials given in recognition of individuals or organizations. The names of the donor(s) and the individuals or organizations recognized by the gift will be listed on a bookplate and affixed to the material.

Other Monetary Gifts – The Library welcomes gifts of cash for the direct purchase of library materials and will try to accommodate the subject or title preferences of the donor current collection development needs and policies. A book plate recognizing the donor will be affixed to the material if desired. Substantial cash offerings, securities, and bequests will be handled by the Chief Librarian, who, with the Library Board, will work out terms of acceptance that are compatible with library policies, the donor's intent, and applicable laws.

Real Estate or Other Personal Property – The Library will accept gifts of real property that support the mission of the Library. Such offers will be handled by the Chief Executive Officer, who, with the Library Board, will determine the suitability of the gift and work out terms of acceptance that are compatible with library policies, the donor's intent, and applicable laws.

Return of Items – Once a gift is accepted by the Library it will not be returned and becomes the property of the Port Hope Public Library.

Tax Receipts – Tax receipts will be issued in accordance with current Canada Customs and Revenue Agency guidelines.

PROCEDURES: DONATIONS AND GIFTS POLICY

1. Donations of library materials accepted for inclusion in the collection must meet current collection development needs and policies, and will be added at the discretion of the Library.
2. Items not added to the Library's collection will be considered for the ongoing Book Sale or recycled depending on the nature and condition of the items.
3. See Appendix I for the Port Hope Public Library's Statement for Donated Materials.
4. Significant book collections offered as gifts and donations require the approval of the Chief Librarian subject to the following criteria:
 - donated items fall within the mandate of the Library and current collection development needs and policies
 - donated items do not duplicate material already in the collection unless suitable as replacement copies
 - physical condition of the materials is acceptable and appropriate for a public library
 - donated items become the property of the Library; no restrictions can be required by the donor on the disposition and use of the material offered
5. Charitable tax receipts are only issued for books and/or collections of books of high and significant value that are added to the Library collection. The decision to issue tax receipts for the **fair market value** of the books and/or collection will be made by the Chief Librarian, in consultation with the Library Board as required, and will be made in accordance with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency legislation. Gifts of books or other library materials valued at over \$1,000 require an independent appraisal at the expense of the donor.
6. Similar stipulations as in Item #4 apply to other gifts of personal property.
7. Charitable tax receipts are issued for cash donations over \$25.
8. Gifts of books and/or other library materials or personal property are accepted only on the understanding that the unconditional ownership of the gifts is retained by the Port Hope Public Library to use as the Library deems appropriate.
9. All donors of books, other library materials or personal property must sign the Donations and Gifts Policy Release Form (Appendix II).
10. Donors of cash gifts should be encouraged to fill out the Port Hope Public Library's Donation Form (Appendix III). Donors may direct their donations as well as make specific requests that the Library will attempt to honour as dictated by availability and suitability of requested materials, and current collection needs. Donors may also receive recognition through a bookplate placed in the material.



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Appendix I: Port Hope Public Library's Statement for Donated Materials

Port Hope Public Library welcomes donations of materials; however, the Library would like donors to be aware that not all materials are appropriate for the Library collection. The Library will gladly accept donations on the understanding that the materials may be added to the collection or considered for sale in the ongoing Book Sale.

As general guidelines, Port Hope Public Library accepts the following:

- Hardcover fiction and nonfiction materials published within the last five years.
- Gently used paperbacks and picture books in excellent condition
- Audio-visual materials in excellent condition and consistent with current collection needs
- Any material on the history of Port Hope and Hope Township

As general guidelines, Port Hope Public Library does not accept the following:

- Reader's Digest materials
- Old textbooks
- Encyclopedias
- National Geographic magazines

Disposing of unusable materials constitutes a cost that the Library must absorb. Port Hope Public Library wants all donors to be aware of the policy before they consider making a donation.



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Appendix II: Donations and Gifts Policy Release Form

Date _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Postal Code _____
Telephone _____
E-mail _____

Number of items _____
Description of items (attach additional pages as necessary)

Charitable Tax Receipt Requested Yes No

The donor named above has donated books and/or other library materials or personal property as described to Port Hope Public Library. The donation is in accordance with the Donations and Gift Policy and Procedures of Port Hope Public Library, and by signing, the donor indicates agreement and acceptance.

Signature of Donor _____
Date _____

Signature of Chief Executive Officer _____
Date _____

The original of this form goes to the Donor with a duplicate retained by the Library.



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Appendix III: Cash Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email (optional): _____

Donations acknowledged in Library Book **Yes** **No**

I would like my donation published as: _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

- Cash**
- Debit**
- Cheque – make payable to Port Hope Public Library**

Amounts over \$25.00 will have charitable tax receipts issued.

I wish my donation directed to:

MARY J. BENSON BRANCH **THE HUB AT CANTON**

Specifically: (please mark)

- Children’s Material**
- Young Adult Material**
- Adult Material**
- DVD**
- Books on CD**
- Large Print**

Any special requests: _____

Thank you very much for your donation