

Gift Policy

The James River Valley Library System believes that private gifts play an important role in extending and enriching the services of the library. The Library Board welcomes gifts under these conditions:

- Gifts for the library should be of such nature that usage of them falls within the Mission Statement of the Library.
- Gifts should be viewed as an addition or supplement to, not a reduction of, the operating budget of the library.
- The Director or someone appointed by the director will determine if gifts are acceptable under this policy.
- Gifts should be complete and may be refused if the expenditure of library funds is necessary to make the gift item usable.
- Gifts of cash will be accepted. Real estate, stocks, trusts etc. will be accepted under the condition that the Library may sell such gifts in order to comply with Century Code 21-06-07. Such resources may be used to purchase materials in keeping with the library's collection development policy, or to provide services in keeping with the library's mission. The purchase of specific titles with such funds cannot be guaranteed, nor does the donor have the right of approval of titles before purchase. However, donors are encouraged to recommend subject areas.
- Gifts of art objects, personal property, etc. will be accepted if such items have a use in the library. If an item cannot be used, the library reserves the right to sell the item and use the proceeds of the sale for purposes in keeping with the Library's Mission Statement. Books will also be accepted with the understanding that the material may or may not be added to the collection.

The library reserves the right at all times to dispose of any gift without notification to the donor, if in the judgment of the staff, such item no longer serves the purposes of the library.