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Donations of Library Materials Policy

The Library recognizes and appreciates that members of the university, and the community, are interested in donating publications to the Library collection. However, it is important to recognize that the Library will be selective in what is accepted for the collection, needing to carefully assess any prospective donation in relation to the established scope and parameters for collection development. The analysis of prospective gifts and processing those that are accepted involves a substantial amount of Library resources. Therefore you are invited to read the following guidelines before contacting us regarding a prospective donation.

Acceptance Guidelines:

1. In most cases, the Library cannot accept the following types of documents:

- journals
- textbooks
- newspapers
- trade paperbacks
- popular magazines such as L'actualité, Maclean's, Time, or National Geographic

2. The Library will consider accepting donations of gifts in kind according to the following criteria.

Donor responsibility:

- that the donated items do not duplicate materials already held;
- that the materials are in good physical condition;
- that no restrictions be placed by the prospective donor on the disposition and use of the material offered.

Library responsibility:

- that the prospective donation falls within the scope of the Library's collection and aligns with the University's mandate regarding learning, teaching and research;
- that the items are of unique and significant value to the collection, in the view of the appropriate librarian;
- that the Library is in a position to process and maintain the gift.

3. Upon acceptance, gifts-in-kind are irrevocable and become the property of Saint Paul University. Donors are required to sign a release form at the time of the donation. The Library reserves the right to dispose of non-retained items in a manner that it deems appropriate. The donor should discuss the disposition of items not retained by the Library.

4. Tax receipts will be issued for cash gifts that have a minimum value of \$20 and for book donations that have a minimum value of \$1,000, but they will not necessarily follow in the same year as the donation is made. A tax receipt is issued only for the fair market value of items retained. The donor agrees to accept the evaluation done by the University. If the value of a single item in a donation exceeds \$1,000, the donor agrees to pay the cost of an external evaluation.

5. For large collections of books, the Library must see the collection before moving material to the Library. A representative from the Library can select material from a list of titles provided by the donor or, if a list cannot be made, the Library will send someone to select the material while the prospective gift is still in its original location

6. Collections from university departments and faculties are not automatically accepted but need to meet the above selection criteria. For substantial collections, the department or faculty may be asked to bear cost of cataloguing and processing any material added to the collection. This would be discussed and negotiated before the gift is accepted for the collection.

7. Donations of research materials purchased through a research grant may be accepted as long as they meet the selection criteria above, however they do not qualify for a tax receipt.

8. The donor assumes the costs of transporting any accepted gifts to the University.

The Chief Librarian and the Head of User Services undertake a review of the Library's Donation of materials Policy on a three-year basis. This item replaces all previous policies on this subject. **February 2024**

Formulaire de réception de don

Donation Acceptance Form

Année / Year :

Nom / Name :

Adresse / Address :

Ville / City :

Province :

Code postal / Postal Code :

Courriel / Email :

Langue / Language :

Reçu pour fins d'impôt / Receipt for tax purposes

Oui / Yes

Non / No

Je reconnais avoir reçu une copie de la
politique sur les dons de documents de la
Bibliothèque Jean-Léon-Allie de
l'Université Saint-Paul

I have received a copy of the Saint Paul
University Library Donation Policy.

Date :

Signature :

Pour usage interne / Internal use :

Employé.e de la
bibliothèque / Library Staff
Member :

Description du matériel /
Description of material :