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Decatur Public Library

Gifts to the Library

General Statement

The Decatur Public Library has several stated policies concerning gifts to the Library. These policies include the Art and Artifacts Acquisition and Display Policy and the Gifts section of the Material Selection and Collection Development Policy. These statements are to be referred to for specific policies concerning the acceptance of items by the library whether for display or addition to the library's collection.

The library's stated mission is: " ...to provide access to and promote the use of materials that serve the informational, recreational, educational and cultural needs of the community." In developing a locally housed collection in furtherance of this mission, the library accepts gifts of items in all formats where they meet the specific need of the library . However, the library is not obligated to accept any gift item for its collection or display or use within its facility. The library will accept gifts only where the gift meets the need of the library as determined under the specific policies addressing the item in question.