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## **Book Donation Guidelines**

The Fairbanks Community has been very generous in providing books to support the Literacy Council of Alaska and Forget-Me-Not Books. Recently, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number and size of donations coming through our doors. We are no longer able to consider every book donated, our space is limited. At this time, we will only accept books that are in good condition providing the best quality to our bookstore customers and community.

### **Our Mission – To Change Lives through Literacy**

Forget-Me-Not Books is a used bookstore serving Fairbanks and the Interior. We sell excellent quality used books for excellent prices. All proceeds support the educational programs of the Literacy Council of Alaska.

### **Book Recycling Program**

Our Book Recycling Program places good quality books at no cost in the hands of those who have limited access to books. We provide books to: children's programs and events, senior housing complexes, local social service agencies, low income housing locations and correctional facilities. Last year the Literacy Council distributed over 25,000 books through this program.

### **Partnership with Gulliver's Books**

We are very proud of our partnership with Gulliver's Books. They work directly with us to provide books for our programs and for sale in Forget-Me-Not Books. Both bookstores have worked together to develop new policies to better serve the community. Gulliver's will pass on books at their customers request which are not useable in their store. Gulliver's will not pass along books that are unusable or in poor condition.

Gulliver's Books offers in-store credit for books they accept for their own store. See their 'Used Book Trading Policy' at: [www.ShopGulliversBooks.com](http://www.ShopGulliversBooks.com)

Please note that Gulliver's Books is NOT a drop off point for Forget-Me-Not Books and the Literacy Council. We are grateful for Gulliver's Books and the great work they do throughout our community.

**Literacy Council of Alaska and Forget-Me-Not Books  
Book Donation Guidelines, cont'd.**

**What we can accept:**

Forget-Me-Not Books accepts books in all genres including vintage (prior 1945). We also accept audio books as well as CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes and records in good condition and in their original packaging. Please pack your items in boxes (that you don't want back) before bringing them to us.

We will gladly provide you with a receipt for your donation for your tax purposes.

**Items we cannot accept:**

- ◆ Encyclopedias
- ◆ Magazines and periodicals (except Alaskana)
- ◆ Readers Digest Condensed Books
- ◆ Computer books more than 3 years old
- ◆ Library books
- ◆ Books found at a transfer site or in/next to a dumpster
- ◆ Coloring or Activity books that are completed.
- ◆ Home recorded Audio/Video items
- ◆ Any items with:
  - Water damage
  - Mold
  - Smells of must, mildew, or smoke
  - Torn or missing covers or pages
  - Stained
  - Hair from pets
  - Highlighted or underlined
  - Dirty (a *small* amount of dust is okay)
  - Audio/Visual items with missing or damaged parts including DVDs that don't play

When in doubt, call before you bring your books to us. We reserve the right to refuse or discard items we cannot use.

Drop Off times are: Monday – Friday, 10am - 5pm, excludes holidays. NO donations larger than 2 grocery bags are accepted on Saturdays, due to limited staffing.

Please, do not leave books outside at either our front or back doors or in the parking lot. Weather damaged books are immediately discarded.

**Other Options for Your Used Books:**

\*Value Village  
3027 Airport Way  
Fairbanks, AK 99701  
\*Call First: (907) 474-4828

Rescue Mission (paper recycling)  
723 27th Avenue  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

UAF Taku Lot (paper recycling)  
Just off Farmers Loop Road,  
look for the bins.

**Thank you for donating to Forget-Me-Not Books and helping to change lives through literacy!**