

Friends of the Mannsdale Library

Donating to the Library -- Frequently Asked Questions



Become a "Friend of the Library" and help us build a library full of stimulating books for all age levels.

What is the library wish list? It's a collection of recently published or teacher-requested books that the library is hoping to add to the shelves. We will be continually expanding our collection to stimulate students' interest in reading, supplement the curriculum, and make sure all those favorite children's books make it to our shelves soon.

How do I donate a book? Just write a check to "MES Library" and send it with a donation form or e-mail a note to Leslie Flowerday at lflowerday@madison-schools.com with any questions. If you are choosing a title from the wish list, please let me know if a substitute is acceptable, in case the specific book has already been chosen by another donor.

What is the Birthday Book program? This is a library fundraiser, supplying, thanks to our community's generosity, all those little "extras" we want our students to have. In the month of a child's birthday, parents receive an invitation to contribute a book to the library as part of the child's birthday celebration. When the book comes in, we place a bookplate with the child's name in the front of the book, send the child a note to say his/her book is waiting, and hold the book so that the birthday child can be the first to borrow it.

Is it only for birthdays? No, we love to receive books given at holidays, in honor of a teacher, relative, friend, or in memoriam.

What if I want to dedicate my donation? If you are donating a book in honor of a child's birthday, as a teacher present, or as a remembrance of someone special, the library staff will happily note that on a book plate and acknowledge your gift to the honoree by sending a card.

Can I just bring in a copy of the book instead? Yes, but when the books are ordered through the library, they come at a discount (so your donation goes farther), and they arrive pre-processed and shelf-ready, so that they get into the students' hands much more quickly.

Can I suggest a title not on the list? Certainly, but please check with the librarian at lflowerday@madison-schools.com to avoid duplication.

Can I donate anonymously? Absolutely.

Can I just send a donation and let the librarian pick the books? I would be thrilled! Monetary donations of \$5.00, \$10.00 and up will also help us pay for guest authors, visiting artists, furniture needs, technology, etc.

Can we make a monetary donation to purchase other library materials? Yes, we are always seeking to expand our audiobooks and DVD collections, purchase technology, etc.

Do you accept used books? Of course! Any books that we are not able to use in the library collection, we will offer to classroom teachers. We would also love audiobooks, music CDs, Videos, DVD and we have a few furniture needs if you happen to be cleaning out your house. Arrangements for pickup of large donations can be arranged.

Mannsdale "Friends of the Library"

Donation Form

Yes! I would like to be a "Friend of the Mannsdale Library".

Name: _____

Today's donation: _____

This special gift is for: _____

Please circle one of the choices: In honor In memory Birthday Wishes

Optional: Please send a card acknowledging my gift to _____

Address: _____

If making a donation of a title from our wish list, please indicate the title(s) you are choosing in the space below: