You Ask:  
Can I donate items to the Library?

We Answer:  
Yes, the Newport News Public Library System gladly accept donations. You can donate books, CDs and DVDs in good condition. Magazines, VHS tapes and encyclopedias more than five years old are not accepted as donations. The items can be dropped off at any branch of the Newport News Public Library System, including the Friends of the Library Bookstore at the Main Street Library, located at 110 Main Street.

Any items that can be used in the Libraries will be added to the collection, and any other items go to the Friends of the Newport News Public Library -- the nonprofit, volunteer organization that helps promote and support the Library. The Friends of the Newport News Public Library sell the items at the Bookstore, the online store “West Main Books” at http://nnfol981.alibrisstore.com/ or at the book sales held quarterly at the Library branches.

Upcoming book sales are June 21-23, Aug. 23-25, Oct. 25-27 and Dec. 6-8 at West Avenue Library. The Bookstore is open 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday; and 2-4 p.m., Sunday. All sales benefit the Library System.

Once donated, the Library assumes full ownership of the items and has the right to use or dispose of them as it deems based on its policies. Donations are tax deductible. The Library System does not put a dollar value on the items, but you can receive a receipt documenting the number and type of materials donated upon request.

Information provided by Steve Lithgow, a library technician at West Avenue Library. For more information, please contact the circulation desk of any Newport News Public Library.