# The Library Donation Cheat Sheet

*Tape it to the inside of your donation box.*

## YES, PLEASE

- **Recent bestsellers**
  Popular fiction and nonfiction from the last few years.
- **Clean kids' and YA books**
  Picture books, early readers, series fiction. No crayon art.
- **Cookbooks, art, travel, crafts**
  Coffee-table books in good shape sell well.
- **Classics and literary fiction**
  Students and collectors look for these.
- **DVDs, audiobooks, CDs, LPs**
  Many book sales take media. Ask first.
- **Rare or signed books**
  Call ahead and ask for whoever handles special items.

## NO, THANK YOU

- **Mold, mildew, musty smell**
  Mold spreads to other books.
- **Water damage or loose pages**
  Nobody buys a book that crunches.
- **Encyclopedias and dictionaries**
  Many libraries refuse them outright.
- **Textbooks older than ~5 years**
  Out of date means out of luck.
- **Old tech, tax, medical, travel guides**
  Outdated information helps no one.
- **Magazines and newspapers**
  Back issues rarely sell.
- **Condensed and book-club editions**
  Abridged and cheaply bound.
- **Advance reader copies (ARCs)**
  Not meant to be sold.
- **Highlighted or written-in books**
  Your notes are damage to a buyer.

### THE GOLDEN RULE

Donate the books you'd be happy to find at a $2 book sale.
And always call before you haul.