

Racine Public Library Furniture and Equipment Disposal Policy

The Racine Public Library receives funding which is sometimes used to purchase furniture and equipment. To assure that the circle of benefit remains within the Library's realm, it is the policy of the Library to dispose of library materials, furniture and equipment that are no longer functional or useful in a manner that serves the best interests of the Library and to the extent possible, the best interests of the community.

If an item of furniture or equipment is determined at the departmental level to be no longer functional or useful, the Library Director via the Business Office will be notified so they can determine whether disposition is appropriate.

When the Library Director or designee determines an item of furniture or equipment no longer has value to the Library, it will be removed from inventory and disposed of in one of the following ways:

- Books and other materials no longer deemed appropriate for the collection will be donated to the Friends of the Racine Public Library for disposal through their regular book sales or other means.
- Computer equipment, no longer of use to the Library, may be donated directly to another non-profit entity for use in educational programs or sold or donated to a technology recycling company.
- Furniture and supplies, no longer of use to the library and of minor value may be donated to a non-profit, charitable organization, or another public library.
- Items not covered by the above will be sold through auction or publicly advertised sale with any proceeds from such sale being deposited to the RPL Library Materials Fund of the library.
- If an item is determined to have marginal or no resale value, or does not sell through auction or publicly advertised sale, it may be sold or discarded in the best interest of the library.
- Trade-in allowances on any item of equipment being replaced or upgraded may be accepted.

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