



Local Author Shelf Policy

In an effort to promote the works of local authors and artists the Meriden Public library has established a “Local Author Shelf” for the circulation of works by authors and artists who are, or have been, residents of the City of Meriden and the surrounding cities and towns.

Contributions of materials to the Meriden Library from local authors and artists or their representatives will be gracefully received, however the items must meet the following criteria:

- Fiction and Non-Fiction Prose: The work must be bound.
- Poetry: The work must bound.
- Works with cassettes, or DVDs will not be accepted.
- The works binding must be strong enough to withstand at least 20 readings/circulation.
- Materials will be removed from the collection and disposed of when they become damaged.
- The inclusion of a work into this exclusive collection does not constitute indorsement of its content by the library.
- Works cannot contain language or images which are in violation of State or Federal laws or language or images which would fail evaluation by the tripartite standards for obscenity established by the Miller Test (Miller v. California <https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/obscenity>)
- Each contributed book must be accompanied by a sheet of paper with the following information in order to expedite the cataloging process.
 1. Full real name of the author
 2. Full title from the title page, not the cover
 3. Date of publication
 4. Number of pages

Books contributed to this collection become the property of the Meriden Library. The library reserves the right to refuse any title, or remove any title without notice. Contributed books that meet the criteria of being written by “local authors” will be shelved on the “Local Author Shelf”. Removed books will *not* be returned to the donor or the donor’s representatives.

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