

How (and what) to donate to the Cortez Public Library

General information

The Cortez Public Library appreciates your interest in giving donations to the library and thus, your support for the community. Limitations on storage space and limited staff time are the main reasons why we cannot accept all donations. We cannot guarantee that your items will be added to the collection.

Please be advised that once donations are accepted, they become property of the Cortez Public Library and may be used for our used books sale shelves or recycled. Donations are only accepted by appointment and in limited quantities (5 boxes).

Please call the library at (970) 565-8117 if you have questions or want to set up a drop-off appointment. Donations may not be left outside the library or in the book drop.

Books, DVDs and CDs

- Hardcover and paperback books in good condition (clean and with binding intact)
- DVDs and Audiobooks in functioning condition (clean and not scratched)

Author donations

If you are an author who would like to donate your books to us, please review the general selection criteria for donated books above. Materials that are not selected for our collection will be sent to our used books sales.

Memorial Gifts

Honor a loved one by making a donation in their memory. Call the Cortez Public Library at (970) 565-8117 for more information.

What we cannot accept

- Magazines (e.g. National Geographic)
- Outdated books, eg. medical books, almanacs or technical books
- Textbooks
- Reader's Digest
- Encyclopedias
- Music CDs
- VHS
- Cassette tapes
- Materials that are in bad condition (water-stained, dirty, yellowed pages, mouldy, broken, with odors from smoke or with highlighted text)

Please be advised that other donation sites in Cortez and our surroundings may be interested in your items, too. Contact the local used bookstore or thrift shops for more information.