

Art Donation Policy

Abbott Library, Sunapee, NH

Although the Library is not an art gallery and has limited space for exhibition, it does accept some donations of works of art or collectibles. Since the quality of visual art is of great importance, donations of art are reviewed prior to acceptance by the Library Director and the Abbott Library Board of Trustees (the "Board"). In addition, because of space constraints and the need for proper storage of art, the Board limits the acceptance of donations to pieces that work with the existing art on display and that will add to the overall collection. Works may be put on permanent display or temporary display.

All gifts must be unconditional, transferring ownership and all rights of ownership to the Library. Gifts are accepted only with the understanding that the Library has the right to determine retention, location or disposal of the gift. The Library may sell the item for value and use the proceeds for any purpose appropriate to the Library's mission.

The appraisal, for income tax purposes, of a gift to the Library is the responsibility of the donor as it is necessary for the donor's tax returns. If the work has been appraised for tax purposes, a copy of the appraisal shall be given to the Library at the time of the donation. The Library will issue a letter to the donor acknowledging receipt of the gift. The acceptance of the gift and letter does not mean endorsement of the appraisal by the Library.

Items offered to the Library that have not yet been accepted are left at the owner's risk.

This policy is subject to RSA 202-A:4-Acceptance of Personal Property Donated to Libraries.

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