

## What Can I do With My Old Books?

Do you have books and magazines you no longer need or want? While the East Meadow Public Library does not accept book donations, there are several alternate ways to dispose of your unwanted books. Before donating old or unwanted reading material, please consider the condition. Generally speaking, only new, gently read or lightly-used books are accepted for donation. Magazines are rarely accepted, but are usually recyclable. Soft cover or paperback books are not recyclable if you live in the Town of Hempstead. Hardcover books also cannot be recycled by the Sanitation Department and should be donated or discarded.

There are a few institutions in East Meadow that accept book donations. Please call them to see what books they are presently accepting.

**Fulton Commons Care**

60 Merrick Avenue  
East Meadow, NY 11554  
(516) 222-9300  
Contact: Judi Shephard  
LARGE PRINT ONLY

**Bristol Assisted Living**

40 Merrick Avenue  
East Meadow, NY 11554  
(516) 542-0800  
Contact: Lara Serro  
<http://www.thebristol.com/east-meadow.php>

**Sunrise of East Meadow**

1555 Glen Curtiss Blvd.  
East Meadow, NY 11554  
(516) 542-0990  
Contact: Michelle Crouse  
LARGE PRINT PREFERRED  
<http://www.sunriseseniorliving.com/community/CommunityHome.do?commid=499>

**Nassau University Medical Center**

2201 Hempstead Turnpike  
East Meadow, NY 11554  
(516) 572-6188  
Auxiliary Department  
<http://www.numc.edu/>

Some local libraries and schools – the Garden City Public Library (516) 742-8405, <http://www.gardencitypl.org/friends.html>, and the C.W. Post University Library Association (516) 299-2892, <http://www.liu.edu/CWIS/CWP/LIBRARY/plaevent.htm#5>, are two examples – hold annual, fundraising book sales. Call or visit their websites for more information on when and where they take place and what they will accept.

**For Books of Value:** If you think you own a collectible book or magazine, you can check the value at [Alibris.com](http://Alibris.com), [Abebooks.com](http://Abebooks.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). You can also sell or trade your items through these and other online stores ([bookscouter.com](http://bookscouter.com), [ebay.com](http://ebay.com), [paperbackswap.com](http://paperbackswap.com), [frugalreader.com](http://frugalreader.com), etc.) You may also wish to contact a book dealer. To find a dealer in your area, check the American Booksellers Association's website [www.bookweb.org/index.html](http://www.bookweb.org/index.html) or try [www.bookprospector.com](http://www.bookprospector.com).

**Best Sellers and Paperbacks:** Try these charities for book donation:

[www.housingworks.org/donate/bookstore-cafe-donations/](http://www.housingworks.org/donate/bookstore-cafe-donations/): This site is maintained by Housing Works, helping New York City's homeless, HIV-infected population.

[www.justgive.org](http://www.justgive.org): This site provides a great list of places to donate just about anything! Whether you want to donate books, furniture, household goods and clothing, computers, cars, cell phones, pet supplies, eyeglasses, your hair, or even your organs, you can find a resource here.

**Books for Soldiers:** This non-profit organization allows you to send books to deployed soldiers. Sign up for an account and review what items soldiers are asking for at [www.booksforsoldiers.com](http://www.booksforsoldiers.com).

**Friends of Libraries, USA and Better World Books:** This group is currently accepting donations to rebuild libraries affected by hurricanes and other disasters. See what books are currently in demand at [www.betterworldbooks.com/folusa](http://www.betterworldbooks.com/folusa).

**Vietnam Veteran's Association:** They have both pick up service and drop off service. There may be limits on the number of books you can donate at one time. You can schedule a pickup online at <http://www.wepickup.org/>.

[www.BooksThroughBars.org](http://www.BooksThroughBars.org): and [prisonpenpals.com/booksbehindbars.html](http://prisonpenpals.com/booksbehindbars.html) What better way to rehabilitate someone than through education and reading? This program provides books to prisoners. Before sending books, make sure you check the rules on what types of reading material each prison allows.

[Salvationarmyusa.org](http://Salvationarmyusa.org) and [goodwillny.org](http://goodwillny.org): You can donate old books in good condition as well as other items.

[Svdpusa.org](http://Svdpusa.org): Saint Vincent DePaul will take old books in good condition and other items.

**For Textbooks and Reference Material:** Try reselling textbooks to the college library where purchased or through Barnes & Noble at [bn.com](http://bn.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). Also try:

[Bridge.org](http://Bridge.org): This group seeks college; graduate and professional level teaching and research materials in English. They collect books, journals and other forms of information, both used and new.

**Internet Accuracy Project:** Founded in 2005, [www.accuracyproject.org](http://www.accuracyproject.org) has been collecting old reference books and encyclopedias in an effort to correct many of the errors found in print and online material. They will accept donations of biographies and autobiographies regardless of condition. Check their website for other material currently in demand.