

Local Author Collection

The mission of the local author collection is to support and promote local authors, connecting them to their community and their local library. The collection will be housed at Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library, next to the general Kentucky collection. Items will appear in our online catalog.

Authors submitting works for this collection should be residents of Barren County or a surrounding county. Consideration of authors with significant ties to the community but currently residing outside of these boundaries will be at the discretion of library staff.

Submission Guidelines

Local material must be professionally printed and bound, and of a quality suitable for library circulation, to be considered for the collection. The library will not accept spiral bound items, pamphlets, manuscripts, or other unbound items.

Both self-published and traditionally published works will be considered for this collection. Self-published books must be donated. Traditionally published books are encouraged to be donated, but may be considered for purchase by the library under the general collection development policy.

Textbooks and workbooks will **not** be considered for the collection.

Submissions must be books. The local author collection does not include other media types at this time. The library cannot add self-published e-books.

The library will accept donations of no more than two items from a local author per year.

All books submitted must be recently published (within three years) and in new or like new condition.

Books must be for adult audiences. Please contact Youth Services for all YA or children's books.

All locally-created material, whether purchased or donated, must meet the same criteria for selection as any other material considered for the collection. See the general collection development policy for these criteria.

Authors must represent and warrant full ownership and/or legal rights to publish all material in their books, including artwork.

Rights and Removal

Submission of the required form and materials does not guarantee acceptance. While specific feedback on individual submissions cannot be provided, general reasons for non-acceptance may be communicated upon request.

Donated materials not added to the collection may be returned to the author if the author picks up the material. Author will have thirty (30) days to do so. Such submissions may be given to the Friends of Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library for their book sale if not picked up by the author.

Books accepted for the local author collection become the library's property. They are subject to the library's regular deselection (weeding) process, and will not be returned upon removal from the collection. Deselected books will be given to the Friends of Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library for their book sale.

How to Submit Your Work

Review the submission guidelines for the local author collection and the collection development policy of Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library.

Fill out and submit the Local Author Collection form available online or at the Circulation desk of the library. Bring one copy of your book to the Circulation desk during library business hours, or mail to the library, attention of Local Author Collection. The submission form must accompany or precede the book, or the book will be treated as an unsolicited donation.

Please allow up to 120 days for a donated item to appear in the library's catalog. Most items will be catalogued much sooner, but some items can be more challenging based on available information.