

Ely Public Library Memorial Policy

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The library is honored to receive books and other materials as memorials to friends or loved ones. Such a memorial continues to give pleasure and enrichment to the living for many years. However, it is the ideas and the beauty of style contained within such materials, rather their physical parts that are lasting elements of a memorial. For these reasons all memorials must meet the general selection criteria of the library.

The donor has the option of donating money or purchasing the materials. However, it is important that the donor check with the library before purchasing items to determine if the items are appropriate. Consideration is given to the interests and character of the person being memorialized. The donor will be consulted on the proposed purchase. A memorial bookplate will be used to designate all memorials. Memorials are subject to the library weeding policies. However, the library will maintain a permanent memorial list. Weeded material will be donated back to the original donor or group whenever possible.

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