

SMALL PRESSES AND LOCAL AUTHORS

The Nashville Public Library is often asked to include items in our libraries that are written and/or published independently. This can include materials that are self-published/ produced or items published through a vanity press company. We look for material with regional connections and collection relevance that will appeal to a wide audience. The best way to bring an item to our attention is through reviews.

A positive review in one or more of the library review journals, such as Library Journal www.libraryjournal.com, School Library Journal www.schoollibraryjournal.com, Kirkus Reviews www.kirkusreviews.com, Booklist www.booklistonline.com, Publisher's Weekly www.publishersweekly.com or in the Sunday edition of the Tennessean or City Paper will give your book an improved chance for purchase by Nashville Public Library (and other public libraries as well). It is also to your benefit if your item is being carried by a local book or music store, which would generate a demand for its purchase by our system.

Please keep in mind that books in a public library get constant and sometimes heavy use from the public. Because of this, we look for ones that are sturdily bound, preferably sewn or glued. Spiral and comb bindings do not stand up well in our setting and books with pages designed to be filled in or torn out by the reader are not appropriate.

If you would like us to consider your materials, please send a review copy or a flyer with the professional reviews attached to the address below. Drop in visits are not encouraged.

Nashville Public Library
Material Services Department
615 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37219

The flyer sent to the Nashville Public Library system should include:

WHAT is the content of the item? This summary should be brief and succinct.

WHY the item is needed at NPL. Here you should include quotations from reviews if you have them. If the item has been reviewed, you should also attach a copy of the review.

WHO is the intended audience? Is it intended for adults, young adults, or children? Who would be interested in the book - parents, businesspersons, hobbyists, etc?

NAME of the author/artist? This should include qualifications, such as education, experience in the field, and experience as a writer. Be sure to mention that you are a local author/artist or publisher, since this does factor into our purchasing decisions.

WHEN, WHERE, etc. the item was published/created. We need all the bibliographic data, including date of publication, price, ISBN number (very important), edition statement, type of binding. If the book is self-published, please give some indication of its appearance (size, type of binding, etc.).

HOW we can get it? NPL purchases material from wholesale vendors, such as Baker and Taylor, or Ingram. Purchases from Amazon are also allowed though not through their secondary vendors. We do not purchase directly through individuals and do not allow payments made through Paypal.

If you choose to send us a sample copy of the item, we will not be able to return it in the event we do not purchase other copies. We will treat your item as a donation and its disposition will be covered under our Gifts and Donations Policy.