



Five Things You Should Know about Salem Public Library's Collection

1. **The Salem Public Library is a public resource that *serves the entire community*** with books and other materials that best match ever-changing needs and interests.
2. **The Library's primary role is *connecting Salem residents to a variety of resources they find most informative, educational or entertaining*** — through browsing, onsite use and borrowing. Patrons also may request items loaned from other libraries and suggest purchases.
3. **Every year, the Library adds 33,000 new items** — books, DVDs, CDs, magazines, e-books and other resources — to satisfy the needs of every age group, pre-school to retiree.
4. **The Library's *Collection Development Policy* helps it respond to changing times and a growing community** — to serve even more Salem residents with materials relevant to their lives.
5. **The Library's collection is regularly updated** using criteria adopted by libraries all over the U.S. Books are removed if they are:
 - ✓ In poor condition
 - ✓ Inaccurate or no longer current
 - ✓ No longer used
 - ✓ Excess copies

Removed books are donated to Friends of the Library for resale (*benefitting the Library's collections and programs*) — or, if too badly damaged, recycled.