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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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Inaccurate or no longer current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.