

## **Local and Self-Published Collection Policy**

The Berwyn Public Library Local and Self-Published Collection is intended to highlight local creators and works of local interest, and allow self-published creators an opportunity to showcase their work and reach a wider audience. Because many self-published titles do not receive professional reviews, the collection is donation-based and curated using different standards than the main collection.

Items for the Local and Self-Published Collection are accepted on a donation basis only, and according to the criteria in the Local and Self-Published Collection Procedures.

Items will be accepted only if they are created by local residents or if they are set locally, in accordance with the guidelines in the Collection Procedures. Only a limited number of items per year will be accepted from each author.

Donations will be reviewed by library staff before inclusion in the collection, and subject to the standards laid out in the Collection Procedures.

Due to staff time constraints, we cannot meet with authors about their items or notify them if their books are not accepted into the collection.

All donated items become property of the Berwyn Public Library. Items not included in the collection will be donated to the Friends of the Library.

Items may be withdrawn from the collection according to the criteria in the Collection Procedures.

**Approved by the Berwyn Public Library Board of Trustees**

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