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LIBRARY OFFERS WITHDRAWN MATERIALS TO SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY AGENCIES

The Fresno County Public Library is pleased to announce its new **Materials Redistribution Program**, in which Fresno County organizations may apply to receive books and audiovisual materials after they have been withdrawn from the Library's collection.

The Library's Central Library and its 35 branch libraries have finite space for books and audiovisual materials; as new items are added to collections, the Library pulls items that are no longer in public demand. Once these items are withdrawn from the Library's collection, they may be given to *organizations within Fresno County* that will use them for the public good. Items must be given away or loaned at no charge to the public and cannot be sold by the receiving agencies.

Top priority for distribution is given to Fresno County agencies, including the County Jail. Fresno County school districts and community agencies, especially those serving low income neighborhoods, are also welcome to apply. Other examples of eligible agencies include senior centers, hospitals, licensed daycare centers and providers, other libraries, community not-for-profit agencies registered with 501c3 tax exempt status, and social service agencies.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have a community who supports us via Measure B," said County Librarian Laurel Prysiazny. "This is a way to extend that generosity one step further."

Items available for organizations to receive include: popular and classic fiction, in print or as books on CD; nonfiction in all subject areas; encyclopedias and dictionaries; non-English language materials; children's picture books; books for children and teens in all genres and subject areas; music CDs and DVDs.

Organizations who wish to receive withdrawn Library materials may apply by following the steps outlined on the Library's website at <http://www.fresnolibrary.org/about/redistribution.html>. Requests are filled according to categories and not by specific titles. Agencies may request a maximum of 100 books per quarter for a total of 400 items per year.

For more information, please visit the Library's website, call 600-6258, or email redis@fresnolibrary.org.

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