

Library and Archives Frequently Asked Questions

What Kind of Items Are Acceptable for Donation?

The Museum accepts artifacts, photographs, papers, and publications relating to the Holocaust and human rights. Materials relating to an individual's employment, civic, business, religious, political, educational, and social activities prior, during, and immediately following the Holocaust and World War II are of interest to the Museum. For human rights materials, the Museum is primarily interested in human rights collections focusing on the North Texas area.

A donation may consist of a single item or many boxes of items. Materials need not be "old" or organized; nor do they need to relate to a famous individual, organization, or event to be historically significant.

The archivist can best assist you if you make an appointment in advance, and will also be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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See also the ***Guide to Donating Artifacts to the Museum*** and the ***Deed of Gift form***.

Will my donated artifacts be on display?

Artifacts donated to the Museum might be placed on display in the permanent exhibit or for a special temporary exhibit. The materials held in the Museum's archives are significant to the study of the Holocaust and human rights, but we cannot guarantee that donated items will be placed on display.

Does the Museum accept donations of books?

In order for books to be accepted into the Museum library they must be related to the Holocaust, World War II or human rights. If the books are not new when donated, they need to be in good to like-new condition. For example, books with torn or missing pages, loose bindings, broken spines, mold, water or food damage, highlighting, written notes in margins, or damage from pests will not be accepted.

If the Museum already has a copy of a book the archivist will determine if an additional copy is needed. If it is determined that an additional copy is not needed, the book will not be accepted into the library and will be either returned to the donor or disposed of in an appropriate manner.

Please see the *Guide to Donating Books to the Dallas Holocaust Museum* and fill out this ***form***.

Appraisals and Taxes

In certain circumstances, a donor may be able to take a tax deduction for the donation of a collection to a repository, which should be discussed with a tax accountant or attorney. **The archivist or other Museum employee cannot give tax advice, nor are they permitted to appraise the monetary value of a donation.**

- **For qualified appraisers in our area, see:**
 - **Appraisers Association of America:** <http://www.appraisersassoc.org>
 - **American Society of Appraisers:** <http://www.appraisers.org>

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