Objective: The Authors’ Corner Book Donation Policy aims to encourage local authors to contribute their works to the library's collection, providing a platform for the recognition and promotion of literary talent within the community.

Guidelines for Local Authors:

Eligibility:
- Authors must reside within the North Texas area, or have a significant connection to the area.
- Works should be original and in published form (self-publication is acceptable as long as the material is printed and bound in a manner commensurate with professional publications).

Submission Process:
- Authors interested in donating their books to the library must complete an Authors’ Corner Book Donation Form, available at the library or on the library’s website.
- The form should include details about the author, the book, and a brief summary or excerpt. A link to an author website, or a website where the title is being sold is very helpful.

Donation Review:
- The Reference Librarian will review all submitted forms and donated books.
- The librarian has the authority to approve or disapprove any donation based on factors such as content, relevance, and overall quality.
- The Librarian will refer to the Little Elm Public Library Collection Development Policy (available here) as a guide for making a decision.

Inclusion in Catalog:
- Approved donations will be included in the library catalog, making them accessible to the public.
- The librarian may choose to exclude a donation from the catalog if it does not meet the library’s standards or if the content is deemed inappropriate.

Genre and Content Guidelines:
- The library accepts a diverse range of genres, including fiction, non-fiction.
- Content should align with the library's mission to provide a safe and inclusive space for the community.

Multiple Submissions:
- Local authors may submit multiple works for consideration, but each submission will be evaluated independently.
• Only one entry on the Authors’ Corner webpage of the library will be made for each author. Multiple titles published by an author will be included in a single entry on the webpage.

**Notification:**
• Authors will be notified of the librarian's decision within a reasonable timeframe after submission.

**Disposal of Unaccepted Works:**
• Authors whose works are not accepted into the library catalog may choose to collect their books within a specified timeframe. Unclaimed books will be handled according to the library’s standard procedures for donated materials.

**Policy Updates:** This policy is subject to periodic review and updates. The library reserves the right to modify the policy to better serve the community and align with its mission.

By adhering to these guidelines, the library aims to foster a supportive environment for local authors while maintaining the quality and relevance of its collection.