

## WHERE TO DONATE BOOKS IN ESSEX COUNTY

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**Glen Ridge Schools Kids Book Swap**: Accepting donations of children's books (reading level K-12) in good condition only. No board books, adult books, or books with rips, missing pages, highlights or writing. Drop off at Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Ave. on Thurs. 2/20 and Fri. 2/21 from 9am to 4pm. You'll get a ticket for each book donated and can return to "Shop the Swap" on Sat. 2/22 and Sun. 2/23. Proceeds benefit [Toni's Kitchen](#).

**Better World Books**: Accepts used books to raise funds for non-profit literacy organizations and libraries. Unsold books are donated or recycled. Drop box located in parking lot between the Montclair Public Library (50 So. Fullerton Ave.) and the United Way building.

**Books Through Bars**: Donations are distributed to local prisons. Accepts new, good condition, or lightly used *paperbacks only*. Email your list of books to [info@booksthroughbars.org](mailto:info@booksthroughbars.org) to ensure they are suitable.

**Montclair College Women's Club**: Accepts used books (from May-August & from December-February) to fund scholarships for local students. Also accepts CDs, DVDs, LPs, audio tapes, sheet music, and software. Does not accept encyclopedias or textbooks. Check [Baristanet.com](http://Baristanet.com) or [Montclair Watercooler](#) for the schedule. Dropoff at 26 Park St. (lower level), Montclair. (973) 783-7040

**Lacordaire Academy**: Accepts gently used books, audiobooks, blank journals and maps. Leave donations on Lacordaire Hall porch, 155 Lorraine Ave, Montclair.

**Local Libraries**: Always contact the library prior to bringing donations to ensure your books match their needs. For instance, currently [Bloomfield Public Library](#) is only accepting books published in 2019 and [Montclair Public Library](#) is not accepting donations at all. [Glen Ridge Public Library](#) is unable to accept donations at times due to storage constraints so call ahead. Most libraries do not accept textbooks, condensed books, magazines or obsolete media.

**Operation Paperback**: Become a Volunteer Shipper to donate reading materials to American troops deployed overseas, veterans and military families.

**Reach out and Read**: Collects gently used children's books to distribute to families in poor communities to promote literacy. Local drop off locations include [All Star Pediatrics](#), 106 Broad St, Bloomfield and [Michele Segal, M.D.](#), 187 Washington Ave, Suite 2D, Nutley.

If you are unable to donate your books to a local non-profit, you can arrange to have them picked up by either [Vietnam Veterans of America](#) or [Salvation Army](#). [Goodwill Industries](#) requires a minimum of 50 bags or boxes of donations to receive an individual home pick up, however, Goodwill [donation bins](#) in Essex County include 10 Commerce Ct in Verona and 300 Walton Ave in South Orange.



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