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Portland Public Library Seeking Like-New Book Donations for Fundraisers

Portland, Maine: The Portland Public Library is looking for donations of good-quality/like-new books, CD's, and DVD's. Donated materials will be used in the Library's collection or sold to raise funds. Books, CD's and DVD's are sold on the Book Peddler (a cart containing books for sale located on the 2nd floor of the Main Library at 5 Monument Square) or at one of the Library's annual book sales. Donations are sorted, priced and sold on the Book Peddler by volunteers. Proceeds are used to purchase new library materials, computer technologies, and to underwrite special programs. Last year, the Book Peddler alone raised \$8,000 from book sales, and the Children's Book Sale raised just under \$1,200, which helped pay for the year's Children's and Young Adult programming.

Donations may be dropped off at the loading dock of the Main Library, located on Elm Street next to the Portland Public Market, at any time. Please call for donations of over 5 boxes (871-1700 ext. 756). Smaller donations may be delivered to any neighborhood branch during open hours. Those who wish to receive a receipt for their gift should leave contact information securely attached to the donation.

The Book Peddler is open during regular Library hours. Upcoming book sales are September 21 – 25, 2006 (no children's books), and October 28 & 30, 2006 (children's books only) in Rines Auditorium at the Main Library.

For further information, visit portlandlibrary.com, call 871-1700 or email progdev@portland.lib.me.us. The Portland Public Library is a 501c3, nonprofit organization.

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