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Thanks to the Big Book  
From Rockford, Ill.:

Is there an AA policy against having the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, placed in public libraries? It is not in our libraries, nor in the two college libraries I occasionally visit.

I tried to quit drinking for about three years, and read all the fifteen or twenty books on alcoholism in the public library, but they weren't of much help. I read the Big Book for the first time after joining AA, and think it is the best book I have ever read on alcoholism. It was especially helpful to me, a middle-stage alcoholic, to find out for the first time that other early- and middle-stage alcoholics are in AA. This fact was brought out in some of the stories in the back of the book think if I had read the Big Book

before, I would have joined AA sooner and saved myself some grief. I would like to donate copies of the Big Book to the three libraries in Rockford.

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*Far from being against "AA policy," placing Alcoholics Anonymous and other AA books in libraries is widely considered an excellent way of spreading the message. In many communities, members (usually on public information committees) have made concerted drives to get our literature into all local libraries, sometimes suggesting that groups in the area contribute money for this purpose. — The Editors*