



HOW WILL THE FOUNDATION USE MY GIFT?

You may want your gift to go toward a special project or purpose, or it can be “unrestricted,” meaning the foundation will determine where it’s needed the most. If you have a favorite library that you would like to receive your gift, we can make that happen. Are a Wisconsin Book Festival fan? Your dollars can support free, year-round author programs.

When you leave a gift, you become a member of our Silas Pinney Legacy Society, which recognizes and honors individuals who are comfortable with their contribution being public. Mayor Silas Pinney is credited with founding Madison’s first free library in 1875.



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IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY to start planning a gift to preserve Madison Public Library's world-class collections, programs and services for future generations. Today's decision to adopt a smart giving strategy can bring a brighter tomorrow to the organization you treasure.

Madison Public Library Foundation is here to help you think about and plan your gift so you can demonstrate the ultimate commitment to your libraries.

Charitable gifts come in all sizes, and they're not just from the wealthy. Anyone can play a part in sustaining all the good things the library offers to enrich our community.



WHAT ARE MY GIFT OPTIONS?

Designating a gift to the foundation later in life or upon your death often allows you to make a more impactful donation than a one-time cash contribution.

WAYS TO GIVE WITH A GREATER PURPOSE INCLUDE:

- leaving a gift in your will or trust
- donating from your retirement account's required minimum distribution (RMD)
- donor-advised funds, which allow you to set aside money for all your favorite charities while reaping tax advantages
- charitable gift annuities
- life insurance, retirement plan or stock donations
- determining a percentage of your estate after all other obligations are paid
- tangible personal property

WHAT BENEFITS WILL MY GIFT BRING?

Your investment creates a meaningful, lasting expression of your dedication to literacy and lifelong learning. It has the power to change lives for generations to come through:

- robust library collections and vital technology resources
- a variety of educational programs for all ages
- social services and outreach for at-risk youth and individuals
- staff training and professional development
- improved facilities
- a strong endowment for each of the nine libraries

Certain types of gifts can also bring you immediate financial benefits, including:

- reduction or elimination of taxes
- increased income and effective rate of return

HOW DO I MAKE IT OFFICIAL?

If you're ready to explore or commit to a gift, please call our office and speak to our foundation staff. We offer free workshops with financial advisors and attorneys, who can assist you in developing an effective plan that stewards your charitable gifts.

If you already have an attorney or a financial advisor, we can work together to ensure that your wishes are carried out.

MAKING A GIFT TO THE FOUNDATION IN YOUR WILL CAN BE AS SIMPLE AS ADDING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

"I leave [the sum of ____ dollars], [all or ____ percent of the remainder of my estate] to the nonprofit Madison Public Library Foundation, Inc., in Madison, Wisconsin (Tax ID No. 39-1777242), to be used for [choose one] the benefit of all Madison public libraries; _____ Library; _____ Endowment Fund; or a special purpose _____."