

Your **LIBRARY.** *Your* **LEGACY.**

You can make a difference in the lives of others by contributing to Delaware libraries. It's easy, and there are so many ways to give now and in the future through the Delaware Libraries Endowment Fund.

The Endowment Fund has been established through the Delaware Community Foundation (DCF), an organization that connects people who care with causes that matter. Delaware Community Foundation was founded in 1986 by a group of community leaders who were seeking a new and lasting source of charitable funding. Today, it serves as a charitable savings account open to all who wish to make their community a better place to live and work, today and tomorrow. It is a collection of funds that are pooled and invested together, producing income that provides a lasting resource for the community. The Delaware Libraries Endowment Fund works with DCF to help you plan your gift. The Community Foundation's staff includes trained professionals with expertise in gift planning.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
DELAWARE LIBRARIES ENDOWMENT FUND
AND YOUR GIFT OPTIONS,
PLEASE CALL 302.571.8004**

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PLANNING *your* LIBRARY LEGACY.



DELAWARE LIBRARIES

THE *next* CHAPTER...

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Delaware libraries contribute so much to our quality of life. And, like a reader with a favorite book, we’re always looking forward to the next chapter in enhancing our collections and services. Today, our libraries offer programs and services that delight, educate, inform and entertain adults, children, seniors, hobbyists, business people, students, music lovers, film enthusiasts and Delawareans of all ages and interests.

Our collections continue to expand, along with our online technologies and capabilities. New titles are being added to every fiction, non-fiction and research category, and new releases are continually offered in music CDs, film and DVDs, and audio books. Each year, we provide our community with opportunities for learning and fun through activities including the Delaware Book Festival, Summer Reading Programs, Book Discussions and Lectures and specialized reading services for the blind and physically handicapped.



YOU CAN HELP US WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER
IN OUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.
PLAN YOUR GIFT TO THE DELAWARE LIBRARIES
ENDOWMENT FUND.



HOW YOU CAN GIVE TO THE DELAWARE
LIBRARIES ENDOWMENT FUND.

GIFTS OF CASH

Gifts of cash are the most common form of charitable donations. Please make your check payable to Delaware Libraries Endowment Fund and return it with the attached form.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

When you transfer appreciated stock with long-term gains to the Delaware Libraries Endowment Fund, you put the full value of your asset to work for our libraries, because capital gains taxes are completely avoided. And, you take a charitable deduction for the stock’s full value.

GIFTS OF RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS

IRAs and retirement plan benefits may be reduced by estate taxes at death, and then by income taxes. It may be possible to avoid these taxes by designating the Delaware Libraries Endowment Fund as beneficiary of an IRA or employee benefit plan. Consult your advisor about how to properly designate the fund as the beneficiary of an IRA or retirement plan.

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS

With a bequest to the Delaware Libraries Endowment Fund, you can establish a permanent source of funding for future library needs. Bequests take many forms and may provide estate tax benefits. The Delaware Community Foundation’s gift planning specialist can work with your estate planning advisor to ensure the effectiveness of your gift and maximize estate tax savings.

GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE

When you make the Delaware Libraries Endowment Fund at DCF the owner and beneficiary of your life insurance policy, you receive a current income tax deduction. There are several easy ways to make a gift of life insurance.

GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE

With a gift of appreciated real estate, you avoid capital gains taxes and realize a charitable deduction. In the case of a personal residence or farm, a donor may retain the rights to continue to occupy or rent the property through a special type of gift arrangement.



PARTICIPATING LIBRARIES

You can choose to give your gift to one or more specific Delaware libraries. If you do not choose a library, your gift will be shared in statewide collaborative library projects.

My tax-deductible gift is for:

- ☐ All Delaware Libraries
- ☐ _____
(Name of library)

Yes! I would like to make a tax-deductible gift to the Delaware Libraries Endowment Fund as a:

- ☐ Legacy Leader (\$10,000 and above)
- ☐ Bibliophile Benefactor (\$5,000 – \$9,999)
- ☐ Collections Contributor (\$2,500 – \$4,999)
- ☐ Reading Partner (\$1,000 – \$2,499)
- ☐ Library Sponsor (\$500 – \$999)
- ☐ Other \$ _____

Please make check payable to *Delaware Libraries Endowment Fund*.

- ☐ I have made provisions for the Delaware Libraries Endowment Fund in my will.
- ☐ I would like to speak with a Delaware Community Foundation planned giving specialist about my giving options. Please contact me.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Gift Planning Department
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