

DONATIONS

INDIVIDUAL GIVING

Donations – You may make a donation to support the Library at any time by mailing a check payable to the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library Foundation.

Tributes – Gifts to the KCK Library Foundation offer a unique way to honor a graduation, anniversary, birthday or other special event in the life of someone you love or admire. An attractive note is sent to the person being honored to inform him or her of your gift. The amount of the gift is kept confidential; you will receive a confirmation and an acknowledgement that your gift has been received and a note has been sent to the honoree.

Memorials – A gift to the KCK Library Foundation in memory of a family member or friend is a special way to express the value both you and your honoree place in lifelong learning and the library. If you choose, a notice of your gift will be sent to a family member of someone else close to the individual being honored. The amount of your gift will be kept confidential; you will receive a confirmation and an acknowledgement that your gift has been received and a notice sent.

OTHER GIFT OPTIONS

Donations of Materials – The Library welcomes donations of books, other materials and historical documents. Condition, processing requirements and space availability all contribute to decisions about the disposition of these donations. Materials may be sold, donated or discarded at the Library's discretion. Donated materials will not be returned to donors.

Donors who wish to help build the collections are encouraged to consult with Library staff about titles that are needed and desired. Donations of substantial worth, such as rare books or special editions, significant personal library collections, art objects or equipment should be arranged through the Director of Libraries.

Planned Giving – Through our partners at the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, the Library Foundation is ready to accept a number of contribution options. Donors are encouraged to consult with a tax adviser, financial planner or estate planning attorney before making a planned gift.

Bequest - Including the Library Foundation in your will or trust is a way to create a meaningful legacy and provide sustaining support. Simply include this language in your will or trust:

I, [your name], of [city, state, zip] give, devise and bequeath to The Kansas City, Kansas Public Library Foundation [a percentage of the estate, a dollar amount, or a description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose.

You may wish to direct your gift more specifically, for example: ... where the need is greatest. ...for children's library services and programs. ...for regional historical collections. You may name the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library Foundation as a beneficiary of any assets such as retirement plans, savings and checking accounts, CD's, brokerage accounts and life insurance policies.

Gift annuity - In exchange for a gift of cash, stock or securities, you and one or two other annuitants receive a fixed, guaranteed income. Upon death, or the death of your survivor, the gift remainder supports the Library.

Charitable remainder annuity trust - You or others you name receive a set annual income for a specified term or for life. The remaining assets then support the Library.

Real estate - A gift of land, or a house results in a tax deduction. Through a Retained Life Estate plan, you may deed your home or farm to the Foundation and yet continue to reside in and maintain the property for your lifetime.