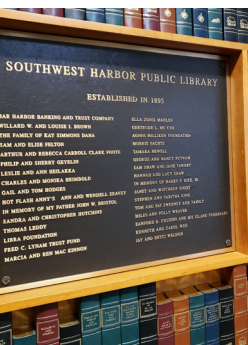




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BEQUEST GIFTS BY WILL OR TRUST

Bequests can ensure that your passions are honored after your death and potentially reduce estate taxes. Make a bequest by naming the Library in your will or trust as a specific amount or as a percentage of your estate and likewise by making the Library a beneficiary on an annuity, life insurance policy, retirement account.

TOP SHELF SOCIETY

Donors who name the Library as beneficiaries in their will or estate plan are recognized, honored, and thanked through membership in the Top Shelf Society.

THE BOAT

Names of previous and new donors who give \$10,000 or more to the endowment are included on the "Boat", the crafted wooden display in the original portion of the Library.

OUTRIGHT GIFTS

Cash gifts are the most simple and common form of giving. For those who itemize deductions, donations made to the Library are tax deductible.

PROPERTY

Donations of appreciated market securities can be an effective way to reduce taxes as any appreciation in value of the gifted property will not be subject to capital gains taxes. Gifts of other property are welcome with advance Library approval.

IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

If you are 70-1/2 or older and have a traditional IRA, you can exclude all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution from your taxable income even if you do not itemize deductions by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution through your broker/custodian to an eligible charity (such as the SWH Public Library).

DONOR ADVISED FUND

You can obtain an immediate tax benefit by establishing a donor advised fund through your broker or community fund and making specific gifts to the Library or other eligible charities over time.

CHARITABLE ANNUITIES

There are a number of ways to use annuities to accomplish specific charitable goals and provide income for yourself or beneficiaries during your lifetime. Please consult your tax advisor.

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

This can be a flexible method to make donations to the Library.

Please contact your tax advisor to determine which of these methods of giving would be applicable and most advantageous to you.

To find out more, contact
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GIFTS ARE NEEDED FOR:

ANNUAL OPERATING FUND

The Library receives only 13% of our annual budget from the Town of Southwest Harbor and relies on donations, endowment returns, fund raising events, and program revenue for the remaining 87%. This is our most important continuing need.

ENDOWMENT

Sustainable withdrawals from our endowment currently supply 35% of our annual operating budget. Whenever possible, the Board of Trustees directs gifts to the endowment as the best way to ensure that your gift will both allow the Library to respond to any financial emergency and also continue to keep on giving far into the future.

OTHER PROGRAMS

If you would like to donate to other programs not fully funded by the operating budget such as facility and equipment needs, the Digital Archive, or summer children's programs, please discuss the needs with the Library Director.

*Southwest Harbor Public Library inspires and supports
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