

What is the Guttenberg Library Foundation?

The Guttenberg Library Foundation was formed in 2012 by a group of community-minded citizens working to support the library by organizing events and projects to raise funds and advocate for the library. The Foundation is an IRS 501 (c) (3) charitable organization with all the funds dedicated to the library. The Foundation is a separate organization that is an affiliate of the library.

Why is the Foundation needed?

The Guttenberg Public Library as a tax-supported institution faces challenges in raising the needed funds to supply an increasing demand for library services. Often tax revenues are insufficient to keep our books, CD's, DVD's, services, programs, and facilities up to the level required by our community. The Foundation raises money for projects that could not be funded out of tax dollars. By raising private dollars we are able to leverage and stretch our public dollars. Donors who have a strong belief that the Library changes lives can contribute to the library through the Foundation as a non-profit tax-exempt organization.

How can I make a contribution?

Gifts to the Foundation can be made in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to:

- **Foundation Fund**

Consider making an annual gift to the foundation fund. Interest from this fund is used to enhance the library's collections and services today and in the future.

- **Planned Giving**

Remembering the library in your will with a bequest, trust, gift of stock, securities, or property can benefit the entire community, as well as your tax position.

- **Lifetime Gifts**

Gift instruments such as charitable remainder trusts can benefit both the donor and the library during the donor's lifetime.

- **Designated Gifts**

Gifts provide important needed items that are not within the library budget.

- **Gifts-in-Kind**

Instead of giving money to buy needed goods and services, goods and services themselves are given.

- **Honorary/Memorial Gifts**

- **Cash**

- **Matching Gifts**

- **Amazon Smile**

For legal and tax advice please consult your attorney or financial advisor.



What Does the Foundation Do?

- We apply for local, regional, and national grants for which public libraries are not eligible
- We seek partnerships and sponsors for programs, library materials, and other tangible items
- We established the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program
- We raise funds through our annual book sale
- We provide programs for children and adults
- Through a matching grant, we were able to provide the hands-on Stem (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Camp
- We funded the prizes for the Summer Reading Program
- We support planned giving opportunities and deferred giving programs
- We are advocates for the library

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