Make Your Love of Toronto Public Library Last

Named Funds and Endowments

A named fund or endowment is a meaningful way to honour someone you love, celebrate your own connection to Toronto Public Library, and help shape the library's future.

Your fund can provide lasting support for a program, service or area of the library that matters to you—from children's literacy and civic engagement to collections and beyond.

A gift that grows over time

An endowed fund preserves your capital over the long term, while the income it generates provides an ongoing source of support for the library. Named funds can be established during your lifetime, through your estate plans, or through a combination of the two. A fund can be established with a minimum commitment of $50,000, payable over up to two years.

Once established, your fund can continue to grow. Family, friends, and other library supporters can contribute at any time, with no minimum gift.

A legacy that lives on

When Gordon created an endowment in memory of his wife, Pauline, he wanted to honour the profession she loved. Pauline had spent the happiest years of her professional life as a librarian. Gordon established a fund in her name to support library staff who aspire to become librarians, carrying forward something that was deeply meaningful to her.

Over the years, Gordon continued to grow the fund, including through his estate. Family, friends and library users have contributed, too.

Today, Pauline and Gordon's generosity continues to support the next generation of librarians.

"I'm most struck by the way libraries have changed, adapting and responding to community needs. And it's the staff, above all, who make the library what it is."
— Gordon Hinch

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Your fund can reflect what matters to you

A named fund can offer you the opportunity to:

- Create lasting support for an area of the library that matters to you.
- Carry your values forward and make an impact for future generations.
- Bring family and friends together around a shared connection to the library.
- Continue building your fund through additional gifts during your lifetime or through your estate.
- Be recognized for your generosity, according to your wishes.

Your legacy, your way

There are many ways to establish and grow a named fund. You might create one during your lifetime, make additional gifts over time, invite family and friends to contribute, or include a future gift in your estate plans.

By including a gift in your Will or naming Toronto Public Library as the beneficiary of your DAF, RRSP, RRIF, TFSA, or life insurance policy, you will become a valued member of the TPL Foundation's Heritage Society. This special community honours and celebrates those who have chosen to create a lasting legacy for future generations through their support of the Library.

We'd love to learn what the library means to you and explore how a named fund or endowment could reflect your interests and values.

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