

Since its earliest history, the library has been the beneficiary of thoughtful estate planning by generous patrons. Bequests of cash, and other forms of property to the library have helped fund programs, as well as services and collections.

Tax benefits include a deduction for federal estate tax purposes, and there is no limit on the amount of the estate tax charitable deduction. In addition, bequests generally are not subject to state inheritance of estate taxes. In a large estate, the savings can be more than half the value of the bequest to the library.

A bequest can be made by creating a new will or adding a codicil to your current will. The legal name of the library is the North Babylon Public Library.

**Your Library:
The resource center
For a lifetime of learning**

This brochure outlines a few approaches to making a special gift. It contains general information intended to assist your personal gift planning. It is not legal or tax advice. You should consult your legal, tax and financial advisors for information which will best suit your individual, personal, and family needs.

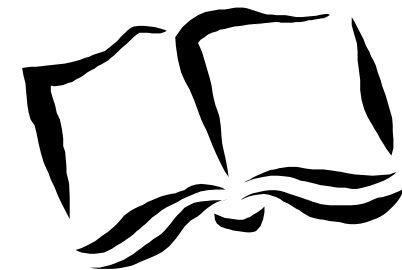
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What Will Your Gift Do?

Over the years, patrons and friends of the North Babylon Public Library have made contributions in a variety of ways. They have taken advantage of the opportunity to reduce the cost of gifts through tax savings, while at the same time maintaining or increasing their value to the library. Here is a brief summary of the most common methods of contributing to the future growth and development of your library.

Direct Gifts

Traditionally, most gifts are in the form of cash, which are deductible for federal income tax purposes up to 50% of adjusted gross income. You may carry forward amounts exceeding that limit for five additional years. Checks should be made payable to the North Babylon Public Library.

Many donors find a gift of securities with an unrealized long term capital gain to be more cost effective than a gift of cash. You may find that some of your stocks appreciate considerably. For example, if you bought stock for \$1000 that is now worth \$5000, you can transfer that stock to the library, deduct the full \$5000 and escape tax on the \$4000 capital gain. The deduction for gifts of capital gain property is limited to 30% of your adjusted gross income, subject to the five year carry forward provision.

You may also consider gifts of real estate, art, rare books, or other tangible personal property. We invite you to consult with the library regarding the evaluation and transfer process.

Donate a paid-up life insurance policy originally purchased for a need which no longer exists. Typically you would irrevocably designate the library as the beneficiary and the owner of the policy. You would be entitled to an income tax charitable deduction equal to the "replacement" value or cost basis, whichever is less. Purchase a new insurance policy, naming the library as the irrevocable beneficiary and owner. Your premium would be tax deductible. In some cases, state law may prevent the library from being named as both owner and beneficiary. You may choose to use a life insurance policy as a "replacement" asset. You can make a donation to the library now and replace the dollar value with life insurance for your heirs. The income tax savings from your gift may be sufficient to pay the insurance premiums. You should consult with your legal and/or financial advisor.

You may designate the library as a beneficiary of the remainder of your IRA, Keogh, tax sheltered annuity, qualified pension or profit sharing plan.

While most donors indicate that their gift be unrestricted – that is, the library may use the proceeds as it deems most appropriate at the time – some do this to restrict their contributions for a particular purpose such as building or renovation programs or an endowment fund, earnings of which will supplement the library's annual operating budget.

Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Lead Trusts, Life Income Gifts and other gifts through estate planning will be used to further the library's mission.

Please contact the Library Director, Marc Horowitz for more information on how you may personally support your library.