The Glen Ellyn Library Foundation, established in 1998, is an independent, non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to ensuring that future residents of Glen Ellyn enjoy high quality library service in an attractive, state-of-the-art facility. Donations to the Foundation are deposited in an endowment fund, and interest earned on the principal investment is used to help fund special Library projects.

2017 Highlights

June: In cooperation with the Friends of the Library, the Foundation supported GEPL Reads: Supplies 4 Success, the Library's philanthropic summer reading program. As a result of participants not just reaching, but exceeding the set reading goals, the Foundation and the Friends each donated $1,000 to Supplies 4 Success. This donation helped to provide 80 local children with a backpack full of school supplies for the start of the 2017/18 school year.

November: Guests, dressed to the nines, enjoyed a magical night out on the town in support of a worthy cause at the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation’s Jungle Book Ball. Guests mingled while enjoying fabulous food and cocktails. But the live and silent auctions were the main attraction with auctioneer and MC, Police Chief Philip Norton, keeping the live auction entertaining and energetic. The Jungle Book Ball proceeds will result in the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation donating $50,000 to help fund the Glen Ellyn Public Library’s upcoming remodel.

With your help and generosity, the Foundation will continue to support the Library in a variety of ways in 2018. Your donations make a difference, not just to the Library, but to the Glen Ellyn community.

GEPL 110th Anniversary 3D-Printed Ornament Sale

Twenty-five local children and adults put their maker skills to use in a 3D Design Competition and created original ornaments celebrating the Library’s 110th anniversary. Staff voted for their favorite ornament and the top three ornaments were made available to purchase for $5 each at the Library beginning the day after Thanksgiving. The public bought 83 ornaments, resulting in a $415 donation to the Foundation.

Donate to the Foundation

There are a variety of ways to donate to the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation and help support the Library:

**Donating Appreciated Assets**

Individuals interested in making charitable donations might realize substantial income tax benefits (up to IRS limits) by donating long-term (held more than one year) appreciated assets directly to a charity. This approach gives the donor and the charity additional benefits because it provides the greatest charitable impact while maximizing income tax savings. Donation of appreciated assets to charities such as the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation also may provide the donor a deduction of up to 100% of the gift. (Check with your accountant or other tax professional regarding pertinent tax laws.) Foundation gifts provide long-term funding for the Library and are gifts that keep on giving.

**Naming Opportunities**

Name a piece of the Library, or the Library itself, for you or a loved one. Visit the Foundation Naming Opportunities page on the Foundation's website to learn about available naming opportunities at the Library (gepl.org/foundation/naming-opportunities).

**Amazon Smile**

Support the Foundation when you shop online! When you #StartWithaSmile, Amazon donates a percentage of each purchase to the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation. Visit smile.amazon.com/ch/36-4243793 to participate.

**PayPal**

Make a safe and secure donation to the Foundation via PayPal. Visit gepl.org/foundation, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click Donate.

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