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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.

2018 Highlights

June: In cooperation with the Friends of the Library, the Foundation supported GEPL Reads for SCARCE, the Library's philanthropic summer reading program. This year, GEPL challenged kids to read for 70,000 hours and adults to read 4,000 books. Participants enthusiastically exceeded the reading goals, resulting in the Foundation and the Friends each donating \$1,000 to SCARCE. This donation made it possible for SCARCE to purchase 2,000 books, which SCARCE distributed during the DuPage County Back to School Fair in August.



November: Construction of the new 3/7 Pathway Café was completed. This was made possible by the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation's donation of \$50,000 raised at the Jungle Book Ball in November 2017. The cafe opened on December 3, 2018, serving hot and cold beverages, soup, salads, sandwiches, and a variety of baked goods.

Annual donations to the Foundation for 2018 totaled \$6,192. With your help and generosity, the Foundation will continue to support the Library in a variety of ways in 2019. Your donations make a difference, not just to the Library but to the Glen Ellyn community.

Library Foundation 20th Anniversary 3D-Printed Ornaments

What better way to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation than with a commemorative ornament made on the 3D printer donated by the Foundation. Ornaments were sold, resulting in \$195 for the Foundation. A limited number of ornaments remain. If you are interested, please contact Dawn Bussey at director@gepl.org.



Donate to the Foundation

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).

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Foundation Financials: a sub-committee of the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation Board of Directors performs an internal financial review of the organization based on the Foundation Financial Review Policy Guidelines. To review the Foundation's financial report, please visit gepl.org/foundation-financials.