

Plan your Future. Inspire Ours.

Leaving your legacy with Calgary Public Library



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A LIBRARY FOR THE FUTURE

“The Library is more than a building to me. It’s a place where, with its many pages of inspiration, I can improve myself as a whole.” —Anita, Library patron

Calgary Public Library is dedicated to providing programs, services, and spaces for everyone to reach their potential. From the millions of visits Calgarians make each year to branches across the city, to growing online offerings that bring the Library right into your home, the Library is always looking for new ways to meet the needs of Calgarians at every age and stage of life.

Since its doors first opened in 1912, the Library has adapted to support the needs of our community. Looking ahead to the future, the Library will continue to evolve to provide solutions for challenges we cannot imagine today. With focuses on literacy, innovation, and fostering a sense of belonging for all Calgarians, the Library is preparing to meet the unknown and create impact for generations to come.

After taking care of your family and loved ones, we encourage you to consider leaving a gift for Calgary through the work of the Library. By providing Calgary Public Library Foundation with a gift from your estate, you become a member of the Epilogue Society, a group of forward-thinking donors whose legacy gifts are building the Library of the future. Your gift will provide the Library with a critical source of long-term funding that will support Calgarians for generations.

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Photo: Rob McMorris

**Who sparked
your love
of reading?**

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THINGS THAT GO



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BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY



Joanne Stalinski's connection to Calgary Public Library is deeply woven into the fabric of her life. It began with her parents, George and Joyce, proud Calgarians who instilled a love for community and a commitment to investing in its well-being.

From securing her first Library card to her first job at Crescent Heights Library at the age of 11, the Library has been a pillar of support and a constant companion throughout Joanne's journey.

Inspired by the Library's commitment to providing social support—a passion Joanne shared with her father—Joanne has chosen to leave a legacy gift to Calgary Public Library. For her, it's a meaningful recognition of her parents' legacy, and an affirmation of her own belief in the Library's ability to continue making a difference in the lives of all Calgarians.

"The Library was key in providing me with resources to enhance my career as well as serving as a window to the world outside of work. It is because of these experiences that I have chosen to become a legacy donor."

— Joanne



LIBRARY
VOLUNTEER

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HONOURING AN ENDURING COMMITMENT



Becky Lathrop was a force for good in the world. A lifelong lover of books, Becky spent much of her career with Calgary Public Library and later became one of its first volunteers.

For more than 40 years, Becky volunteered with the Homebound Readers program, which changes lives by providing books and other collections materials to those who are unable to visit the Library.

In celebration of her 90th birthday, Becky's family established an endowment fund to provide support in perpetuity for the Library causes closest to Becky's heart. The Becky Lathrop Fund for Homebound Readers provides annual support for this important Library program, reflecting Becky's lifelong love of reading and her belief that everyone deserves access to books, regardless of circumstance. Family members contributed to the fund in her honour, and when Becky passed away in 2016, the family requested donations to the fund in lieu of flowers—ensuring her legacy of generosity would continue reaching readers.

Becky was unflappable, warm, and supportive. The Becky Lathrop Fund for Homebound Readers will honour her legacy for years to come.

*Becky's legacy
lives on through
an endowment
that honours
her memory
by supporting
the Library
programming
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INSPIRING FUTURE GENERATIONS



After finding success in the world of tech startups, Conrad Whelan wanted to begin his philanthropic journey by giving back to a city that has given him so much. He remembers his parents taking him and his sister to the Library as a child—experiences that sparked a lifelong love of reading and learning from an early age.

Now an advocate for lifelong learning, Conrad recognizes the powerful impact that support for early literacy and learning can have on a child's future. He chose to make a legacy gift to the Library to help ensure that future generations of children can access the same resources, opportunities, and sense of possibility that shaped his own childhood.

“It means so much to be able to give back in such a memorable way to the city that raised me. I have many memories of my mother dropping me off at the Library where I'd read endless amounts of books and comics about travel and adventure. Those memories have now shaped me into the adventurer that I am today.”

“I chose to give to the Library because I believe libraries are such an essential element in the development of civic spaces, cultures, and cities.”

— Conrad



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A man with glasses and a dark jacket is looking out a window at a city street at dusk. The scene is reflected in the glass, showing a blurred view of buildings and streetlights. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

**How will
you leave
your legacy?**



Photo: Bookstrucker Photography

A GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING

The Library inspires a love of learning.

Whether it's through fond memories of signing your name to a Library card for the first time as a child, finding community as a newcomer to Calgary, using the Library's resources to help make your dream career a reality, or giving back by sharing your time as a volunteer, everyone can see themselves in Calgary Public Library—because the Library belongs to all of us.

Your support today will help shape Calgary Public Library's future.

For many donors, knowing their values will be reflected in their will brings peace of mind. After providing for your family and loved ones, a legacy gift is an accessible way for anyone to create a lasting impact on your community, in a way that fits comfortably within your current means. Additionally, leaving a charitable bequest offers tax benefits.

Your legacy gift will ensure that Library programs and services continue to support and nurture generations of Calgarians, regardless of what the future holds.

LEGACY GIFTS

You have the potential to impact generations of Calgarians by leaving a legacy with the Library. When considering this type of gift, we encourage you to seek independent legal and/or financial planning advice.

BEQUEST

A charitable bequest is a gift to Calgary Public Library Foundation made in your will. A bequest can be cash, securities, assets, or the donation of a portion or the entirety of your estate. By naming Calgary Public Library Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, your estate will receive credits that may offset any taxes payable.

PUBLICLY LISTED SECURITIES

You can designate a gift of marketable stock and securities that your broker or financial advisor transfers to a beneficiary upon execution of your estate. All donated securities are sold upon receipt, and your estate receives a tax receipt for the value of the securities donated, based on the closing price on the date of receipt by our custodial agent.

LIFE INSURANCE

Life insurance can be an excellent vehicle for a legacy gift, as charitable donations can be made through an existing or new life insurance policy. You can designate Calgary Public Library Foundation as the owner and irrevocable beneficiary, or donate a policy through your will by naming the Library Foundation as the beneficiary.



RRSP OR RRIF

Naming Calgary Public Library Foundation as the beneficiary of your investment assets, such as RRSP, RRIF, or even TFSA or open investment accounts, either during your lifetime or in your will, is an easy way to support the Library and the hundreds of thousands of members who use its services annually. There can be significant tax advantages to this type of gift that you can explore with your advisor.

DESIGNATING YOUR GIFT

Your legacy gift is a powerful way to reflect the values that matter most to you. Together, we can explore the many ways your gift can tell your story and create a lasting impact in the community through the Library.

SUPPORT WHAT YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT

You can choose to allocate your gift to support the Library's highest priorities, providing flexible funding that enables the Library Foundation to respond to community need. You can also support a broad area of the Library's work that is meaningful to you, including, but not limited to, collections, early learning, or outreach programming.

ESTABLISH A NAMED ENDOWMENT

You can establish your own endowment fund to provide support in perpetuity to the Library causes you are most passionate about—whether it's a specific Library location or program, an area of interest, or simply to support the Library's highest-priority needs. Your gift will generate investment income that supports these Library causes annually while maintaining the fund's principal. You can also choose a name for your endowment, providing a lasting legacy that reflects your values and inspires others to support the Library for generations to come.

CONTRIBUTE TO AN EXISTING ENDOWMENT

You can allocate your gift to an endowment fund that has already been established. By adding to an existing endowment's principal, you're joining forces with other like-minded Library supporters and providing an even larger annual gift for the cause you have chosen to support.



THE EPILOGUE SOCIETY

When you make the generous decision to leave a gift in your will to Calgary Public Library Foundation, you become a member of the Epilogue Society, our group of forward-thinking legacy donors.

Leaving a legacy gift is itself a type of epilogue, setting the stage for the future and preparing the community for what is to come. These donors provide a critical source of long-term funding for the Library, ensuring that the Library's free resources, programs and services can meet growing and changing community needs far into the future.

We celebrate with our Epilogue Society donors every spring at our Epilogue Society Tea, and stay in touch throughout the year to keep them apprised of new developments and progress updates about the Library's innovative and sector-leading work.

We will work closely with you to develop meaningful recognition of your gift that honours your generosity and your wishes for the future.

A person is shown from the waist down, wearing a black t-shirt with white splatters and blue denim jeans. They are standing in a library or bookstore, with bookshelves filled with books visible in the background. The floor is made of light-colored wood. The text "How will your story be remembered?" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font at the bottom of the image.

**How will
your story be
remembered?**





Photo: Rob M. Morris

DOING MORE WITH YOUR SUPPORT

Calgary Public Library Foundation exists to connect and inspire donors to support Calgary Public Library's innovative and enhanced programs and services beyond their core funding. Each day, we work to propel the Library to be an inspirational pillar of our community and a global leader in library innovation. Your legacy gift ensures that the Library has long-term, stable funding to address our community's needs as they arise.

WHY LETTING US KNOW MATTERS

There's no obligation for you to inform us of your decision to include the Library in your estate planning. However, sharing your wishes with us offers you the security of ensuring the intent of your gift is understood accurately. Knowing about future gifts also enables the Library to plan for the future in greater detail, and it gives the Library Foundation the opportunity to thank you and recognize your generosity in your lifetime. We encourage you to connect with our team and complete a non-binding, confidential Legacy Giving Intention Form.

*Learn more and share your intentions at
libraryfoundation.ca/legacy.*

Your story
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