

More Than A Century of Giving

For more than 100 years, library philanthropy has been a tradition in the town of Chelmsford. It began in 1893, when a group of private citizens banded together and generously donated a collection of 1,846 volumes which became Chelmsford's first "free public library."

Gifts to the Library provide for programs, services and materials above and beyond the traditional tax base funding provided by the town of Chelmsford.

It continued with the donation of a parcel of land from Mr. J. Adams Bartlett for the site of a new library building. Capt. C.E.A. Bartlett undertook the cost of grading the land and Mr. Amos Francis Adams stepped forward with \$30,000 to finance the construction of the new library. In 1895, the Amos Adams Library opened its doors.

The philanthropy continued in 1947 when Stewart MacKay, another generous donor, bequeathed his home to the town to be converted to a branch library for North Chelmsford. The Anna C. MacKay Library has continued to flourish and today is one of the busiest branch libraries in Massachusetts.

Over the years, townspeople have continued to support the library tradition by donating books, memorial and gift funds and most recently the community raised in excess of \$500,000 to aid in the cost of the construction and furnishing of the expanded Chelmsford Public Library, completed in 2000.



Library staffer leads story-time on the MacKay Lawn



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GIFT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE ANNA C. MACKAY LIBRARY

BRANCH OF THE CHELMSFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY



“An investment in knowledge
pays the best interest “

Benjamin Franklin

Ways You Can Help the Anna C. MacKay Library Flourish

◆ Gifts to the Library Endowment Fund

A gift to the Library Endowment Fund can be a lasting expression of your appreciation for the library. Private support helps the Library achieve what public funding cannot. The Endowment Fund was established in 1989 to raise and preserve funds for future library needs, including the construction of the new library addition, completed in February of 2000. Your donation to the Endowment Fund can be specifically earmarked for the MacKay Branch Library.

◆ Named/Memorial Book Fund

Often, when something monumental occurs in our lives, we want to mark the occasion in some way. Purchasing a book or establishing a book fund to honor an achievement or in memory of a loved one is an appropriate way to mark an accomplishment of import or to celebrate a life. Let us help you make an appropriate selection.

Our staff will work with you to help you choose the perfect book or subject area that will reflect the interests of the one you honor. Donations of this type are made to the Chelmsford Public Library Book Fund and are spent within the calendar year that they are given. Just indicate that you would like the funds earmarked for books at the MacKay Branch Library.



North Chelmsford residents enjoy the “World-Wide Wednesdays” music program at the Mackay Library

◆ Bequests

Gifts by bequest remain the most commonly practiced and easiest way to provide for those institutions that are important to you. Over the years, many patrons and supporters have remembered the Library as they prepare or revise their wills.

A bequest to the Chelmsford Public Library or to the MacKay Branch Library creates a legacy for generations. We can refer you to experts who can provide sample wording for wills and simple advice upon request.

◆ Gifts of Appreciated Assets

Through gifts of publicly traded securities such as stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares, you have the advantage of seeing your donation at work helping the Library. Gifts of highly appreciated stock or securities provide you with a charitable tax deduction, avoidance of capital gains tax and the satisfaction of helping the Library. You can also receive similar benefits from gifts of appreciated real estate.

◆ Corporate Giving

Over the years, area corporations have supported the Library in a multitude of ways. The children’s book collection at the main library, the reference collection and the MacKay Branch Library book budget have all been enhanced through the generous donations of local corporations.

We have also been the recipient of several donations through Employee Matching Gifts Programs. Check with your corporation to see if they have a program like this in place.

“I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.”

Jorge Luis Borges

Yes! I’d like to support MacKay Library. I understand that 100% of my donation is tax deductible.

Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ for _____

(See bookmark for donation ideas. Any amount is appreciated.)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

(Please check one)

I would like my gift to go to the renovation of the MacKay Library. I have chosen a specific item from the bookmark or I am donating to the renovation project. My check is payable to the CPL—Clement Trust Fund.

I would like my check to go to the Library Endowment Fund. My check, payable to the Chelmsford Public Library Endowment Fund— is enclosed.

I would like my check to go to the MacKay Library for books. My check, payable to the Chelmsford Public Library Book Fund- is enclosed. I have noted “MacKay” in the memo field.

This gift is in memory of _____

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occasion of _____

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City/State _____ Zip _____

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