

Library Gift and Donor Policy

The Newport Beach Public Library Board of Library Trustees encourages and welcomes gifts and bequests to the Library. Gifts may be given to the Newport Beach Public Library, to the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation, to the Friends of the Newport Beach Public Library, and/or to Pals4pal.

It is the position of the Board of Library Trustees that gifts and bequests given to the Library shall be used to supplement those funds appropriated for use by the Library and shall not in any way supplant such funds appropriated for Library salaries and maintenance and operations of the Library.

Foundation Gifts

The Newport Beach Public Library Foundation (“Foundation”) is a 501(c)(3) institutionally related independent foundation. The Foundation solicits funds, conducts programs, and disburses grant monies for the benefit of the Newport Beach Public Library.

All donors who contribute to the Foundation shall be recognized in a manner as designated by the Foundation.

All service clubs, Parent Teacher Associations, schools, or other organizations who collectively donate \$2,500 or more shall be recognized by the organizational name.

Dedication opportunities exist for those donors who make gifts to specific areas of the Library. Gifts to fund specific collections or areas of the Library must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Library Trustees and be compatible with the Collection Development Policy (NBPL 2) of the Library. Items purchased for a specific subject will not be kept separately but will be integrated into the collection.

Recognition of pledges to fund special collections or areas of the Library shall be based upon the total amount pledged. Donors of gifts of \$5,000 or greater shall have no more than five (5) years to complete the pledge. If the pledge is not fulfilled, the Board of Library Trustees has the right to rescind recognition. Appropriate recognition of items will be given to donors at the discretion of the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation Board. Any modification to the foregoing dollar amounts and exception to this policy concerning gifts to the Foundation to fund specific collections or areas of the Library will require the express approval of the Newport Beach Library Board of Library Trustees.

Donor Recognition Walls

At the February 4, 2013 regular meeting, the Board of Library Trustees approved donor recognition walls within the Central Library. A donor recognition wall consists of a listing of the name of a person (or persons) or a company that contributed funds to a capital campaign or other major fundraising. The fundamental purposes of a donor recognition wall are to honor the major financial contributors of an organization, and to serve as an incentive for potential donors to contribute. The Foundation has established the funding level for each designated donor wall. The donor recognition walls within the Central Library, which are still available as of the date that this policy was last amended and are shown on the [attached diagram](#), include the following locations:

- Children's Activities Area (\$500,000)
- Media Center (\$250,000)
- Sound Lab (\$75,000)
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- Grand Stairway (\$500,000)
- Second Floor Reading/Study Area (East Side) (\$150,000)
- Second Floor Self-Checkout Area (\$200,000)

At the February 4, 2013 regular meeting, the Board of Library Trustees also approved guidelines for the letter size and banner length of the donor recognition walls:

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Recognition shall be permanent unless a corresponding pledge is not fulfilled over five years. Additional names shall not be added to a named wall. If a pledge payment is not paid within 90 days following written notice to the most recent address provided to the Foundation, the Board of Library Trustees shall have the right to remove the name recognition. No payments made prior to that time shall be refundable in any event. If the pledge payment is due from an estate settlement, the estate shall have up to one year from the date of the pledge payment date to fulfill the pledge.

In the event that the area of the Library with the donor's name is significantly renovated, demolished, or is no longer used for Library purposes, either voluntarily or involuntarily, the Foundation and the Trustees will work with the donor, or the donor's designee, successor or assigns to determine another appropriate form of recognition for the support provided by the Gift. In such case, any payments not yet paid by the donor shall no longer be due.

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Gifts offered directly to the Library will be reviewed and considered for acceptance by the Board of Library Trustees. Gifts to the Library are also tax deductible. Recognition of donations by plaques, signage or other permanent display shall be approved by the Board of Library Trustees.

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