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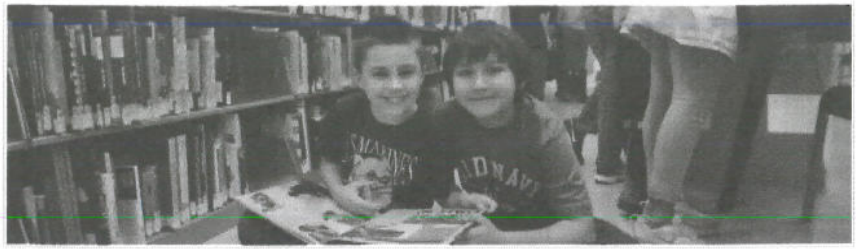

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MISSION

The Seattle Public Library Foundation helps the Library build its collection and resources, offer programs for patrons of all ages, and better serve the needs of our community. We do this by securing and managing donations from individuals, businesses and foundations to support the Library above and beyond what public funding provides.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation 501(c)(3) established in 1980 and governed by a volunteer board of directors. A professional staff raises and administers gifts and ensures the effectiveness of funded programs.

Since its founding, The Seattle Public Library Foundation has raised more than $100 million for the Library to support:

- Building new and revitalized libraries in every neighborhood.
- Programming for children, teens, and adults.
- Books and resources, including funding for special collections.
- Services for those with special needs, such as the disabled, immigrants, and refugees.
- Technology resources for library patrons.

HOW WE ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Often the Foundation and Friends of the Library are referred to interchangeably. While we work closely, we are two separate non-profit organization s who support The Seattle Public Library in different ways.

The Friends of The Seattle Public Library is a grassroots membership organization dedicated to promoting our Library through well organized

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advocacy efforts. They also raise money for the Library through the operations of their book sales and FriendShop at the Central Library.

The Foundation acts as the "fundraising arm" of the Library. If you want to support the Library with a donation, your gift goes to the Foundation. We work with the Library to identify the best way donors gifts can enhance the Library and meet the ever changing needs of the community.

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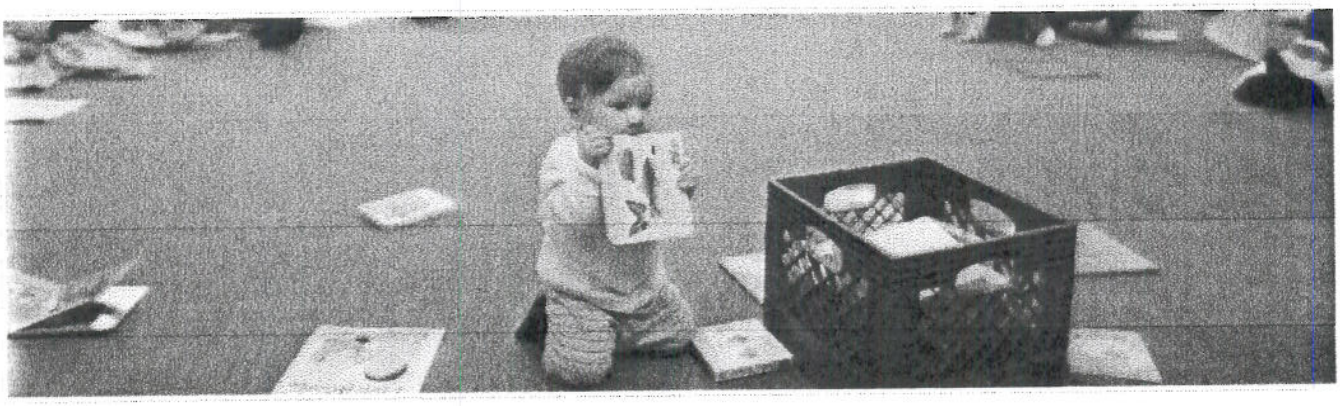

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WHAT WE FUND

The City of Seattle provides funding for basic Library services. But The Seattle Public Foundation provides funding for additional resources, programs and services that take our library system to a new level of excellence.

With new and improved library facilities in every part of the city, demand for materials, public computers, and programs has skyrocketed. The Foundation funds important enhancements to the Library, such as added resources and programs for families, seniors, and those with special needs.

Funds donated to the Foundation are used to:

- Buy new books and materials for all our libraries
- Support educational programs such as early literacy programs for young children to help them be ready to read when they go to kindergarten
- Offer programs for recent immigrants and refugees who are starting a new life in Seattle
- Host free public programs with best-selling authors, artists and community leaders.
- Provide public access to computers and free instruction in using the Internet, e-mail, and searching the Library's online catalog.

Think about how much the Library means to you. Donate now to help keep our libraries strong.

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Your support of The Seattle Public Library Foundation helps ensure the Library is able to build its collections and continue all the valuable services you, your friends and neighbors benefit from every day.

The Foundation welcomes gifts of all sizes. As a member of one of the Foundation's annual giving circles, you'll enjoy these special benefits:

Associate Circle — $25 - $99

You receive

- Associate membership in Friends of the Library, including preview access to their book sales
- Subscription to Next Chapter – the Foundation's newsletter

Reader's Circle — $100 - $249

All of the above, plus

- An invitation for you and a guest to the Library's annual Seattle Reads author event including a private author reception and book signing

Author's Circle — $250 - $499

All of the above, plus

- Invitations to private author receptions and book signings prior to public events with reserved seating at the program

Literary Circle — $500 - $999

All of the above, plus

- Special supporter 20% discount at the FriendShop in the Central Library
- Recognition as an annual Literary Circle Supporter at the Central Library

President's Circle — $1,000 - $2,999

All of the above, plus

- An invitation for you and a guest to an exclusive luncheon with a special literary guest hosted by the President of the Library Foundation
- Recognition as an annual President's Circle Supporter at the Central Library

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Benefactor's Circle — $3,000 - $9,999

All of the above, plus

- Invitation for two for an intimate evening event with a special literary guest
- Free parking in the Central Library garage for three evening events
- Recognition as an annual Benefactor's Circle Supporter at the Central Library

Carnegie Circle — $10,000 and higher

All of the above, plus

- An invitation for two for an intimate event featuring a notable author or guest hosted by the City Librarian and President of the Library Foundation
- Invitations to tours, briefings and other events led by the City Librarian
- Recognition as an annual Carnegie Circle member at the Central Library

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BUSINESS & FOUNDATION PARTNERS

A strong public library creates an educated and literate workforce. It supports an informed citizenry, which improves the quality of life for everyone. Businesses and foundations can do their part to support the Library by making a gift of cash or in-kind goods and services.

As a Business or Foundation Partner, your organization will be publicly recognized by The Seattle Public Library Foundation and receive many other benefits.

$1,000 to 2,499

- Invitations to private author events just for donors
- Recognition as an annual Business Partner at the Central Library
- Recognition as an annual Business & Foundation Partner in The Seattle Public Library Foundation's Report to Donors

$2,500-4,999

All of the above, plus

- An invitation for two to an exclusive annual luncheon with a special literary guest hosted by the President of the Library Foundation at the Central Library

$5,000-9,999

All of the above, plus

- Program sponsorship recognition including your logo on ads and other promotional materials
- One-time use of a meeting room at Central Library pending availability and within a 12-month period

$10,000 and higher

All of the above, plus

- One-time use of computer lab for group training or an event space pending availability and within a 12-month period

The Seattle Public Library Foundation also offers several unique sponsorship opportunities that can promote your business or foundation's involvement in the Library and community. Please contact us at 206-386-4130 or foundation@spl.org to discuss the available events and activities.

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YES FOR SEATTLE LIBRARIES

Libraries YES! SEATTLE PROP 1

Seattle's public libraries are treasured resources and neighborhood gathering places - enriching lives every day. Libraries provide access to lifelong learning and economic, social and cultural benefits for all. They are where students get homework help, unemployed residents come for job resrouces and those without access to technology learn how to use computers. But four years of contraints on Seattle's general fund have lead to unacceptable cuts to hours, educational programs, books and other media and computer technology. And in 2013, the Library faces additional cuts that will result in a loss of services equal to closing five branches. Voters will have the opportunity to change this trend by voting to pass Seattle Proposition 1 this August.

Please join us and protect our great libraries for all Seattle residents by supporting Seattle Proposition 1 -Yes for Our Libraries.
Please visit YESSEATTLELIBRARIES.COM for more information.

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