



Kennebunk Free Library

Planned Giving



The Kennebunk Free Library is a community gem set in a convenient and attractive environment for gathering and learning. A cornerstone of downtown Kennebunk, the Library offers resources and services to people of all ages. KFL and its staff have welcomed residents and visitors to seacoast Maine for more than 130 years.

We ask for your help to maintain the Library as a gathering place for ideas, recreation, information, and education. Only with your support can KFL continue to lend books and other media, provide facilities for online research, and offer hundreds of annual programming events for children and adults.

To help build the long-term financial strength of KFL, please consider making a charitable bequest. A bequest under your will or revocable trust can allow you to maintain your lifestyle today while supporting the Library tomorrow.

The Kennebunk Free Library is a 501(c)(3) institution, and contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. The Library is governed by a local Board of Trustees

THE READING ROOM CIRCLE

The Kennebunk Free Library welcomes planned-giving donors to join with others who have included the Library in their estate plans to become a member of the Reading Room Circle, a legacy society whose name pays tribute to the Library's original home and founding members.

Members of The Reading Room Circle will enjoy exclusive access to behind-the-scenes tours of the Library, discounted invitations to signature KFL fundraising page of the library's website) and annually in the Library's newsletter.



Of course, the Kennebunk Free Library will, with gratitude, respect the wishes of donors who wish to remain anonymous when making a gift.

The KFL has flourished for more than a century thanks to generous community support. The Library recognized one such contributor, Andrew Walker, by renaming itself for a time the Library at Walker Hall. The Kennebunk Free Library today keeps the *Andrew Walker Diaries 1851-1897* on permanent display in the Reference Room.

KFL's MISSION

The Kennebunk Free Library serves the diverse cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs of the community by:

- developing and promoting the use of resources including books, technology, films, informational materials, programs, displays, and community exhibit space that contribute to literacy, informed citizenship, and lifelong learning;
- providing educational opportunities and engagement for people of all ages;
- offering expert and personal assistance; and
- providing inviting and accessible facilities.



"Picture Books" by artist Gary Alsum
Donated by Sally and James H. Toffey

GIVING TO THE KFL

Why give a bequest? Because a bequest:

- is not payable until after your passing, so it does not affect your assets or cash flow during your lifetime.
- is easy to alter – you can change the provisions in your will or revocable trust at any time.
- is announced after your will is filed or made public, thereby protecting your privacy
- affords flexibility by providing for a specific sum to the Kennebunk Free Library ("I bequeath the sum of [the desired amount]"). Alternately, a bequest can provide for a percentage of the assets remaining in your estate after taxes, expenses and specific bequests have been paid – what's known as the residue ("I bequeath [the desired percentage] of the residue of my estate")

Another approach that some find appealing due to its simplicity entails naming the Library as the beneficiary of an individual retirement account or a life insurance policy.

For more information on giving options, please visit our [website](#) or contact the [Library Director](#) for assistance.

"I went into the library today. It is so satisfactory, so appropriate and adequate in every way, it makes you want to shout. It couldn't be better, it is perfect."

Henry Andrews, KFL Board President
(1910-1918)