

## Danny R. Dean Fund Established 2018

Danny R. Dean served as the first President of The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation. When he began in 1992, the Foundation held \$1.6 million in net assets and invested approximately \$200,000 in the Library annually. During his 23 years as President, Danny led the Foundation through a period of sustained growth, including a campaign to build the new Central Library and expanded support for Library programs. After stepping down from the Presidency at the end of 2015, Danny transitioned to the role of Major Gifts & Donor Liaison. In this two-year position, created to ensure a smooth leadership transition, he worked with long-time donors and served as an executive coach to his successor, Roberta Jagers. By the end of 2017, when Danny completed that assignment, the Foundation had net assets of nearly \$21.8 million and a track record of investing more than \$2 million in the Library annually.

Danny's leadership was extraordinary. His passion for touching readers' lives through efforts like the Summer Reading Program, Marian McFadden Memorial Lecture and Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award inspired hundreds of others – donors, directors, volunteers and employees – to do the same. He masterfully aligned the Library's funding needs with the talents and aspirations of each individual associated with the Foundation, nurturing a virtuous cycle of personal fulfillment and achievement that fostered long-term institutional success for the Foundation and Library. In a time when public libraries across the country were reducing services for economic reasons, support from the Foundation under Danny's leadership enabled Indianapolis' library system to increase its impact through strategic, high-impact programs and services.



With gratitude for Danny's extraordinary service, the Foundation sought contributions to establish the Danny R. Dean Fund. The first 10 percent of each gift was designated to the Foundation's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2019; the remaining 90 percent was placed in a permanent endowment in Danny's name.