



Memorial & Tribute Gifts Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in making a gift to The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation in memory or in honor of someone special.

Can friends and family make a donation to The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation in memory or in honor of someone?

Yes. Memorial and tribute gifts can be made online with a credit card or by sending cash or a check, payable to "Indy PL Foundation" with the name of person you are recognizing **printed** in the memo line to: The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation, Post Office Box 6134, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

I want to honor or remember someone who always went to the same branch. Can my gift go to a specific branch?

Yes. On the online gift form question "Please apply this gift to" select "Specify Branch" and choose the correct branch from the dropdown menu. If you mail cash or a check, please include a note designating a specific branch.

My loved one always appreciated the Library's programs. Can a memorial or tribute gift be designated to a program?

Yes. On the online gift form question "Please apply this gift to" select the fund that matches the honoree's interests. If you mail cash or a check, please include a note designating a specific fund.

Can the Library buy a book or other material with a gift I make in memory or honor of someone?

Yes. On the online gift form select "Please apply this gift to," select "Book/Material Purchase" and decide if the Library can select a book or if you'd like to offer a suggestions based on the honoree's interests (ex: mystery books, camping books). The name of your loved one or honoree will be printed on a bookplate placed inside the material.

Can a memorial book be permanently placed at my loved one's favorite branch?

No. To allow the greatest number of patrons access to Library materials, memorial books are part of a "floating collection," so they can be requested by any person at any Library location.

My family and friends would like to combine our resources to make one larger gift in recognition for a loved one. Can we do that?

Yes, gifts from multiple people may be combined to purchase a book tile or other recognition opportunity. Please contact the Foundation at 317-275-4700 or foundation@indyplfoundation.org.

How can I thank those who make gifts in my loved one's memory?

Please inform the Library Foundation that you are directing others to make gifts in honor of your loved one and provide us contact information for yourself (foundation@indyplfoundation.org or 317-275-4700). We will send you a list of the names and addresses of those who give in your loved one's memory. The amount of each memorial gift is kept confidential by the Library Foundation.

I still have questions. Who should I contact?

Please contact the Indianapolis Public Library Foundation at 317-275-4700 or foundation@indyplfoundation.org. Any of the staff will be happy to speak with you to determine what option best aligns with how you want to honor or memorialize someone special to you.