



Charles Dickens cared about wills because he knew they could change character's fortunes. A will, a dispute, and greed make his novel Bleak House a classic.

Andrew Carnegie also knew that special gifts could impact lives. His generosity during his lifetime and after his death helped fund more than 1,700 libraries across the nation.

Dickens and Carnegie recognized an essential truth about generous gifts: they can change lives as yet unborn.

Libraries have succeeded. They have brought the lessons of Dickens to succeeding generations who admire his storytelling. And Carnegie would be gratified by the American public's will to learn.

Now is the time to carry Carnegie's vision forward through your own gift. Return to libraries what you have gained so others may enjoy the benefits of libraries.

Libraries continue in their traditional role as a place to enjoy and learn from books. They also play a new role today. Their computer searches, microforms, films, and recordings speak to new generations.

The new role for libraries creates new financial demands. Even though your library is a tax-supported public entity, it must compete with other public entities for tax dollars. Alternative methods are needed to help fund its operation. You can help your library meet both the costs of new information systems and the replacement of precious books.

Reflect on the lessons of Dickens and the example of Carnegie, then give to your library.



The libraries of the Willard Memorial Library System:

Willard Memorial Library
6 W. Emerald St.
Willard, OH 44890
419-933-8564

Greenwich Public Library
4 New St.
Greenwich, OH 44837
419-752-7331

North Fairfield Public Library
P.O. box 175, 5 E. Main St.
North Fairfield, OH 44855
419-744-2285

Wakeman Community Library
33 Pleasant St.
Wakeman, OH 44889
440-839-2976

Ways of Giving to Your Public Library



Willard Memorial
Library System

Willard – Greenwich

North Fairfield - Wakeman

<http://willardlibrary.oplin.org>

**Support on-line by shopping at
the Library's Cyber Mall at**
<https://willardlibrary.oplin.org/CyberMall.htm>

Ways of Giving

There are many types of charitable gifts from the modest to the substantial. Willard Memorial Library system welcomes annual donations, pledges, memorials, and tribute gifts as well as planned gifts. A planned gift is a charitable donation that you plan for now, but that is not received by the library until later. It is a commitment to the library made in a bequest through will or trust, or is a life insurance policy, or in some other arrangement. If you have made such a commitment, please notify the library.

Gifts of Cash or Property

When you can make a significant gift outright, you have the joy of seeing your donation put to good use right away. You may receive an income tax deduction if you itemize on your tax return or may avoid capital gains tax on gifts of property. If you give appreciated securities, such as stocks or bonds, to Willard Memorial Library System you may avoid tax on the gain. *(Please check with your financial advisor.)*

Memorial and Tribute Gifts

A donation to the library can provide a memorial for a friend or relative. A gift to the library can also acknowledge a birthday, anniversary or graduation. The library will notify the recipient of your gift. And, like any charitable gift of cash or property, the donor may receive tax benefits.

Bequest Through Will or Trust

One way to give is with a bequest. Your will or trust can designate that a specific amount be transferred as a gift to the Willard Memorial Library system. Such a gift may take the form of cash, stocks, bonds, books, real estate, or any other type of asset. You may also give a percentage of your estate or the residue after other terms of the will or trust have been satisfied. Such a designation may reduce your estate taxes. *(Please check with your legal advisor.)*

Gift of Life Insurance

You may select to make a gift of life insurance by naming the Willard Memorial Library system as one of the beneficiaries on your policy.

I wish to make a gift now....

Donor Information

Name(s): _____
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Zip: _____
Day Phone: _____
Evening Phone: _____
Email: _____

Gift Amount

I wish to give the following:

- One-time gift of \$ _____
 Scheduled Gift of \$ _____
 Monthly
 Quarterly
 Annually

Please limit use of my gift to the following branch: _____

Gift Payment

- My check is enclosed payable to:
Willard Memorial Library
 Online debit/credit card donation via PayPal
(Go to the Library's website at <http://willardlibrary.oplin.org> or come to the Library.)