

DONATIONS

Avon Lake Public Library welcomes donations from individuals and organizations interested in helping support the nature and mission of the Library. Types of donations may range from bequests of money, equipment items, or refreshments for library programs to stocks and bonds, trusts, and real estate. Prospective donors should contact the Library before offering a donation.

Donations of significant value or of an unusual nature may be evaluated before acceptance. The usefulness and appropriateness of the donation for library service are considered. No donation can be accepted with restrictions unless the conditions are specifically approved by the Library Director.

Donations of items such as artwork, furniture, or equipment are accepted with the understanding that they unconditionally become the property of the Library and may be disposed of in whatever manner the Library deems best.

Material donations are accepted with the understanding that any item is evaluated according to the Collection Development Policy.

The appraisal of a donation to the Library for tax purposes is the responsibility of the donor since it is the donor who benefits from the tax deduction. The cost of the appraisal must be borne by the donor. To protect its donors and itself, the Library, as an interested party, will not appraise gifts made to it. Accepting a donation, which has been appraised by a third and disinterested party, does not imply an endorsement of the appraisal by the Library.

Endowment Fund

Donors of funds to the Library are encouraged to direct their donations to the *Avon Lake Public Library Endowment Fund* held by the Community Foundation of Lorain County. Gifts in any amount are welcome.

Naming Rights

Naming opportunities are available when the Library Board of Trustees chooses to accept the donation of a donor who requests naming rights and who is making a significant contribution to the Library or when the Board chooses to honor an individual for a significant, outstanding contribution in keeping with the nature and mission of the Library. The naming of all library spaces is the responsibility of the Library Board of Trustees. Naming opportunities include interior and exterior spaces. The duration of the naming rights is at the sole discretion of the Library Board of Trustees.