



The Seattle Public Library Foundation

Sample Bequest Language

When you inform the Foundation of your gift, you help us plan for the years ahead. In addition, you give us an opportunity to express our sincere appreciation, as well as to invite you to become a member of the Legacy Society.

If you already have a will, you can add a bequest to The Seattle Public Library Foundation by means of a simple document called a codicil. In some cases, donors who have revocable living trusts choose to make a future gift to the Foundation through the equivalent of a bequest, namely a charitable distribution provision in the trust agreement. Usually, an existing trust agreement can easily be amended to include such a provision.

Regardless of the instrument you use, be sure to seek the assistance of your attorney.

Forms of Bequests

- **Specific sum of money:** I give to The Seattle Public Library Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Seattle, WA (Federal Tax Identification Number: 91-1140642), the sum of *[exact dollar amount]* as an unrestricted gift to be used at the discretion of The Seattle Public Library Foundation.
- **Percentage of estate:** I give to The Seattle Public Library Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Seattle, WA (Federal Tax Identification Number: 91-1140642), _____ percent (%) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate as an unrestricted gift to be used at the discretion of The Seattle Public Library Foundation.
- **Specific property such as real estate, stocks, bonds, works of art, or other items:** I give to The Seattle Public Library Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Seattle, WA (Federal Tax Identification Number: 91-1140642), the following items: *[description of the particular property]*.
- **Rest and residue of estate after paying debts, taxes, expenses, and other bequests:** I give to The Seattle Public Library Foundation, a nonprofit organization located in Seattle, WA (Federal Tax Identification Number: 91-1140642), all *[or a stated percentage]* of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate.
- **Contingent bequest if the Testator is not survived by certain individuals:** If *[name/s of primary beneficiary/ies]* do/es not survive me, or shall die within ninety (90) days from the date of my death, or as a result of a common disaster, then I give to The Seattle Public Library Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Seattle, WA (Federal Tax Identification Number: 91-1140642), *[exact dollar amount, description of property, or percentage of residual estate]*.

For further information or if you have questions about making a bequest to a restricted purpose, please contact Kara McDonald, Director of Philanthropy and Planned Giving, at (206) 413-7177 or kara@supportspl.org.