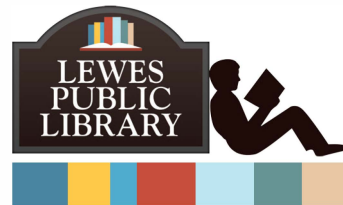


THE LEWES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Legacy Society





Welcome Letter from Legacy Society Chair

Libraries everywhere are facing tough budget decisions. And, with our brand new building in 2016, we have a large new asset to care for - “for the next 50 years”. Community support is critical to our continued growth and vitality as a public resource. You can create a legacy and help to ensure a bright future for generations to come at the Lewes Public Library by making a gift to endowment – a gift that can cost you nothing as long as you live. Please read on to learn more about how you can help.





Who Joins the Library Legacy Society?

In general, the Legacy Society is made up of people who love Lewes, have a great sense of “community”, and appreciate all that the Lewes Public Library does to sustain and improve our quality of life.

Why Does the Library Need Support?

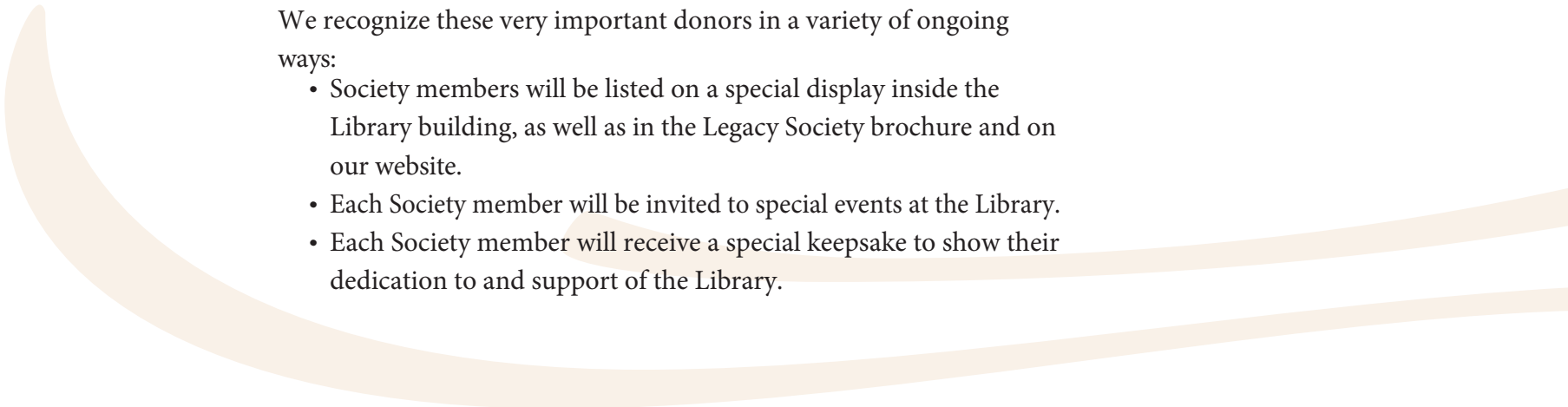
Our new Library opened in June 2016. Since then, visitors to the Library have grown to over 15,000 per month. We see this trend continuing for years to come due to the growth of our area. By 2030, for example, it is forecasted 12,700 new people will move to our Library service area, in addition to 7,000 new owners of second homes.

This level of growth means added costs of staffing, supplies, and maintenance of our new building. To meet those costs we must rely on the generosity of our community.

Lewes Public Library Legacy Society

Society Members are all those who have remembered the Library in their wills as well as all those who have made significant lifetime donations of \$25,000 or more.

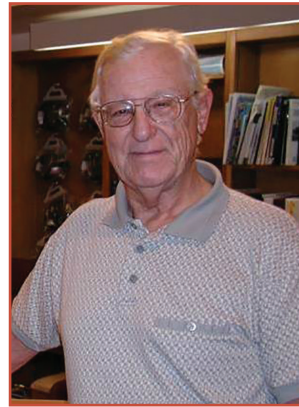
We recognize these very important donors in a variety of ongoing ways:

- Society members will be listed on a special display inside the Library building, as well as in the Legacy Society brochure and on our website.
 - Each Society member will be invited to special events at the Library.
 - Each Society member will receive a special keepsake to show their dedication to and support of the Library.
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Lewes Public Library Endowment Fund

An Endowment is a long term, permanent fund that provides income each year. A gift to this fund can be a lasting expression of your appreciation for the Library. The Library Board will allocate the annual income for the enhancement of library services forever and will respect the wishes of each donor.



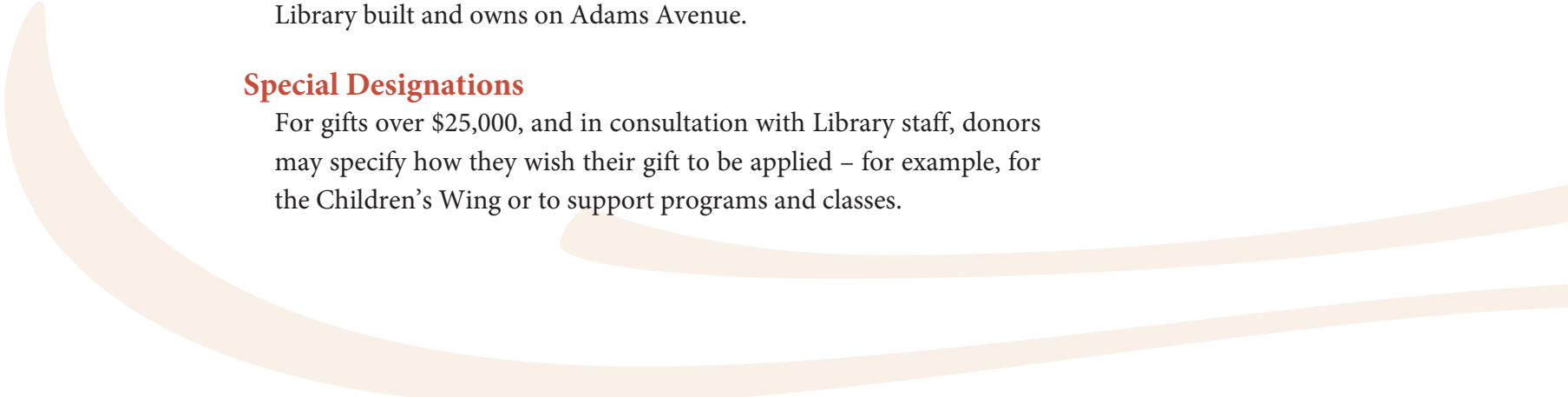
When Mitchell H. (Holmes) Russell, a long-time patron and volunteer, passed away in 2012, he left a significant gift to the Library in his will, directing that it be added to our endowment to help with operating costs. This gift cost Holmes nothing during his lifetime and gave him the peace of mind knowing that his generous spirit will live on for many years through this legacy gift.

“For the next 50 years” Fund

Gifts to this fund are restricted to provide for long term capital maintenance and improvements needs for the new, 2016 building the Library built and owns on Adams Avenue.

Special Designations

For gifts over \$25,000, and in consultation with Library staff, donors may specify how they wish their gift to be applied – for example, for the Children’s Wing or to support programs and classes.





Getting Started

As with all matters concerning estate planning, please consult your estate and tax specialists.

For more information about how you can support the Library, please contact:

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LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

To be announced...



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- I would like to talk to someone about gift planning, including stock options, and bequests.
 - I have already included a gift to Lewes Public Library in my will or living trust and would like to notify your office.

Donor Information:

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Mail this form to:

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