

Legacy Society

Donor Portrait:

Gavin and Lou Braithwaite

Gavin and Lou are passionate about the Lewes Public Library and its mission. This is hardly surprising, since they have both enjoyed reading from a young age and are both now self-proclaimed “word nerds.” Having disconnected TV cable over 15 years ago, they principally entertain themselves in the evenings with reading.

Reading about travel is a favorite for Gavin. In his mind, and his reading, Gavin is constantly traveling. His favorite book is *The Sun Never Sets* by Simon Winchester, which Gavin describes as “The ultimate travelogue round the last vestiges of the British Empire.” Lou’s favorite book is *A Suitable Boy* by Vikram Seth.

“The Lewes Public Library is front and center in our estate plans,” say Gavin and Lou. “We are particularly impressed by the free services and programs offered for all ages... from those just learning to read, through to those who have “graduated” to large print! By remembering the Library as one of our principal beneficiaries we want to ensure that future generations will benefit from something that has meant so much to us.”



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Leahy/Rasovic Families

Our love of the library formed as our grandkids found so much enjoyment here. Our passion grew as we became more involved with the planning and construction of the new library building. We came to appreciate the important role the library plays in the surrounding community – helping anchor the uncommon sense of community that drew us to Lewes and keeps us here. We saw that, with enough community support, the library was growing into its unique position as a ‘palace for the people,’ a free refuge where all – residents and visitors alike - are welcome.

We also came to appreciate how much the community valued the many opportunities the library offered - through access to knowledge and enjoyment, classes and programs and fun. In these COVID-19 days, we saw even more clearly how important the library can be for so many by providing a sense of normalcy and remote access to all the resources, classes and programs the community enjoys.

Finally, we came to understand that support from all of us is vital, since the library is only partially funded through taxes. We are proud to help ensure this community gem shines brightly for years to come.



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Barbara W. Vaughan

I moved to Lewes in 1992 from Annapolis, Maryland. As a “newbie” I found the Lewes Public Library to be my best friend.

I served on the Library’s Board of Directors during the period when the new library was built. One of the most interesting experiences was serving on the Shakespeare Festival Committee for several years.

I am so grateful that during the current shutdown I can still borrow history books, thanks to the hard working staff. I urge the Lewes Community to financially support this great public resource.

