



MARY SHAW SOCIETY

YOUR LEGACY TO QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Mary Shaw Society is Queens Public Library's legacy giving society named for Mary Shaw, a pioneer educator and the principal of a public grammar school for African American children in Flushing. Upon her death in 1905, she bequeathed \$1,000 to establish the Shaw Reference Collection in the Flushing Library. Mary Shaw's generous and impactful bequest embodies Queens Public Library's mission to provide opportunities for intellectual and personal growth to all people.

Like Mary Shaw, you know how important public libraries are to the people of Queens. Since 1896, Queens Public Library has helped transform the lives of millions of Queens residents by providing free access to books in 50 languages, ESOL and literacy classes, computers, and more at our 66 locations throughout the borough.



You can provide for the future of Queens Public Library by naming the Queens Public Library Foundation as a beneficiary of your will, retirement plan, life insurance policy, or other estate giving vehicle. You can earmark your bequest for general use or for a specific library branch – either way, your legacy gift will ensure that our books and resources are available for generations of Queens residents to come. Even a modest-sized gift can make an enormous difference in keeping Queens Public Library's doors open.

Members of the Mary Shaw Society have documented their intention to leave a gift to the Queens Public Library Foundation in their estate plans. To thank you for making the Queens Public Library Foundation a part of your legacy, and to welcome you into the Mary Shaw Society, you will receive the following benefits:

- A commemorative QPL pin
- Invitations to an annual Mary Shaw Society gathering and other special events
- An annual newsletter
- Listing of your name in the Mary Shaw Society Honor Roll on our website

Ready to join Queens Public Library's Mary Shaw Society? Simply let us know of your intention to include Queens Public Library Foundation in your estate plans. Contact Susan Latham at (718) 480-4312 or Susan.Latham@queenslibrary.org for more information about your options.



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Thank you for considering a legacy gift to the Queens Public Library Foundation. We would be honored to welcome you into the Mary Shaw Society.

There are several ways that you can leave a legacy gift to the Library – the most popular is designating a gift to the Library through your will or trust. You can also name Queens Library Foundation as a beneficiary of a retirement account (IRA, 401K), bank brokerage account, or life insurance policy.

If you are interested in leaving a gift to the Library through your will, this sample language can be shared with your attorney:

I give, devise and bequeath (the sum of _____ dollars), (all or _____ percent of the rest, remainder and residue of my estate of every kind and description) to Queens Library Foundation (Tax ID #11-3009405), a nonprofit organization located at 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432.

If you would like to designate your bequest to a particular library branch, you can use this additional language to designate it:

It is my request that this gift be used for the benefit of (specific Library branch) of Queens Public Library.

Five reasons to join the Mary Shaw Society

1. You can be generous, without having to make a gift now.
2. Your gift will have a lasting impact, ensuring that Queens Public Library's books and services are available for future generations.
3. You may save on taxes, depending on the type of estate gift you leave.
4. You can give back to the Library that has given so much to you.
5. You can have peace of mind, knowing that your estate plans are in order.





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**QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION
CONFIDENTIAL BEQUEST INTENTION FORM**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

In order to support the mission of Queens Public Library and leave a lasting legacy, my estate plan provides for the organization as follows: (Please select all that apply)

There is a bequest in my will or trust to benefit the Queens Public Library Foundation. It includes:

- a specific dollar amount a percentage of my estate
 the residue of my estate

Queens Public Library Foundation is a beneficiary of:

- an IRA, 401K, or other retirement plan a Charitable Gift Annuity
 a Charitable Remainder Trust a Donor-advised Fund
 Pension plan Life insurance policy Other

This gift is to be used for:

- Where it is needed most
 Specific program and/or location named here: _____

Because estate planning is a highly personal manner, only those who give permission will have their names published as members of the Mary Shaw Society, our legacy society.

- I would like others to be encouraged by my example. Please list me as a member of the Mary Shaw Society.
 I would be interested in sharing my story with the Queens Public Library community.
 I would like to remain anonymous and prefer that my name not be published.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please return to: Queens Public Library Foundation, 89-11 Merrick Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11432

Queens Public Library Foundation understands that all bequest provisions are revocable and that any intentions stated here are not binding on you or your estate. We are deeply grateful for your vision and generosity.

Questions? Please contact Susan Latham at Susan.Latham@queenslibrary.org or call (718) 480-4312.