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## ***Preserving the Past — Preparing for the Future***

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*Enhancing our  
library's vitality*

Because you value our library and the services it provides to our community, would you please consider a year-end gift?

The RFPL Foundation helps ensure the on-going vitality of the River Forest Public Library. Without additional funds beyond property taxes, it is challenging for our excellent RFPL staff to deliver high quality Library services and maintain our beautiful historic building in the face of ever-increasing costs.

Generous gifts to the RFPL Foundation have enabled the Library to:

- Refresh the popular Middle School/Teen area (coming soon) and significantly update the Children's Room
- Maintain and beautify the Anne T. Smedinghoff Memorial Garden which is used extensively for programs, informal gatherings, and outdoor Wifi access
- Promote on-going community engagement with events like Summer Reading Kick Off, The Dooley Band concerts, and author visits
- Purchase an additional self-checkout machine to enhance service while minimizing physical contact during the pandemic
- Explore the feasibility of re-purposing an existing mechanical room for additional meeting and program space

Your gift before December 31<sup>st</sup> will go twice as far thanks to a donor who has pledged a matching gift of up to \$30,000. You may honor a loved one, library lover, or community member with a tribute gift recognizing their impact on your life. Give online at [www.RFPLFoundation.org](http://www.RFPLFoundation.org) OR by check payable to RFPL Foundation using the enclosed response card.

Please join me in donating to the RFPL Foundation. Your gift will help preserve our historic building and continue our services and programs while preparing for future needs. By giving, you help ensure a vibrant Library at the heart of our community for years to come.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elan".

Elan Long  
President

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P.S. Respond by December 31, 2021 to help us secure a \$30,000 matching gift and make your donation go twice as far.



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**RFPL FOUNDATION GRANTS HAVE SUPPORTED**



**MIDDLE SCHOOL/  
TEEN AREA:**

Watch for new updates in this busy, popular space funded by the Foundation.



**EXPANDED  
SELF-CHECK  
SERVICE:**

A Foundation funded machine provides faster service while promoting social distancing.



**ANNE T.  
SMEDINGHOFF  
MEMORIAL  
GARDEN:**

This popular multi-use outdoor area expands the footprint of the library and is maintained with Foundation funds.



**SPECIAL  
EVENTS:**

The Foundation sponsors community wide programs to engage with all residents. A perennial favorite is River Forest's own - The Dooley Band.

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       **YES, I support RFPL Foundation. My gift is:**

\$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$1000  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you for supporting our Library today and for future generations.**

**Donate at [www.rfplfoundation.org](http://www.rfplfoundation.org)** OR return this card to: RFPL Foundation, 735 Lathrop Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305. Please make **checks payable to River Forest Public Library Foundation**.

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