



Tom Smedinghoff
President

Deborah Hill
Vice President

Alice Calabrese-Berry
Secretary

Katie Bevan
Treasurer

Jim Hopkinson
Director

Elan Long
Director

Karen Stierwalt
Director

*Enhancing our
library's vitality*



**River Forest Public
Library Foundation**
735 Lathrop Avenue
River Forest, IL
708 366 5205

November 2019

***Be a part of the story
River Forest Public Library, today and tomorrow***

Dear Friend,

Everyone has a story, and we want to hear yours. Why? Stories change people. They shape communities and connect us to each other. They inspire us to do things we've only dreamed of. They transform our lives and the people in them.

River Forest Public Library (RFPL) is full of stories, in more ways than one. There you'll find millions of stories nestled in its books, periodicals, movies, events, and more. You'll also find stories from everyone whose life has been touched by the Library:

- families who are new to the community and want to get off to the right start
- long-time residents who now bring their grandchildren to discover its treasures
- children who discover that a book can transport them anywhere they want to go
- teens who want to hang out with friends and do schoolwork in their own space
- people who want to learn new skills in order to find a better job
- adults who welcome the opportunity to attend stimulating events, and
- so many others who want to be a part of the stories yet to come

When we see you at the Library or elsewhere in our village, we hear so many stories of how much you value the Library and its impact on our community. And we have been thrilled to see growing numbers of you becoming a part of the Library's story in another way – by giving your financial support to the RFPL Foundation. The 2018-2019 Children's Room Campaign raised over \$65,000 and attracted over 100 donors who made gifts ranging from ten dollars to several thousand dollars to update our Children's Room to make it more functional and more welcoming.

We want you to be a part of the story, today and tomorrow:

- **Please share your Library story with us.** Tell us what effect RFPL (or any public library) has had on you or someone you love. See the back of this letter for instructions and to read stories from others.
- **Support the Library by making a gift to the Foundation.** Whether it's your first gift or one of many valued contributions, you become a part of the story by helping the Foundation fulfill its mission of enhancing the vitality of the Library, now and for future generations. See the back of this letter for more information and to donate.

Thanks for being a part of the story,

Tom Smedinghoff
President

P.S. We'll send you an "I ♥ RIVER FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY" button to thank you for your story or financial support.



Be a part of the story
River Forest Public Library, today and tomorrow

_____ YES, I want to be a part of the RFPL story! My gift is:

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

My Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ My gift is anonymous.

My gift is a tribute: in honor in memory of: _____

Please acknowledge this tribute gift to (Name and Address):

Thank you for being a part of the story.

Donate at www.rfplfoundation.org with your credit or debit card, **OR return this form** to RFPL Foundation, 735 Lathrop Ave. River Forest, IL 60305.

Please make checks payable to River Forest Public Library Foundation.

RFPL Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization; all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Share your Library story
in the space below or at
rfplfoundation.org.
We'll send you this
button for your story
or donation:



Be a part of the story
River Forest Public Library, today and tomorrow

♥ **Join your neighbors, and be a part of the story, by making a gift to the Foundation.** ♥

In this season of giving, donating to the RFPL Foundation is a great way to honor a parent, child, sibling, teacher, friend, neighbor, mentor, or your own lifelong love of learning and stories. Make your gift at RFPLFoundation.org or with a check payable to River Forest Public Library Foundation.

Share your story on the enclosed reply card or at RFPLFoundation.org.

Read what your neighbors have said about the River Forest Public Library (RFPL)

<p>“We give to the Foundation to celebrate our family’s love of reading and to honor our children’s experience at the River Forest Library. The library’s children’s programming was one of our first River Forest experiences after moving to the area and immediately helped us feel part of the community. We are so appreciative of the library’s creative programming that helps encourage our kids to read and explore topics that interest them.”</p> <p>♥ Lindsay and Joe McIntyre</p>	<p>“River Forest Public Library offers many anodynes to help residents cope with a noisy, stumbling, conflicted, and sometimes wonderful society -- books, tapes, lectures, insightful presentations, videos, educational events, and more -- all in a comfortable, family friendly setting. Like a valuable gem, RFPL is an indispensable community resource deserving every penny donated to keep it shining brightly.”</p> <p>♥ Don and Francie Coe</p>
<p>“We donate annually because over many years RFPL has given so much to our children and to our elderly parents through its innovative and compelling programming. Our donations express our gratitude for all that the Library does for us and ensures that its programs remain a vibrant part of our community.”</p> <p>♥ Kevin Crowell and Janet Leong</p>	<p>“An up-to-date collection of books, video, and more; a friendly staff; a welcoming, enriching place for people of all ages.... To me, the Library is an important part of what makes River Forest a community.”</p> <p>♥ C. Ates Dagli</p>
<p>“No matter your interests or age, RFPL offers opportunities to enrich yourself in a beautiful setting -- or to use books, movies and music from the Library anytime wherever you may be.”</p> <p>♥ Joan O'Connor</p>	<p>“Lisa and I are big fans of the Library due to the great people that work there. They really care about what the community needs and they present it in the best possible way.”</p> <p>♥ Tom Engoren</p>
<p>RFPL has enriched my life as an endless source of entertainment, information, inspiration and imagination. My gift to the Foundation is a gift to myself.”</p> <p>♥ Claudette Zobel</p>	<p>♥ We need your story here</p> <p>Share your story on the downloadable reply form or at RFPLFoundation.org.</p>

We'll send you an “I ♥ RIVER FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY” button to thank you for your story or for your financial support.