Friends of Grinnell Library

MISSION STATEMENT

The Friends of Grinnell Library serve the community by assisting the library through financial support and through volunteer activities.

Planned Giving

We hope you will consider including a gift to the Friends of Grinnell Library in your will or living trust, or naming the Friends of Grinnell as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement assets. Your gift will create a legacy to help ensure the library will be enjoyed for generations to come. Planning instruments can include wills, trusts, gift annuities, IRAs, real estate and insurance plans.

Grinnell Library was chartered as an association library in 1888, making it the sixth oldest library in New York State. It’s founding was due to the efforts of Irving Grinnell, a gentleman of leisure, and his friend Henry Yates Satterlee who later became the bishop of the National Cathederal. Over the years, through the hard work and efforts of many people, the library has expanded, added additions, and now occupies an important place in the lives of families and children in the Village of Wappingers Falls, the Town of Wappinger, and the Town of Poughkeepsie. Over the years, the library has expanded and grown to accommodate changing needs of its constituents and the changes brought by technology. With the 2017 remodeling of the Children’s Rooms, Grinnell Library is continuing to fulfill its mission to bring accessibility of books and media to all who reside within the area. The library provides wonderful programs for preschool story hours, senior brainpower games, homework help, computer device training, and many other activities that make it an integral part of the community.

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Estate Planning and Grinnell Library:

There are few things in life we can do so easily that make such a big difference. Having a well thought out estate plan is one of them. Those that complete a plan are almost always amazed at how quickly and easily their plans can be accomplished. Those who include a charity or nonprofit organization in their plans are among the happiest. If you do not have a will or have not included a cause like ours, why not create one or amend it to include your gift to the Friends of Grinnell Library.
To make a charitable bequest to the Friends of Grinnell Library, simply include a statement in your will or revocable trust agreement similar to the following:

“I give and bequest (amount or percentage of bequest) to the Friends of Grinnell Library, with offices in Wappingers Falls, New York, for general tax-exempt purposes.”

The most tax effective gift you can make at death is a bequest of your retirement plans, such as pension funds or IRAs. You should consult with your own legal advisor before adding this or any charitable bequest to your will, trust or to your retirement account.

Finally, remember that writing a will is so simple there is no reason not to have one. Just as your gift is limited only by your imagination, your possibilities for making it a reality are almost endless.

When you include a qualified charity in your will or plan, your estate is reduced by that amount which means that much less is subject to estate taxes. The money that would have gone to the government can be strategically used to help your family and loved ones, as well as the causes you and your family cherish.

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