

Why?

Western Counties Regional Library operates 10 library branches in Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth counties and must deal with the challenge this huge geographic region with a sparse population presents. It is costly to provide proper library services. Funding for the library has remained relatively static over the past decade.

In order to counter this, the library has set up the Literacy Legacy Fund.

Western Counties Regional Library Literacy Legacy Fund is being managed by a certified fund manager.

The larger the fund grows, the more library materials (books, eBooks, DVDs, etc.) that can be purchased with the interest generated by the fund.

This enriches the collection, better serving the community, and it makes the library more recession-proof and able to weather government funding freezes and cuts.

An overview

The Literacy Legacy Fund enables Western Counties Regional Library to establish secure funding annually to enhance its collections.

The fund creates a place for large donations from generous supporters while permitting the library to manage its collection.

The fund will benefit individual library branches for years to come.

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Western Counties Regional Library



The long-term solution
to ensure
the library thrives
and survives
into the future.

Benefits of Literacy

Literacy must be seen as a right because of the benefit it brings to the population as a whole. Literacy skills are fundamental to informed decision-making, personal empowerment, and participation in the local and global social community and for democratic governance.

Literacy is a key determinant of health and well-being. Good reading skills lead to better performance in school, more employment opportunities and a heightened enjoyment of life.

The benefits include improved self-esteem, empowerment, creativity and an ability to better understand our own thoughts, feelings, and experiences.

Goals

The initial goal for the fund was \$100,000. Now we are trying to build it up to \$1 million.

Large donors, \$5,000 or more, can decide what type of book/library material that their contribution would be used to purchase with a specialized nameplate.

Monthly giving can be set up to allow people to donate over an extended period of time.

Western Counties Regional Library exists to foster literacy and promote reading in Southwestern Nova Scotia.



Every dollar donated lasts a lifetime.

