Opening Doors For Future Generations...

The purpose of the Perham Area Public Library Fund is to improve resources to address the programs, services and capital expenditures of the library.

A donation to the Perham Area Public Library Fund is a long term investment in the community and the essential services of the library. Generations to come will benefit from your donation even as it provides stability during difficult times.

The Fund was created in 1998 and is administered by West Central Initiative at the recommendations of a five person local advisory board.

Why Donate to the Public Library?
Public funding is the foundation of support for the public library, but it is often private donations that allow libraries to excel within communities. A strong and well-supported public library is often the sign of a strong and successful community.

How Are the Funds Used?
The Fund is intended to enhance and maintain the quality of the services of the Perham Area Public Library.

The Foundation enhances, but does not replace, the public funding received by the Perham Area Public Library. Endowment funds are invested, with only a portion of the annual earnings expended each year so that the endowment can continue to grow and support the library in perpetuity.

For endowed funds, only the earnings on investment may be used to support the Fund’s objectives. In the case of non-endowed funds, both the principal and earnings may be used for unrestricted or designated uses of the Library.

Examples of fund uses may include:
- Book and other collection purchases
- Technological equipment and/or training
- Author programs
- Literacy and other programs that promote the love of reading
- Capitol improvements

Can I Direct How My Donation Is Spent?
While your gift will have the greatest long term impact in the Endowment Fund, suggestions for the use of unendowed donations may be made and the library will act on these suggestions based upon current need, the library’s Collection Development Policy, and availability.

What Gifts Are Accepted?
You may make a tax deductible gift of cash, stock, annuities, or real estate. You may also name the Library Fund in your planned giving as a bequest in your will. We welcome gifts of any size.
How Can I Make a Donation?
The Fund seeks outright gifts and bequests from anyone who sees value in the role that an excellent library can play in the education of our children and who appreciates the availability of the library's resources and services to the entire community.

Donations to the Library Fund are accepted at the library, by mail, or by credit card/pay pal online:

Perham Area Public Library Fund
225 2nd Ave. NE
Perham, MN 56573

Checks intended for the Library Fund must be written to: Perham Area Public Library Fund

To donate online, go to: www.wcif.org/donations
Choose “Perham Area Public Library Fund” from the list and complete the online donation form.

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The Perham Area Public Library Fund is administered and invested by West Central Initiative of Fergus Falls, Minnesota. WCI is a regional community foundation that works to strengthen the region of West Central Minnesota by promoting philanthropy, working with communities and the region to encourage business and employment opportunities and supporting workers and their families. The Fund's relationship with WCI allows our Fund Advisory Committee to focus on the library's needs and leave the administrative tasks to WCI. The Perham Library Fund maintains it's 501(c)3 status through WCI.

The partnership ensures that local needs are met and all financial transactions meet state and federal guidelines.

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