



Creating a lasting legacy at the Elisha D. Smith Public Library will ensure that the library will be enjoyed by future generations.

We would be honored to discuss how you can create your legacy at the Elisha D. Smith Public Library.

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About the Library

Menasha's public library has been serving the citizens of Menasha since 1896, when the first Menasha Library and Reading Room opened in rooms above a store at the corner of Chute and Milwaukee Streets.

Lucinda Lee Pleasants was the driving force in establishing the first library, and she became its first librarian. In 1898, Elisha D. Smith, founder of the Menasha Woodenware (now Menasha Corp.), donated land and money to build a library on Mill Street. The building on Mill Street was used until 1969, when a new building was built at 440 First Street.

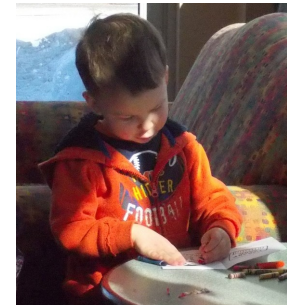
In 2003, renovation began on this building. Features of the new facility include a spacious new Children's Room, a Grand Concourse in the center, a solarium with a fireplace, and new meeting rooms.

The library's service area encompasses both the city and town of Menasha, but all residents of Wisconsin are invited to apply for a library card.



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**ELISHA D. SMITH
 PUBLIC LIBRARY**
 Menasha, Wisconsin



All good men and women must take responsibility to create legacies that will take the next generation to the level we could only imagine.

~American entrepreneur and author Jim Rohn

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Ways to Contribute

Planned giving allows you to receive tax benefits today while helping others tomorrow. There are many ways to make a gift to the Elisha D. Smith Public Library. Below are some of your options:

- Cash, securities, or real property.
- As a bequest (in a will) to the Elisha D. Smith Public Library.
- Life insurance gift designating the Elisha D. Smith Public Library as the beneficiary in a new or existing life insurance policy.
- A charitable remainder or living trust from which you or another beneficiary may receive income during a defined period of time (or lifetime) with a provision that the trust assets become the property of the library thereafter.
- As an IRA gift designating the Elisha D. Smith Public Library as the beneficiary.



Endowment Gifts

Donors may designate the specific purpose for which gifts are to be used, such as:

- Library Materials —These are used to purchase books and other materials for children, teens, or adults.
- Programs— for people of all ages.
- General Fund - The library uses these funds in the manner most beneficial to current and long-term needs.

Gifts of at least \$5,000 may be used to create a new, named fund.

Tax Disclaimer

We encourage you to consult with an attorney or accountant, as we neither intend nor attempt to render legal, tax, or financial advice.

Mission

The Elisha D. Smith Public Library is a dynamic and responsive community center for our diverse population, offering equal access to materials, programming, services, and entertainment to inspire and enrich while supporting learning for all ages.



Library Funding

The library receives financial support from the City of Menasha, Winnebago and Calumet Counties, and private donations.

The Board of Trustees manages all revenue and expenditures, including an endowment fund for the purpose of enhancing the library's offering of materials and services.

The ongoing support of our patrons helps determine what the library is today and what it will be in years to come.