

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Berkley Public Library is proud of its collection, beautiful building and programs. Although tax dollars are the main source of revenue for the library, we need extra funding to support the level of services we offer.

The library's endowment fund was started in 1999 with a bequest of \$62,500 and has grown to over \$125,000. Each year the library receives a check to support library programs. This money has been used to upgrade the computer network, renovate the children's room, and purchase new materials for the collection. The annual distribution from the endowment fund provides a stable source of income for the library, and this payout grows with the fund.

The Berkley Public Library Endowment Fund is administered by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. Pooling charitable funds into a well-recognized organization offers us a higher return on dollars.

How can I help?

The answer is simple. Your donation of any size will help. Simply fill out the attached form and send in your check (payable to "CFSEM") with "Berkley Public Library Endowment Fund" written on the memo line and send it to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Why help?

Not only are you helping an outstanding public institution, your donations are tax deductible. Donors get the most advantageous benefits available under the law – a Michigan tax credit of up to \$100 for individuals or \$200 for married couples filing jointly, as well as a federal tax deduction if itemizing.

How can I learn more?

You can contact the Library Director Celia Morse at 248-658-3440 or check the website: www.cfsem.org/donations and click on the "Making a Gift" link.

Endowment Fund Donation Form

Name _____

Address _____

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Zip Code _____

Mail to:

Community Foundation for
Southeast Michigan

333 W. Fort St., Suite 2010

Detroit, MI 48226

Be sure to write "Berkley Public Library Fund" on the memo line of your check.