

Thank you for your kind and generous support.

As you know, most of APL's services are funded by voluntary contributions. Only about 35% of our operating budget is funded by city and county government. Your important and generous donations have allowed APL to accomplish great things! We provide free resources and literacy programs to the entire Big Bend community.

Thank you for helping APL to flourish as a nationally recognized small-town library!



"Every city I have lived in I have used the library frequently. But you all outdo yourselves. You are the best library people I have ever known."

Fran Sage

Let Us Introduce Ourselves!

Founded in 1947, APL is an IRS-designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. **This means that every gift you make to the library is tax-deductible.**

Our mission is to connect our diverse and geographically remote communities with information resources to encourage literacy and promote lifelong learning.

We envision a future in which individuals and families are engaged, lifelong learners.

Contact us at
432-837-2621
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www.alpinepubliclibrary.org

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Bequest Gifts to the Library

Make Your Story Live Forever





We know you have many charities to choose from. As a regular patron of the library, you have inside knowledge of our values, and they match your own.

Dear Library Supporter,

My job as Executive Director is to uphold our Mission and to ensure the long-term survival of the Alpine Public Library. Every year I work hard to bring in grant funds and to earn the trust and support of hard-working contributors like you. But, like all libraries, APL is feeling the burden of reduced state funding, reduced federal funding, and reduced local funding. I worry about the library's ability to keep up with the rising cost of books and audiovisual materials, supplies, utilities, and insurance. Our outstanding staff receives modest pay but no benefits. A bequest gift from you would help to **safeguard the library's future** and make sure that upcoming generations have continued access to a dynamic community library right here in Alpine.

-Paige Delaney

Guarantee Your Library's Future, and Your Own Legacy

There are many ways to design a charitable bequest to the library. If you don't already have a will, your attorney can help you to define and articulate your wishes. If you already have a will, you can easily add APL as a beneficiary.

Cash Gifts

The easiest bequest to make is to specify a certain dollar amount in your will for the library. Certain large cash gifts may be appropriate for a named endowment, which would benefit the library in perpetuity from interest on the principal.

Alternatively, you may designate a certain percentage of cash assets to APL after the estate is settled. Or, you may choose to make a 'residuary bequest' to

APL, which includes the assets left after all other distributions are made.

Assets

Some donors choose to leave a valuable asset, such as stock or personal property, instead of cash. These gifts will be put to the best use toward our nonprofit mission.

Memorials

As with all donations to the library, your gift may be designated 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' a

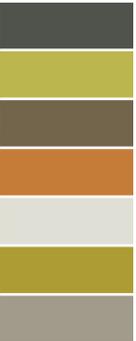
loved one or friend. We will send a letter to the person or family you specify to let them know of your generous gift in their name. You might consider asking your family and friends to match your gift to the

Join Our Legacy Society

We'd like to thank you during your lifetime, so if you choose to make a

charitable bequest to the library, we urge you to let us know. With your bequest we invite you to join our APL Legacy Society, a small circle of library supporters with similar compassionate and charitable tendencies. We'll bring the Society members together at special events to honor your wisdom, foresight, and generosity.

Your bequest may be as public as you'd like it to be. Your wish for anonymity will be honored.



Don't leave the distribution of your estate up to strangers

Only you know how you'd like to be remembered, what charities have meaning for you, and who you would like to benefit from your estate. If you don't have a will, we urge you to make one. If you don't have an attorney, we can recommend one for you. Contact us today.

The #1 Reason Why Donors Do Not Add A Charity To Their Will: "It never occurred to me."

In Fraser Green's book "Iceberg Philanthropy," donors reveal that once someone mentions the idea of a charitable bequest to them, they are happy to consider making one. Does this apply to you? If so, please think about the Alpine Public Library in your estate planning. As much as we'd like it to happen, the need for free literacy programs and children's learning resources won't go away. As the economy fluctuates and some low-income earners flounder, community needs will continue to grow. Help us to meet these demands head on, with the capital to provide solid and steady library services for years to come. **Thank You** for your support.