



Plan for the Future of Our Libraries Today

You have the power to make our public libraries some of the best in the nation. Our public libraries have always benefited from the generosity of people who value free and open access to information and education, and who preserve those opportunities through a planned gift.

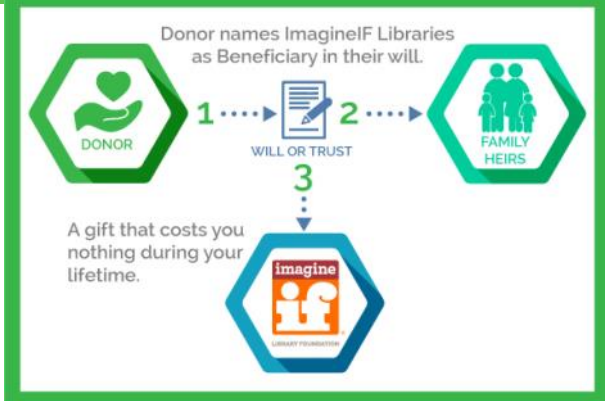
Many planned gifts can have no impact on your current financial status or ability to provide for yourself and your family, but can **have a profound, lasting effect on our libraries well beyond your own lifetime.** By leaving a planned gift to the library you will help ensure the future of library services in the Flathead Valley for generations of Montanans.



Types of Planned Giving

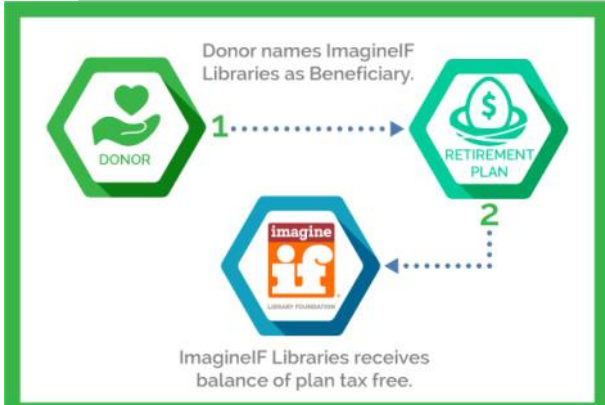
Bequests:

You can arrange a **specific bequest** in your will or living trust of money, investment holdings, property or real estate. You can also leave a **residuary bequest**, designating a portion of your estate for the library after debts, expenses and specific bequests have been paid, so you can have peace of mind that your intentions will be fulfilled without the estate running out of assets to distribute.



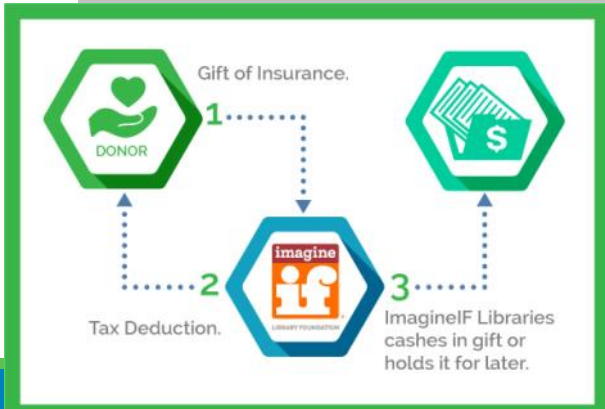
Retirement Accounts:

If you have a retirement account you no longer need, you can make a direct transfer of funds from your IRA to a qualified charity like the ImagineIF Library Foundation. This can also satisfy your required minimum distributions for any given year.



Life Insurance:

You can leave a currently owned or new policy to the library by naming the ImagineIF Library Foundation as the primary beneficiary of your life insurance. This option also provides an estate tax deduction.





How to make a planned gift

1. **Talk to us.**

Contact the ImagineIF Library Foundation and have a conversation with Executive Director Charlotte Housel. Email: charlotte@imagineiflibraryfoundation.org
Phone: (406)314-4082

2. **Make a commitment.**

Your attorney or financial advisor can assist you in determining what type of gift best suits your circumstances and can help you designate your gift.

3. **Let us know.**

If you have already arranged a Planned Gift to ImagineIF Libraries, please let us know. We'd love to honor your support and encourage others to follow your lead.

4. **Tell your family and friends.**

Don't underestimate your influence! Your generosity can go even further by inspiring others to give.

Information for your Attorney, CPA or Estate Planner

The full legal name of the library is ImagineIF Libraries.

The full legal name of the library's charitable 501(c)3 Foundation is the ImagineIF Library Foundation.

The Foundation's legal address is 44 2nd Ave West, Suite 104, Kalispell, MT 59901.

The Foundation's Federal Tax Identification Number (EIN) is 81-0460195.

How will my gift be used?

The short answer is, **“However you want it to be used”**. You can designate your gift for any purpose you like,

Since the library’s needs are always changing, **most donors choose to leave an unrestricted gift** and let the library’s professional staff put it to use where it’s most needed. Regardless of how you designate your gift, you can trust that your wishes will always be honored to the best of the Foundation and the Library’s ability.



Endowment: A Gift That Keeps on Giving

In 2018, Barbara Guttschenritter, a devoted library supporter and board member, established the ImagineIF Library Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is an investment account that generates income for the library while retaining the fund principal.

If you designate a gift for the Endowment Fund, your contribution becomes a perpetual wellspring of support.

“I wanted to do something that would outlast me. And I wanted to help the library get the most value possible out of my gift.” said Barbara.

You can join her in creating a lasting legacy for our libraries. (If you’re considering a Charitable Remainder Trust, our existing endowment might be the right fit for you.)