

# Mendon Public Library Wish List

2016

## Dreams really can come true with your support.

Are you looking for a way to help your library, but would rather donate in a tangible way? Working in partnership with supporters like you, the library can reach beyond the everyday to achieve excellence. Here are some specific ways that your donation, large or small, could be used to help support the library.

## Mendon Library Programming

We have talent in our community and rely heavily on volunteers to provide excellent programming. If you have a passion that you would like to share with others, we would love to talk to you. We will gladly provide guidance, support, and space for you to share this interest with others at the library.

Here are a few ideas that we have come up with:

- Organize a specialized lending library such as: garden seed library; sewing pattern library; craft supplies; sports equipment; etc.
- Organize a bus trip for the community
- Tech/Maker space night at the library – people come to create and collaborate on projects
- Video Recording/Community Reads Project – make a video recording of community members reading one sentence of a book; the segments are then put together for a DVD of a book read by our community
- Tuesday (or any other night) Trivia Night at the library
- Scrabble or Game Night at the library
- Girls' Night Out at the library
- Teen Lock-In at the library
- Sidewalk Chalk Competition
- New Residents Social/Networking Group
- Cultural Program for Youth – puppet show, play, etc.
- Traveling Exhibits
- Organize a Green Day – electronic recycling; clothes collection; pharmaceutical collection; hazardous waste collection

## Children's Department

**Toys for our Children's area.** The Kade Project gave the children of our community "Noah's Corner." This play center in the Children's Department of our library provides developmental toys that inspire imaginative play and help children learn to share. To supplement existing toys, donations of used engines, tracks, and train cars are welcome. Donations of plastic/pretend food items are also appreciated. For more information on The Kade Project, please visit [www.thekadeproject.com](http://www.thekadeproject.com).

**Board games and puzzles** provide children and families with interactive activities while they spend time at the library. Board games are especially popular with our after-school crowd during the winter.

We would like an *Ipod touch and portable speaker dock* to help us provide music and songs for our story time activities. (\$400)

*An early literacy workstation* designed specifically for a public setting would allow our youngest crowd to develop their bilingual pre-literacy and literacy skills. (\$2,720)

*A lead gift to name the Children's Library* (\$300,000) *or Teen Center* (\$150,000) is welcome.

## Technology

*Funds for a digital gadget collection* would provide an opportunity for staff and patron training. The community could try things out before they buy or borrow for a specific event. Items in this digital collection might include: Blu-ray player; digital projector; digital video camera; Ipods and Ipads; gaming devices; GPS; Bluetooth scanner; scientific calculator; Leapster games; projection screen; wireless computers/laptops. (Any amount welcome)

*Upgrade computers*, possibly with touch screen monitors. (\$2,000-\$5,000)

*3D-printer, supplies, and tech support.* (\$2,000)

*High capacity paper shredder and document scanner.* (\$2,000-\$5,000)

*Digital Media Lab* to allow for high quality photo scanner and provide a method to continue to digitize local records, and give access to Go Pro cameras, Nikon DSLRs, video editing software, Adobe Creative Suite, and Solidworks. (\$5,000 - \$10,000)

*Assistive Technology* to help all residents to have similar experiences when using technology. This could include accessibility software, screen readers, screen magnifiers, Braille displays, or touch screens. (Any amount welcome)

*Maker Space* to encourage the community to pool or share resources for DIY projects. A sewing machine, a laser cutter, a high-powered microscope, small kitchen appliances, a yogurt maker, a pasta maker, a food dehydrator, a pottery wheel, a vinyl cutter, soldering irons, and a large-format printer are all items that have been suggested for a Maker Space. Additionally, patrons could access online classes like "Easy Learning" to support their DIY projects.

## Mendon Library Collection

*Enhance the Mendon Public Library collection.* Your gift of \$2,000 will provide a specialized collection for Mendon Public Library patrons to enjoy. This collection could be print, non-print, electronic, or any combination.

*eBooks and downloadable audio books.* The library continues to build its collection of eBooks and digital audio books to meet the growing demand for readers of all ages. (Any amount welcome)

Certain magazines are only available in digital format. Funds to purchase *online magazines* to supplement our heavily used print collection are welcome. (\$1,000 annually)

## Mendon Library Facility

*Acoustic wall hangings* to improve the acoustic properties of the library.

*Interior directional signage* for restrooms, fiction collection, children's area, etc. If matching funds are given, this project may be eligible for a NYS construction grant. (Approximately \$8,000-\$10,000)

*Air hand dryers for restrooms.* (\$1,200)

*Donor recognition wall* and plaques to recognize our major donors.

*New or refinished endcaps for library stacks.* We repurposed our stacks, so the opportunity exists to purchase new endcaps or re-paint/decorate the endcaps of our fiction collection.

*Utility sink* for use in programming and located in staff area. (\$2,000)

## **Mendon Library Grounds and Gardens**

To make the library visible in the community and promote events, *exterior digital signage* is needed. If matching funds are donated, this project may qualify for a NYS construction grant. (\$10,000)

*Picnic table* for the library yard for our patrons/staff to enjoy a bag lunch or snack in the nice weather.

*Landscaping outside, near Children's area.* (\$2,000)

Plans are drafted for a *Reading Garden* outside of our circulation area for patrons to enjoy. A lead gift for this project would make it a reality. (\$40,000)

## **Mendon Library Marketing**

*Advertising to promote services and events.* (\$3,000 annually)

## **For the Future**

*Major gift for Phase Two of our library.* Please contact our Director, Laurie Guenther (624-6067), or our Capital Campaign Chair, Ron Knight (624-3279), to find out how you can assist with these efforts.

Your monetary contribution to the Mendon Public Library is tax-deductible. We thank you in advance for your consideration in giving to this local resource.