



Sample wording for Leaving a Gift in your Will to Guelph Public Library

If you have decided to leave a gift to the Guelph Public Library in your will, here is some wording which may help. Guelph Public Library's legal title is the 'Guelph Public Library Board', and a gift in your will may be expressed as outlined in the sample language below:

Specific Bequest – to donate a specific amount of money or a specific asset

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$.... (or transfer assets with an equal value) to the Guelph Public Library Board at Guelph, Ontario, Canada for the general purpose of supporting the library and its greatest needs."

"I give to the Guelph Public Library Board at Guelph, Ontario, Canada all of my shares of [Company Name] to be used for the general purposes of said charity."

Residual Bequest – to donate an identified percentage/portion of your estate after taxes, debts, and other bequests are paid

"I give and bequeath the sum of % of the residue of my estate (or transfer assets with an equal value) to the Guelph Public Library Board at Guelph, Ontario, Canada for the general purpose of supporting the library and its greatest needs."

"I give % of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to the Guelph Public Library Board for its general purposes."

Contingent Bequest – to donate a gift if certain conditions are met

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$.... or % of my estate (or transfer assets with an equal value) to the Guelph Public Library Board at Guelph, Ontario, Canada for the general purpose of supporting the library and its greatest needs if [condition is met] ..."

"In the event that [name condition], I give the Guelph Public Library Board [value] to be used for the general purposes of said charity." [e.g. my sister does not survive me]

We also recommend including the following clause to your will if you are

in full agreement with the intention expressed:

“In the event that, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees of the Guelph Public Library, it should become impossible, inadvisable, or impractical to apply this gift for said purpose, the gift may be used for other purposes consonant with the spirit and intention of this gift, adhering as closely as possible to my stated intention.”

“In the event that unforeseen circumstances make the specified use of the bequest no longer practical or desirable, the Guelph Public Library Board is hereby authorized to make changes in its use while keeping as close as possible to the spirit and general intent of the bequest.”

Note: These clauses are provided to aid in your estate planning process, with an understanding that the Guelph Public Library is not providing legal or professional advice. Please review them with your own legal and tax advisors to determine their suitability for your unique personal, philanthropic, and financial goals.

Charitable Information:

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