

## THE MISSION OF BROOKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TO PROVIDE collections and services that support the learning, information, personal enrichment, and leisure needs of people of all ages in the Brattleboro community.



Thank you for considering a gift to the Brooks Memorial Library.

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## LIBRARY SERVICES



FOLLOWING ARE THE FIVE service priorities for the coming years:

- Support young readers from early literacy on.
- Satisfy the Curiosity of Library Users Through Life-Long Learning.
- Connect to the Online World and Help Library Users Find, Evaluate, and Use Information.
- Stimulate the Imagination of Library Users Via Resources for Reading, Viewing, and Listening.
- Provide Access to Welcoming Physical and Virtual Spaces for Library Users.



## GIVING TO THE LIBRARY

# GIFTS

PEOPLE WHO SHARE and value the ideals of George Brooks and the citizens who started Brattleboro's first library continue to strengthen Brooks Memorial Library. Some make outright cash contributions. Others give books, equipment, securities, artworks or other property. Many make memorial donations—an especially gracious way to recognize both the donor and the honoree. Individuals can often increase the size of their gifts through company matching gift programs. And some people make bequests in their wills.

YOU TOO CAN JOIN the generations of readers and patrons who have kept Brooks Library healthy and growing with their gifts and contributions.

AT THE MAIN CIRCULATION DESK is a form you can use to tell us what and how you would like to give. Or you may contact the Library Director for more information about any of these giving opportunities. Your inquiry will be kept confidential, and any gift may be made anonymously. Thank you!

# LIBRARY HISTORY



IN 1887, GEORGE J. BROOKS provided the money and vision to build Brattleboro a new library. A Chesterfield, New Hampshire, native who retired to Brattleboro after making a fortune as a merchant in the West, Brooks believed that “a well selected library is a powerful and wise educator, and should receive fostering care and generous financial backing.”

Brooks Memorial Library today serves patrons in Brattleboro and its neighboring towns and institutions not only with traditional printed materials but also with audio, video, and electronic materials. Patrons can borrow books and magazines, audio CD's and DVD's, they can download and borrow eBooks and eAudio, as well as access the 38 full-text databases using a library card from home or office.

# PLANNED GIFTS CAN TAKE SEVERAL FORMS:

- **Outright bequest:** You may leave cash, securities, jewelry, or any other real or personal property to the Brooks Memorial Library in your will. Non-cash assets will generally be converted to cash.
- **Beneficiary designation:** You can name the Brooks Memorial Library as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or bank account.
- **Trust beneficiary:** You can name the Brooks Memorial Library as either the beneficiary of the income from a trust or beneficiary of a trust at its termination.

*Your generosity will help keep the  
Library's collections and community  
resources strong.*