



February 10, 2023

Dear Friends,

Friends of the Kaubisch Memorial Public Library are ramping up to safeguard the longevity of Fostoria's public library by establishing the **Fostoria Library Growth Fund**—a special fund for the future!

In 1913, Fostoria used a gift from Louisa McClean, along with a grant from Andrew Carnegie, to construct a library building—the backbone of today's Kaubisch Memorial Public Library. Many of us have heard our parents or grandparents tell stories (or even remember) climbing the steps into that original building. We have fond memories of exploring the stacks for news stories, finding a book by our favorite author, and seeing the building expand and modernize into what it is today.

The **Fostoria Library Growth Fund** is designed to benefit future generations of our library's caretakers and explorers as an alternative source of income. The fund, which would be administered through the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation, will build over decades and could provide capital improvements, state-of-the-art equipment, or be the lifesaver in unforeseen events.

Why create a special fund? Currently, all monies contributed or donated to the library are automatically placed in the library's general account, subject to state guidelines. Establishing a separate fund for contributions and bequests will provide important benefits including greater spending flexibility and additional security should an unexpected emergency or opportunity arise.

Opening the fund requires \$25,000 donated by an outside organization (not the library itself). The Friends of the Library have agreed to serve as the outside group and help raise this initial injection of funding. In addition, Friends of the Library **will be matching contributions up to \$5,000** to kick off the fundraising campaign.

We are asking you to think generously! Please help us make this fund a reality by contributing at one of the following levels:

\$10,000 – Founder

\$5,000 – Patron

\$2,500 – Partner

\$1,000 – Advocate

\$ 500 – Supporter

\$ 100 – Friend

Of course, any contribution would be greatly appreciated!

With your permission, all contributions at the Advocate level and above will be acknowledged with your name on a mounted plaque in the library.

Please fill out the form below and make checks out to "Friends of the Library" with "Attention: Growth Fund" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the library c/o Friends, or dropped off in person at the front desk of the library. Friends is a 501(c)3 organization allowing you to take a tax deduction for your contribution.

Thank you so very much for your consideration. **Your gift—and all future earnings from your gift—will become a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever!**

We're counting on you!

Yours very truly,

The Friends of the Library

Officers Lynn Gutierrez Wolph, Tammi Garrett, Diane Noble, Annette Mortimer, and Rhonda Smith

DONATION FORM

"Fostoria Library Growth Fund"

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____

Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____

Amount Pledged _____

* Please remit donation form and contribution to:

Friends of the Library, c/o Kaubisch Memorial Public Library, 205 Perry Street, Fostoria, Ohio 44830.

