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### **Your Annual Fund Gift Helps to Write the Next Chapter of Our Library's Story**

Dear Library Patron,

Great stories start at Sewickley Public Library, and there is no better time to help write the next chapter of our library's story than right now by making a gift to the 2018 Annual Fund. Your gift this year takes on new meaning as we seek to maximize the impact of an extraordinary bequest announced earlier this year.

When Raymond Suckling created a fund with the Pittsburgh Foundation that would benefit the Sewickley Public Library, he perhaps did so in part because he knew that the library is free and open to all, and has the potential to reach every citizen of our community. I'd like to think he did so also because of his own love for our village library and the sense of community that he experienced every time he visited.

This gift will allow us to realize long-imagined goals for our historic library and its programs and services, but only if we ensure the foundation of our library funding remains strong. His \$500,000 bequest will be released to the library gradually, in incremental payments, until the full annual amount begins to be realized in 2021. In the interim, and beyond, continued financial support from our donors is vital in order for his gift to have the lasting impact that he intended. Together, we will achieve far more than relying on his generosity alone.

I make a gift each year to the library in part as a gesture of gratitude for all that libraries have meant to me and my family. I do so also because I strongly believe in the vision of our library. I hope that you too will give to the library's annual fund, in gratitude for all that your library has meant to you, and in appreciation for one man's incredible measure of thoughtfulness for his community.

Sincerely,

Lawrence V. Castner  
President, Board of Directors  
Sewickley Public Library



*Working together to build a strong future for Sewickley Public Library*