A Lasting Tribute

In 1949, Orcas Islanders began collecting and sharing books in post offices and stores. By the mid-1950s, when the number of books had outgrown the makeshift spaces, Islanders decided to construct a Library building, and raised the money through teas, hobby shows, donations, and the very first Library Fair. The Main Street Library was dedicated in 1956 and served the island for 30 years.

In 1987, the community approved the formation of a tax-supported Library District. Those Library District tax funds, along with Library Fair and community donations, supported the building of the current Library which opened in 1993. Every year since then, the Library has welcomed increasing use by children, young adults, and adults alike. Our Library provides a vital community resource, a lively gathering place, and a welcoming architectural treasure. It is a special place at the vital core of our community.

An Enduring Legacy

25 years have passed since fundraising began for our current Library building. Now we are very close to completely funding the building of a beautiful new addition which will serve our community well into the future, and we need your help. With a named gift, you can become a permanent part of the enduring legacy of the Orcas Island Public Library.

Hundreds of people pass through its doors daily, making naming opportunities here among the most visible anywhere on the island.

You may select from naming opportunities in the building, on the Library grounds, or in one of the Library’s collections. You may choose to honor or memorialize a person, couple, or family, and name an area, room, or space. Your donation will be acknowledged with a commemorative plaque.

You can make a difference today that will have a lasting impact.

Our Mission

The Orcas Island Public Library supports all learners on the island by maintaining strong collections, online resources, and services; serves as a welcoming place for reflection, exploration, discussion, and community networking; and reaches out effectively to all groups and individuals who will benefit from receiving services away from the Library.

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Naming Opportunities

"Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest."
Lady Bird Johnson
**An Enduring Legacy**

“Congratulations on the new library, because it isn’t just a library. It is a spaceship that will take you to the farthest reaches of the Universe, a time machine that will take you to the far past and the far future, a teacher that knows more than any human being, a friend that will amuse you and console you—and most of all, a gateway, to a better and happier and more useful life.”

Isaac Asimov

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**North Reading Room**
**South Reading Room**
**Children’s Room**
**Young Adult Library**
**Quiet Reading Room**
**Lounge**
**Magazine Reading Area**
**Computer Area**
**Circulation Desk**
**South Patio**
**North Amphitheater**
**Large Group Meeting Room**
**Technology Fund**

- **Directors Office**
- **Children’s & Young Adult Office**
- **Small Group Meeting Room**
- **Music Collection**
- **Spanish Language Collection**
- **Outside Book Return**
- **Presentation Case**
- **New Book Display Area**
- **Computer Work Stations**
- **Study Tables**

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**Outdoor Garden Spaces**

- **Circle Drive Garden**
- **North Amphitheater Garden**
- **West Pathway Garden**
- **South Patio Garden**
- **South Trellis Garden**
- **East Lounge Garden**
Outdoor Garden Spaces

1. **North Amphitheater Garden**
2. **Stair Garden**
3. **Northeast Rose Street Garden**
4. **South Trellis Garden**
5. **West Pathway Garden**
6. **South Patio Garden**
7. **South Native Plant Garden**
8. **Entry Garden**
9. **Community Sculpture Garden**
10. **Circle Drive Garden**
11. **East Lounge Garden**

“A garden to walk in and immensity to dream in—what more could he ask? A few flowers at his feet and above him the stars.”
Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*

“The soul cannot thrive in the absence of a garden. If you don't want paradise, you are not human; and if you are not human, you don't have a soul.”
Thomas More

“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.”
Marcus Tullius Cicero