

## An invitation to philanthropy:

The Lodi Public Library's Board of Trustees invites you to consider a gift to the library.

By doing so, you strengthen the enduring values of our library, acknowledge its rich legacy, and ensure its prominent place in local history now and for future generations of Lodi residents.

The library welcomes annual donations, pledges, memorial and tribute gifts, and planned gifts at every level.

Planned estate gifts could include bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, and retirement plan assets.

Unrestricted gifts allow the Library Board to support the greatest needs, but you may request special use for your gifts if preferred.



For more information on giving, to make a donation, or for help with **whatever you're looking for**

please visit us at the library in person, by phone, or online:



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130 Lodi Street  
Lodi WI 53555

(608) 592-4130  
[www.LodiPublicLibrary.org](http://www.LodiPublicLibrary.org)

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Serving the Lodi and Lake Wisconsin community since 1900

*Lodi Public Library is proud to be a member of the South Central Library System*

## TURNING A PAGE TO THE FUTURE: LODI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Memorials & Gifts

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Margaret J. "Peg" Hilliker  
Memorial Endowment Fund

**Lodi  
Public Library**  
Legacy Campaign



Discover how your gift can help the **Lodi Public Library** provide vital informational, educational, cultural and recreational services to the community

*Donations to the Lodi Public Library may be tax-deductible in accordance with and subject to applicable law.*

*Please check with your tax professional for information.*

# In the middle of Lodi's history ...

The library has been at the heart of Lodi since its 1900 inception as part of the national Woman's Club philanthropy movement.

For many years the books were kept in homes, and eventually the women petitioned for space in City Hall.



In 1979, Lodi and all the libraries in Columbia Co. made the decision to join South Central Library System. This membership provides a cutting-edge catalog and circulation system, lending and borrowing privileges, collective buying advantages, and the support of professional consultants.

In 1990 the library moved to its own space, in its current home, after remodeling the former State Bank of Lodi building.

The evolution of technology has drastically changed the face of libraries, but at the core our mission remains the same as always:

**The library's  
true business is  
INFORMATION  
in any form,  
and that doesn't change.**

## Lodi Public Library's Margaret J. "Peg" Hilliker Memorial Endowment Fund

For nearly 30 years, Peg Hilliker was Lodi's librarian. She led the library through a time of great informational and technological revolution — from the days of a typed card catalog to an integrated online library management system available from the phone in your pocket.



Throughout the automations, Peg made sure the focus of the library remained on the Lodi community, its people and their unique needs.

The library's Endowment Fund was established to encourage charitable gifts for the benefit of the library. After Peg passed away in 2008, the library board renamed its Endowment Fund in her honor.

Donations to the Endowment Fund may be tax-exempt under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. All gifts are subject to the library's Donations Policy.

The Lodi Public Library Board and its Endowment Committee are committed to respectfully investing funds to ensure for the library's future needs.

## Why the library?

An active, growing library is as crucial to a community as law enforcement, health care services, fire protection, public schools, and civic and charitable organizations.

A good library is a community asset with proven appeal to those moving into the area.

Libraries make connections between people and the things they need or want. To the betterment of the community, the library:

- Collaborates with organizations, businesses, and professionals to provide the community with resources to grow, learn, and develop
- Supplements the school's curriculum
- Offers a safe place for kids and a gathering place for all ages
- Provides free, fair, equal, and confidential access to information and services for every member of society
- Maintains access to up-to-date technology and the know-how to use it
- Reflects the needs, dreams, and inspirations of its unique community
- Facilitates multi-faceted conversation about all topics of interest

If you agree that a vibrant public library is an asset to this community, please:

**Consider a gift to Lodi Public Library  
as part of your financial planning.**

