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# The Lorain Public Library System Endowment Fund



Lorain Public Library System  
**Foundation**

To fund initiatives and programs to support the library system's role as a free public resource for education, recreation,

and information  
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## About the Lorain Public Library System



The Lorain Public Library System (LPLS) was established in 1901. Today, the System has a main library in the city of Lorain plus five branches: Avon, Columbia, Domonkas (serving Sheffield Lake), North Ridgeville, and South Lorain.

Annually, more than two million books, magazines, CDs, and DVDs are borrowed from the Lorain Public Library System. Three-fourths of the residents served by the Lorain Public Library System have a library card.

## About the Fund

The Lorain Public Library System's funding is unique in the state. While most county-wide library systems are funded by county-wide levies, Lorain's library system is funded by levies in each community where a library is located.

In return, the library system commits to spending all levy funds solely on the library in the community in which they are collected. Funding for system-wide programs must come from state funds and private donations. As state funds have been slashed, the need for private donations has never been greater.

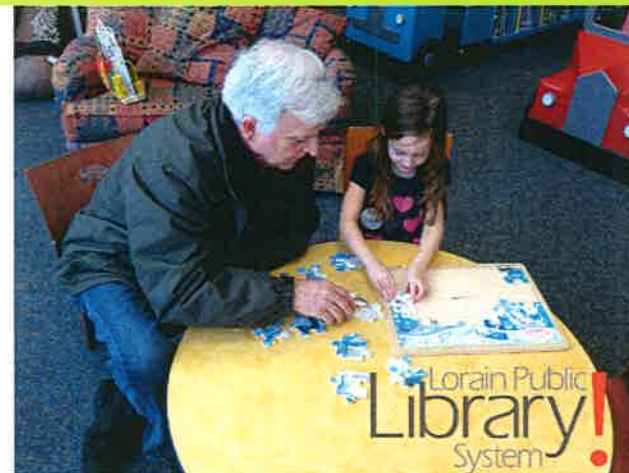
The Foundation of the Lorain Public Library System, Inc. (LPLS Foundation) was established in 2002 in response to the growing funding crisis affecting public libraries in Ohio and nationwide. The LPLS Foundation is administered by a Board of Directors who volunteer their time and talent. They represent the various communities served by the Lorain Public Library System. It is an independent, nonprofit entity.



The Endowment of the Lorain Public Library System Fund was created in 2008 to permanently support the mission of the Lorain Public Library System and is held with and invested by the Community Foundation of Lorain County.

The LPLS Foundation does not replace existing monetary sources; it provides supplemental funds to be available as needed and makes unfunded initiatives possible in every community the library serves. This helps cushion the library system against service cutbacks when government funding is affected by shifting political priorities and unpredictable tax levies.

Funds raised by the LPLS Foundation are used to further the educational objectives of the community, support capital projects and sponsor special services such as literacy, tutoring, and reading programs.



## How To Contribute:

As a donor, you can contribute in a wide variety of ways that benefit both the Fund *and* you.

### WAYS TO GIVE:



Consider including the Fund in your estate plans. Any number of planned gifts can be arranged.

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## About Organizational Endowment Funds

The Community Foundation partners with many local organizations to build their permanent endowments. Organizational Endowment Funds provide a relatively stable income to support the work of nonprofit agencies. Having a constant source of funding helps the organizations sustain the good work they do every day and plan for the future.