Welcome to Library of the Chathams





A part of the community since 1907 and a joint library since 1975, we strive to be the intellectual and social center of Chatham Borough and Chatham Township.

More than a place for books, we provide resources that support valuable opportunities to build knowledge, culture, and social experiences that enrich lives.

Library of the Chathams is part of the Main Library Alliance of 49 public libraries in Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, and Warren counties. We are also part of the Morris-Union Federation and Open Borrowing, giving you in-person borrowing privileges at over 100 public libraries in Northern and Central New Jersey.

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Giving to the Library in Your Will or Living Trust

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Name the Library in Your Will or Living Trust



Ways to Give

Specific Bequest:

A specific bequest is a gift of a particular dollar amount or property.

For example: I bequeath (dollar amount or description of personal property) to Library of the Chathams, 214 Main Street, Chatham, NJ 07928.

Contingent Bequest:

A contingent bequest is a gift which takes effect only if the primary beneficiary or beneficiaries of the bequest should predecease you.

For example: If neither my spouse nor any descendant of mine survives me, then I give, bequeath and devise all the rest, residue and remainder of (property or account) to Library of the Chathams, 214 Main Street, Chatham, NJ 07928.

Residuary Bequest:

The most common and simple to designate, a residuary bequest is a gift of all or part of the property remaining in your estate after debts, expenses and specific bequests have been paid. You control what percentage of your estate is given to an individual or charity. This method automatically adjusts the size of your bequest according to the value of your estate. In the event of unexpected changes in your estate value, you can have peace of mind that your intentions will be fulfilled without the estate running out of assets to distribute.

For example: I bequeath (____%) of the rest, residue and remainder of my property, both real and personal, to Library of the Chathams, 214 Main Street, Chatham, NJ 07928.

Information for the Attorney Drafting Your Bequest

Library Full Legal Name:

Joint Free Public Library of the Chathams.

Legal address:

214 Main Street, Chatham, NJ 07928

Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN): 22-6001717

Incorporation Date:

January 22, 1907. The library became a joint library, Library of the Chathams, on January 1, 1975.

Gifts to the Library are not subject to estate tax.

Consult with your attorney or other advisors to make sure that the gift you choose makes sense as part of your overall estate plan.