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Donations to charitable institutions and associations, volunteer and nonprofit organizations, chambers of commerce, etc

B. Any locality may make gifts and donations of property, real or personal, or money to (i) any charitable institution or nonprofit or other organization providing housing for persons 60 years of age or older or operating a hospital or nursing home; (ii) any association or other organization furnishing voluntary firefighting services; (iii) any nonprofit or volunteer emergency medical services agency, within or outside the boundaries of the locality; (iv) any nonprofit recreational association or organization; (v) any nonprofit organization providing recreational or daycare services to persons 65 years of age or older; or (vi) any nonprofit association or organization furnishing services to beautify and maintain communities or to prevent neighborhood deterioration. Gifts or donations of property, real or personal, or money by any locality to any nonprofit association, recreational association, or organization described in provision (iv), (v), or (vi) may be made provided the nonprofit association, recreational association, or organization is not controlled in whole or in part by any church or sectarian society. Donations of property or money to any such charitable, nonprofit or other hospital or nursing home, institution or organization or nonprofit recreational associations or organizations may be made for construction purposes, for operating expenses, or both. A locality may make like gifts and donations to chambers of commerce which are nonprofit and nonsectarian. A locality may make like gifts, donations and appropriations of money to industrial development authorities for the purposes of promoting economic development. A locality may make like gifts and donations to any and all public and private nonprofit organizations and agencies engaged in commemorating historical events. A locality may make like gifts and donations to any nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that is engaged in providing energy efficiency services or promoting energy efficiency within or without the boundaries of the locality. A locality may make like gifts and donations to any nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that is engaged in providing emergency relief to residents, including providing the repair or replacement of private property damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster. A locality may make like gifts and donations to nonprofit foundations established to support the locality’s public parks, libraries, and law enforcement. For the purposes of this paragraph, “donations” to any such foundation shall include the lawful provision of in-kind resources. A locality may make monetary gifts, donations and appropriations of money to a state college or university which provides services to such locality’s residents. Public library materials that are discarded from their collections may be given to nonprofit organizations that support library functions, including, but not limited to, friends of the library, library advisory boards, library foundations, library trusts and library boards of trustees.
Policy M, Regarding Gifts to and Alliances with the Library System

1. Gifts to the Library
   a. Authorization
      1. Virginia Code 42.1-35 states in part: ... the Board shall have the right to accept donations and bequests of money, personal property, or real estate for the establishment and maintenance of such free public Library systems or endowments for same.
      2. The Board of County Supervisors, at its meeting December 21, 1955, ... agreed that should anyone desire to donate land for Library purposes and specifies that it should be titled in the name of the Library Board and not the County, that the Library Board should first come back to the Board of County Supervisors and get its permission on whether the land so offered as a gift should be accepted and that the same procedure should also be followed whether the land is donated or to be purchased.
      3. Gifts to the Fairfax County Public Library may be tax-deductible.
      4. In February 1995, the Fairfax County Public Library Foundation, Inc. was established.
         a. The Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization established as 501(c)(3) for the sole benefit of the Library.
         b. Gifts to the Foundation are tax-deductible.
         c. The Fairfax Library Foundation and the Fairfax County Public Library should not pass funds through each other; they should maintain separate financial holdings.
   b. Library Director's Authority
      1. The Library Director shall accept or reject gifts within the scope and limitations established by the Library Board; The Library Director complies with county policy and procedure.
      2. All gifts of books are to be handled at the discretion of the Library Director. Appropriate notations may be placed on them at the discretion of the Director.
      3. The Library Board has sole authority to accept or reject any gift. When accepting gifts from any source, the Library Director acts as the agent of the Library Board.
   c. Appraisals
      1. The Library will not assign any value.
      2. For most donations, the fair market value is the donor's estimate of the donated item's worth.
      3. To establish extraordinary value, the cost of the appraisal should be borne by the donor.
   d. Expenditures
      1. System Gift Funds are those funds collected by the Library on behalf of Friends Groups from their ongoing book sales proceeds. These funds are considered unrestricted.
      2. Unrestricted Library Gift Funds shall be spent for any purchases designed to enhance operations of the Fairfax County libraries.
   e. Compliance
      1. FCPL shall follow all procedures/policies outlined in county policy and procedure.

2. Alliances
   a. The Library will pursue agreements with federal/state/local agencies, industry, academia, and other organizations, to build cooperative alliances which are beneficial to the Library.
   b. Alliances must relate to the Library's mission and be structured to enhance a library program, service or product.
   c. The Library Director shall report to the Board on a regular basis about system alliances.

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Policy U Regarding Public Comment at Library Board Meetings

The Library Board wishes to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on various Library System related issues. In addition to the budget-related Public Hearing held in June of each year, the Board has established a Public Comment time period at each regularly scheduled Library Board meeting. The following serves to support this process.

1. There will be a Public Comment period at each regularly scheduled Library Board meeting.
2. A maximum of five speakers will be heard.
3. Speakers will have a maximum of three minutes for their comments.
4. Individual speakers will be limited to one public comment period each six month period.
5. Speakers are requested to pre-register with the Library Director; however, if there are available public comment slots open at the time of a Board meeting, the remaining slots may be filled by individuals registering at the meeting.
6. Board members will not question or respond to speakers.

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