

As an IRS 501 c (3) charitable organization, all contributions to the Dare County Library Foundation are tax deductible. The Dare County Library Foundation has a governing Board of Directors who oversees this endowment fund. Current economic challenges only add to the importance of needing supplemental funding sources for the library. By contributing to the Dare County Library Foundation, you help the Dare County Library and our community grow.

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The Dare County Library Foundation is focused on supporting our libraries in these key areas:

- ◆ Lectures and Educational Programs
- ◆ Literary Events
- ◆ State of the Art Technology
- ◆ Upgrades for the Library
- ◆ Children's Library

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Yes!

I want to help the Library grow!

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Donations in any amount are
welcome.

Please make checks payable to:

Dare County
Library Foundation
PO Box 1000
Manteo, NC 27954

Donations may also be dropped off
at the Hatteras, Manteo and
Kill Devil Hills Libraries

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We Have Strong Roots...

The Dare County Library Foundation was established in 2002 to enhance library services and collections. Library Foundation monies are not used to replace or in any way substitute for funds provided by the County or State to support the Library.

The need to grow our endowment fund is greater than ever. After just 10 years, the Dare County Library Foundation is already making a difference! Allowing the library to upgrade its technology, expand its collection of children's books, and begin lending eBooks all done at a time of reduced public funding for our libraries.

OUR MISSION: The mission of the Dare County Library Foundation is to improve the quality of services that the Dare County Library provides to our community. By securing resources to support library programs and projects not normally met by public funding, the library can grow and meet the needs of our community.



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If you think public libraries are old-fashioned, or the internet has made them obsolete, the truth is the internet and other technologies have made public libraries busier than ever. Our internet computers (with MS Office) and children's educational computers were used over 28,000 times last year. An important part of the Library's mission is to close the "digital divide" that exists in our community. It is important to recognize that many people cannot afford their own computer and software, as well as a high speed internet connection. Recent trends in e-government and job applications only being accepted electronically have made this area of service more important than ever.

We still see a very strong "traditional use" of the library. Last year our three locations loaned over 217,000 physical items – equaling more than six items for every man, woman and child that lives in Dare County.

Use of public libraries is changing, and the Dare County Library Foundation is allowing us to change with the times. In 2012, Our Regional Library System became the first in the State to lend 3MCloud Library eBooks to our customers. The initial collection and platform fee was paid for with Foundation monies - no public funds were used.

At this same time in our Library's history, when change and innovation is occurring so rapidly, our public funding is simply unable to keep pace. State funding for the Regional Library System is at its lowest point in 15 years! County funding is flat; not even keeping up with inflationary factors.

The Dare County Library is committed to meeting the needs of our community. In order to be a library of excellence, we need the support of our community. Your tax-deductible contribution to the Dare County Library Foundation will ensure that your library will continue to grow to meet the needs of our community.

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