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A future gift to the Library can be made for a specific amount, for a percentage of your estate, or for all or a portion of what is left after you have made gifts to your family. To make a gift to the Library from your estate, you must sign a new will or living trust instrument, add a codicil to your present will, or make an amendment to your present trust instrument.

You can also designate the Library as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy. To do so, contact the retirement plan administrator or life insurance company and complete the beneficiary designation form.

Following is our legal name, address, federal tax ID, and sample language for you to include in your documents or to share with your advisor.

Legal Name: Library of Congress

Address: 101 Independence Ave, SE, Washington, DC 20540-1400

Federal Tax ID: 53-6002532

Sample Gift Language

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., \$_____ (or _____%) of my residuary estate for the general support of the Library of Congress."

Designated Gift Language

If you decide to designate your gift to a specific purpose or use, we ask that you identify that use and include language to ensure that your gift will always remain productive if circumstances change:

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. \$_____ (or _____%) of my residuary estate to be used for *(state purpose relating to the desired program or activity, e.g., 'the National Book Festival or its successor program')*. If, in the judgment of the Librarian of Congress, circumstances render all or a part of this bequest no longer appropriate for the designated purpose, then the Librarian may use the bequest for any purpose of the Library of Congress that will most nearly accomplish my original designation."

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Gifts to the Collections

If you have a collection or personal papers that you would like to donate to the Library through your estate, please contact us so that we can insure the Library can fulfill your wishes.

Contact Us

For questions about your future gift, please contact:

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