



Chatham Area Public Library Foundation Understands the Importance of Planning

Expansion is the focus of the Chatham Area Public Library. And at the heart of that focus is the **Chatham Area Public Library District Foundation Fund**, which the organization has recently set up through the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln.

“The goal of the fund is to help with the library’s long term plan and our long term plan will include expanding the library,” said Linda Meyer, librarian of the Chatham Area Public Library. “We’re hoping to be able to double the size of the current facilities.”

Book sales and raffles will not be the driving force behind the fund. Instead the organization will rely on gifts from community members.

“This is an endowment fund that is intended to be funded by bequests and that type of thing other than fundraisers,” Meyer said. “We hope to get the fund to a position where we can do special things with it. We hope to get it to the level where we only use the interest.”

The library felt the best way to approach the endowment fund was through using the tools offered by the Community Foundation.

“This is a new foundation and we haven’t done a whole lot with it and we felt people would have more confidence with our association with the Community Foundation,” Meyer said. “The investment expertise (of the Community Foundation), and the ability to pool our resources with other community organizations and generous people will help in growing the fund.”



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