

## HOW TO DONATE TO THE GREAT BARRINGTON LIBRARY FUND

The **Great Barrington Library Fund (GBLF)**, a newly formed nonprofit organization, has a unique and singular mission to provide funding for the Mason and Ramsdell Libraries, particularly for its capital raising purposes. Our primary goal is to supplement capital campaign needs, especially the renovation of Ramsdell Library.<sup>1</sup> Here are ways you help with a donation:

### 1. By mail

Write a check to GB Library Fund; send to PO Box 866, Great Barrington MA 01230

### 2. Electronically

- On our website, [GBLibraryFund.org](https://gblibraryfund.org), click on “Donate,” and follow the instructions. It will take donations through PayPal that is linked to our
- Lee Bank account.
- Using our QR Code to make a donation directly on PayPal.



GB Library PayPal QR Code

### 3. Venmo

Several options for online and cell-phone-based donors:

- Within Venmo app, click “Pay” and send money to our username: **@gblibraryfund**
- Within Venmo app, click “Pay” and start typing “**Great Barrington Library Fund.**” A list of matching businesses will appear. We are listed under “Charities” at bottom.
- Scan our Venmo QR Code, which redirects to our Venmo donation page. Pay from there using Venmo.



Venmo QR Code

### 4. Through an investment account

Donate through a Donor-Advised Funds (DAF).<sup>2</sup> **Great Barrington Library Fund (GBLF)** was incorporated and given a non-profit status (501c(3) in June, 2024. We are listed in many investment management DAF’s.

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<sup>1</sup> Donations to the GB Library Fund will be set aside for the renovation of Ramsdell Library for 2024-2027 unless donors specify otherwise.

#### <sup>2</sup>What a DAF is:

A donor-advised fund (DAF) is a charitable investment account that allows individuals to contribute money to support charities while receiving tax benefits:

**How it works.** You contribute cash, stocks, or other assets to a DAF at a public charity, community foundation, or financial institution. You receive a tax deduction for the year of the donation for the full value of any security. The funds are then invested tax-free, and you can recommend how to distribute them to charities over time.

**Examples of DAF’s:** Many large financial services firms have DAF’s such as: Fidelity, Schwab, Vanguard, Bank of America Private Bank, Merrill Lynch, JP Morgan Private Bank.