

Enriching Your Place Stillwater Public Library Foundation

The SPL Foundation was created to attract gifts to the library. The current financial climate for public servicers is austere, so private funds make the difference between a good library and a great library. The Foundation has selected these areas to receive special support:

- Library users want and expect to find content available in the most convenient format. Therefore the library might offer the same title in hardcover, paperback, large print, audioformats (CD, MP3, and eAudio), eBook, DVD. Balancing these formats and adding new ones is a challenging financial task—one that the SPL Foundation has eagerly undertaken.
- Programming makes characters leap off the page for children and sparks the curiosity and creativity of adults. With program budgets a thing of the past, the SPL Foundation has stepped in to augment the programming funds that the library receives from a variety of sources both inside and outside the community.
- The library's meeting rooms and terrace, added in 2006, are wonderful resources for the community. In 2011, there have been 33 private events in the spaces, which supplement public dollars. The SPL Foundation contracts with an event space coordinator to market these spaces and manage events for the library. This is a signal service to the library, allowing it to receive all revenues from rental of the terrace, meeting rooms, and event furniture. Income in 2011 is an estimated \$58,000 and is budgeted at \$63,000 for 2012.

Recent Foundation Grants to the Library

- A collection of 200 eBooks
- Books in MP3 format
- Large print book titles
- A stronger film collection
- New documentary films and nonfiction DVDs
- Puppet theater
- Programming funds for children, teens and adults
- Classes in the use of online databases and eBooks
- Marketing and supervision of the library's event spaces
- 21 days of Sunday operation in 2011