

McGill Parents Fund

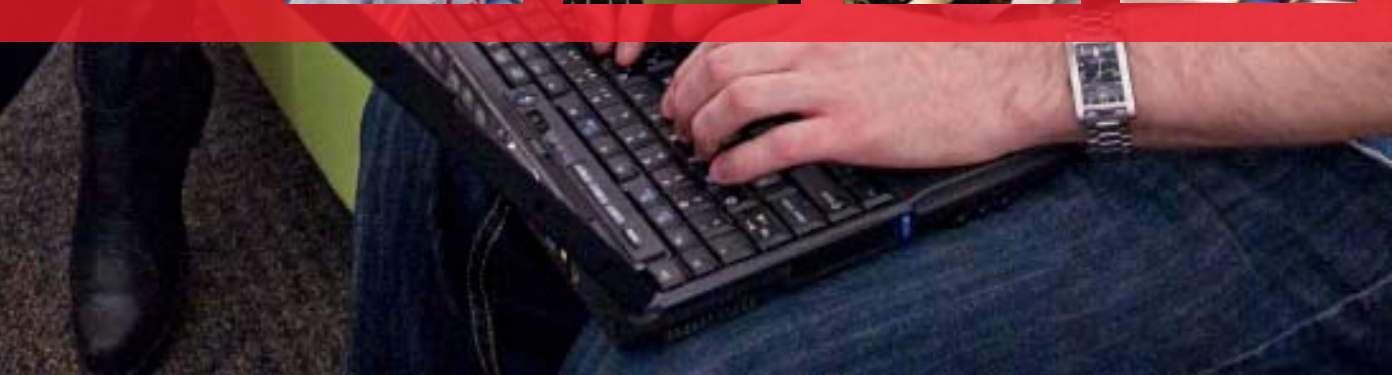
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The Parents Fund: *Investing in students*



“Over three million people use the McGill Library’s collections and services each year. Always a vital locus of student life and learning, the Library is becoming even more important as changes in higher education, information technology and scholarly communication take place at an increasingly rapid pace.”

*—Janine Schmidt
Trenholme Director of Libraries*



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With the McGill Library playing such a central and memorable role in student life and learning, it is hardly surprising that McGill parents would feel a sense of kinship and responsibility. That explains why, in 1963, they set up the McGill Parents Fund, the first of its kind in Canada, to support the University’s branch libraries.

Today, the Parents Fund is more important than ever, with donations providing flexible financial support for invaluable new books, e-journals and multimedia, essential tools that form the basis of a great educational experience. Gifts to the Parents Fund also support upgrades necessary to keep pace with the changing face of technology, such as smart boards, interactive work spaces and electronic devices which are critical to today’s Library.

When you support the Parents Fund, you help McGill students—including your own children — reach their maximum potential. All gifts, regardless of size, are important and help ensure that your child has access to the exceptional academic opportunities, services and resources that are hallmarks of McGill.



The McGill Library is a 24-hour hub for student life, with more than 10,000 people using its facilities daily to study, conduct research or collaborate on group projects.

The Library provides students with an optimal combination of the traditional library experience with books and study space, and the virtual library with a vast online collection and information guides (also known as Librarians) who help students find and discern the best information sources.

With holdings of more than six million items—including 2.5 million print volumes, two million e-books and almost 60,000 e-journals—the McGill Library constitutes one of the largest research collections in Canada and the largest in Quebec.



The McGill Library: A home away from home

For second-year Law student Alexandra (Lexi) Pace, BA'07, and many other McGill students, the Library is much more than a place to study—it is a home away from home and a source of inspiration. “Many students spend more hours there than they do at home in an average week, the resources and the facilities being essential to the work they do,” she says.

While completing her undergraduate degree, Lexi spent countless hours scouring the Library’s vast collections of over six million items, primarily in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library. Now, she spends much of her time at the Nahum Gelber Law Library, consulting its extensive selection of statutes, law reports and other legal material.

“What I most value about the Library is being able to read somewhere that is open to natural light, where a community assembles to work and where I can get assistance with all sorts of questions as soon as I need it,” she says.

Grateful for the role that the McGill Library has played in her education, Lexi joined the Library Improvement Fund, a student-run initiative that helps raise financial support for the University’s 13 branch libraries and assists in determining library service priorities and allocation of the funds provided by the students. Resources raised by Lexi and her fellow students have an immediate impact, helping to introduce much-needed 24-hour study spaces, expand book and journal collections, and enhance facilities to create more comfortable student workstations.

Lexi stresses the importance of supporting the Library, a resource that she says is essential to student life and learning. According to Lexi, “the Library is a symbolic site of learning and the very spirit of the University.”

When you give to the McGill Parents Fund, you are supporting exceptional students who are making a real difference in the world today.



Every Gift Counts

Here are just some examples of what can be accomplished in the Library thanks to the help from donors to the Parents Fund:

Gifts of \$750 will purchase an e-book reader and five e-books, allowing the Library to meet the evolving needs of students.

Gifts of \$1,500 will enrich the Library's printed book holdings, purchasing six books in various subject areas, such as law, medicine or music.

Gifts of \$2,500 will repair, rebind and restore several rare books in the Library's collection, allowing access to valuable research materials and safeguarding the future of important academic resources.

Gifts of \$5,000 will support an exhibition featuring some of the Library's many treasures, promoting knowledge on topics ranging from historical Islamic manuscripts to 16th century maps of North America.

Gifts of \$10,000 will furnish one small group study and learning space at the Library, providing students with an important area to collaborate and share ideas.

Gifts of \$25,000 will procure over two terabytes of valuable server space – enough to make available more than 50,000 digitized books, improving access and supporting teaching and learning.



Campaign McGill: *History in the making*

McGill's most ambitious fundraising venture ever aims to raise \$750-million, which will take the University and the Library to new heights of excellence and innovation.

Through Campaign McGill, the Library seeks the philanthropic support for the following priorities:

- renewing its flagship branch with updated learning environments like the Cyberthèque (pictured above)
- establishing learner-focused, student-centered branch libraries
- building vibrant, valuable and unique real and virtual collections
- broadening access through the digital library to meet learning and research needs
- unveiling its collections through exhibitions, both real and virtual

All gifts to the Parents Fund count towards Campaign McGill and will play a powerful role in helping the Library address the needs of current and future generations of students.

Donate now

Make an annual gift to the McGill Library and support our students in their efforts to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Every gift matters. Make yours today.



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