Plath Fund Policy

PURPOSE
To establish a policy for use of Plath Fund resources.

HISTORY
On September 28, 1977, Delores Plath established a legal Will and Testimony naming Yakima Valley Regional Library (Yakima Valley Libraries) as one of her benefactors; designating that funds be used, “for the benefit of employees of said library toward career advancement and learning in the field of library science and services.”

The Plath Fund is a Special Revenue, private endowment fund. There are no public funds included.

POLICIES

- The Fund may be used to assist current employees obtain a Master’s Degree in Library Science:
  - The school must be an ALA accredited institution,
  - Other criteria may be established by Library Director;

- The Fund may be used for other career advancement courses as determined in best interest of the library:
  - The course or program will be approved by the Library Director,
  - Criteria may be established by Library Director;

- This Fund may be used to offset training needs for Yakima Valley Libraries;

- After approved allocations, a target balance of $25,000 should remain in the fund for future Master’s candidate;

- This fund may accept other donated money within policy criteria;

- The Library Director is responsible for oversight and management of the funds to best meet the career advancement and training needs of Yakima Valley Libraries.

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