

**Montclair Public Library and Montclair Public Library Foundation
Statement on Accepting Gifts Restricted to the Bellevue Avenue Branch**

As stated in its gift acceptance policy, the Montclair Public Library prefers to receive donations that are unrestricted to any specific purpose, including donations that are accepted through the Montclair Public Library Foundation. Unrestricted gifts enable the library to best utilize philanthropic contributions in a way that will maximize the services the Montclair Public Library is able to provide to residents.

The Montclair Public Library board does recognize, however, that, particularly at this point in the Library's history, that there are many people in the community who wish to support the efforts to reopen the Bellevue Avenue Branch. These donations can be directed to the Montclair Public Library Foundation as restricted for the branch.

Those donations will be utilized to support the opening and operation of the branch. With the community's support, we fully expect to reopen the branch in June of 2011. Philanthropic support through private donations remains a top priority of the Library and MPL Foundation at this time. Please feel free to direct any questions about this statement to the MPL Foundation at (973) 744-0500 ext. 2222.