

LEGACY MATTERS



Walking the Walk: A Staff Member's Perspective on her Legacy Gift

Reading has always been a family affair for Deborah Walker, and her personal love of books and libraries has never waned since her first library card at age seven. Walking to the library every two weeks, she would take out as many books as she could carry.

Throughout her lifetime, Deborah has always felt grounded in her community through her local library membership. For her, reading, libraries, education and university aren't just pastimes or institutions, but rather strong ideals ingrained in her from a very young age.

These ideals were passed on by her parents, who believed that education was the key to both personal success and a healthy society, and knew that everyone had the right to a good education. "My parents were a massive force for good in my life – I was incredibly lucky to have them and I am so thankful that they instilled their love for reading and education in me."

After accepting a position at the University of Victoria as the Planned Giving Officer, Deborah decided to honour the memory of her parents through a legacy gift to the libraries at the University of Victoria and McGill University. Her strong ties to her job, post-secondary education and her parent's memory all came together in her bequests. Her legacy will help the library continue to foster the love of reading in students, faculty, staff and the wider community. What will your legacy be?



Planned Giving Officer Deborah Walker