If your are interested in providing for Pierce County Library Foundation in your will, the following language may help you and your attorney when drawing up a bequest to meet your needs.

**General Bequest**

If your intention is to leave a gift of cash, securities or other property by designating a specific dollar amount, a particular asset or a fixed percentage of your estate to Pierce County Library Foundation to be used for needs:

"After taking care of all expenses, debts, and other provisions, I give, devise, and bequeath ____ % of the rest and residue (or $_______ if a specific amount) to Pierce County Library Foundation, a Washington-based charitable organization."


**Specific Bequest**

If your intention is to make an outright bequest for a specific purpose, such as to support advocacy or literacy:

"I, (Name), of (City, State, Zip), give, devise and bequeath to Pierce County Library Foundation _____ % or $_______ or other __________________________for its charitable purposes, including but not limited _____________use and purpose."

**Contingency Bequest**

If you wish to make a contingency gift so that Pierce County Library Foundation will receive a portion of your estate if your named beneficiary does not survive you:

"If any of the beneficiaries named in this will should die before becoming entitled to receive their distributive share of my estate, I direct my trustee to pay or transfer the share to with the beneficiary would otherwise be entitled to Pierce County Library Foundation for its unrestricted use and purpose."
**Amend Your Will With A Codicil**

If at any point in time, and for any reason, you wish to make changes to include Pierce County Library Foundation in your will, you can easily amend it by using a codicil - a document your attorney can prepare to amend your will or trust without rewriting the entire document.

"I give, devise, and bequeath $_______________ to Pierce County Library Foundation, located at 3005 112th St., E., Tacoma, WA 98407, for its charitable uses and purposes.

In all other respects I ratify and confirm all of the provisions of my said last Will and Testament dated on the __________ day of ________________, 20_____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I sign, publish and declare this instrument to be a Codicil to my last Will and Testament in the presence of both persons witnessing said Codicil at my request this __________ day of ________________, 20_____.

To be valid, the Codicil must be signed in the presence of two witnesses who are present at the same time, and the original placed with your other valuable paperwork. A copy can go to your lawyer and a copy to Pierce County Library Foundation.