

## What your neighbors love about your library:

**The programs!** —Pat J., member for 30+ years



*You can find just what you're looking for at the Blackstone—from books and magazines to research and study areas, there's something for you here.*

**There is no other place I've ever been where I feel at home yet on an adventure at the same time. The Blackstone is evolving and staying ahead of its time yet remains timeless.**

—Maryann C., Facebook review

**Your year-end gift to the Blackstone helps make these rave reviews possible. Please donate today.**

**Feels like home.** — Rose & Joe L., members for 7 years

**I love bringing my grandson to the library, he enjoys the classes with Miss Mary. His favorite is playing upstairs with the kitchen set with all the food. Everyone that goes is very nice and friendly, a good time for us both.**

—Trish T., Facebook review

**It's my peaceful place. I can get everything done here.** —Jasmine A.

**I love everything about the library & everyone who works there!**

—Theresa G., member for 45+ years



*Special programs like Take Your Child To the Library Day encourage the entire family to visit the library and experience all that we have to offer.*



## How can I be a partner with the Blackstone Library?

When you make a contribution to the Blackstone Library, you are helping to support the programs and services offered to the community. **Every donation makes you a partner** in carrying out the mission of the library. The mission? To provide essential access to information, resources, and unique shared experiences that enrich and educate the Branford community. You can make an even **greater impact when you join the Leadership Circle** with a contribution of \$125 or more.

### Join the Leadership Circle

#### \$2,500: James Blackstone Circle

James Blackstone was a Branford native and lifelong resident. A farmer by trade, James served as a captain in the Connecticut Militia and was an honored community leader. He died in Branford in 1886, and in 1890, the town reached out to his son, successful businessman Timothy Blackstone, who contributed the new library to the community.

#### \$1,000: Lucy Hammer Society

Lucy Hammer was active in Connecticut politics for more than 40 years, including three terms as a State Representative and six terms as a State Senator. In 1967 she became the first woman to serve as Assistant Majority Leader. She was one of the area's most important political leaders, and always a supporter of the Blackstone.

#### \$500: Solon Spencer Beman Club

Chicago Architect Solon S. Beman designed the iconic building, and visualized the classic Ionic look of the columns, marble doorways and the egg and dart molding based on the Acropolis.

#### \$250: Ella Wheeler Wilcox Guild (NEW)

Ella Wheeler Wilcox was a Branford poet whose portrait hangs over the Lucy Hammer Conference Room.

#### \$125: Oliver Dennett Grover League

Oliver Dennett Grover was a painter, also from Chicago, who designed and created the breathtaking murals in the dome of the Blackstone.

## JOIN THE LEADERSHIP CIRCLE AND YOU'LL RECEIVE:

	James Blackstone Circle	Lucy Hammer Society	Solon Spencer Beman Club	Ella Wheeler Wilcox Guild	Oliver Dennett Grover League
Monthly Donor eNewsletter with Director's Report	x	x	x	x	x
Recognition on website & in annual report	x	x	x	x	x
Invitation to special donor events	x	x	x	x	x
Recognition on Donor Board in library	x	x	x	x	x
Blackstone Library car magnet	x	x	x	x	
Bookplate placed in special volume	x	x	x		
Two tickets to fall or spring fundraising event	x	x	x		
Blackstone Library tote bag	x	x			
Private reception & tour of the library	x				