

# **WHAT IS THE READING PUBLIC LIBRARY COMPANY? AND WHY SHOULD I BECOME A SHAREHOLDER?**

The Reading Public Library Company was established in 1763 to provide a library for the people of Reading. Its main purpose currently is to elect one-third of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Reading Public Library, a truly awesome responsibility.

In addition, shareholders have the opportunity to receive up-to-date information about the programs and services of the Library, including the many awards our library wins for innovative responses to changing needs and opportunities.

This information empowers each shareholder to be an effective advocate for the important role our Reading Public Library plays in the lives of children, adults, seniors, and businesses throughout Berks County.

The Reading Public Library is a community treasure, one of the many "jewels" of which residents of Reading and Berks County can indeed be proud.

If you would like to become a shareholder and participate in this bit of history of our community, please fill out the information below and give it to one of our members or mail it to the address below.

Annual dues are \$1.00 per shareholder, though members are also encouraged to support the RPL Foundation as well.

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## **2025 NEW MEMBER / RENEWAL INFORMATION** **Membership for the upcoming year opens November 1**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit with your payment of \$1.00 to:  
Reading Public Library Foundation  
c/o The Reading Library Company  
100 S Fifth St, Reading, PA 19602

Thank you!