

**Viterbo University
Todd Wehr Memorial Library**

Endowments & Class Gifts

Francis Clare Library Endowment

The [Francis Clare Library Endowment](#) was established in 1998 in honor of the Franciscan Sisters who guided the library for its first century of service.

Class of 1999 Library Endowment

The Class of 1999 Library Endowment was developed as the class gift from the Viterbo Class of 1999. The purpose of this fund is to provide funding for the professional development of library staff beyond what the library budget can support. Development funded by this endowment must be used to develop an individual with the intention of enhancing library services or teaching/learning activities. Individuals may apply for professional attendance/presentation at conferences, for special institutes, or specific continuing education. In order to be eligible for these funds, applicants must be full-time or permanent part-time library employees.

Class Gift: 1992 Master of Arts in Education

The graduating class of students earning a Master of Arts in education, made a donation to the library with lasting value. The class raised enough money to purchase a much-needed microfiche reader-printer. At the time it was the best reader-printer available to library users. With carriers for both microfiche and microfilm, two forms of information storage used extensively by graduate students in education, this reader-printer is now the sole means of copying microfilm documents. With time, parts for this machine became hard to obtain and the library was no longer able to service it. The printer function is no longer used, but the library purchased "DocuScan" technology to convert documents to computer files. DocuScan equipment is attached to the reader-printer and to a computer, permitting documents to be printed on a printer. In its upgraded condition, the equipment will continue to be used for the foreseeable future.

Class Gift: 2001 Master of Arts in Education

The graduating class of 2001 earning a Master of Arts in Education, made a donation that raised service to a higher level in the library. The class gift sponsored initial purchase of the EBSCO Academic Search Premier database with access to over 2,000 peer-reviewed academic journals. Finding peer-reviewed or refereed sources had previously been the bane of graduate students. This database has subsequently become the library's most used database. The class gift played a key role in helping the library demonstrate the need for peer-reviewed full text journals.