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Public libraries and other groups with a focus on supporting public libraries in Wisconsin (i.e. Friends of the Library) may participate in the South Central Library System Foundation investment portfolio. The minimum deposit amount is \$500. An investment fund will be established in the name of each joining public library or group. Unlike traditional community foundations, the SCLSF's funds remain the property of the individual libraries or groups, available at the end of each month at their then current value.

The Foundation, with its third party fund manager, will administer the invested funds in accordance with its Wealth Management Investment Policy. The Policy's objective for the portfolio is long term capital growth and moderate income, although guarantee of return on investment is not implied. The Foundation's Wealth Management Investment policy is available here: <http://www.sclsfoundation.org/about/documents.html>

Fund Account Management Fees

SCLSF assesses a fund account management fee consisting of:

Current percentage fee charged by holding banking/financial institution to cover its investment services costs; based upon the value of the fund at the end of each prior month, AND

Current percentage fee in applicable tier charged by the SCLSF to offset the costs of administering the foundation.

Tiered SCLS Administrative Fees 1/1/2017					
Tier	Library Balance Minimum	Library Balance Maximum	Annual Rate	Monthly Fee Minimum	Monthly Fee Maximum
1	500.00	10,000.00	1.00%	0.42	8.33
2	10,001.00	50,000.00	0.95%	7.92	39.58
3	50,001.00	150,000.00	0.90%	37.50	112.50
4	150,001.00	250,000.00	0.85%	106.25	177.08
5	250,001.00	1,000,000.00	0.75%	156.25	625.00
6	1,000,001.00		0.50%	416.67	0.00

Stock Donations:

SCLSF can provide assistance with the disposition of stocks and bonds donations to individual fund accounts.

Return on Investment

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