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Portland library gets cool million

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News Editor

A Cape Elizabeth couple is donating over \$1 million to USM's Portland Library, but students should not expect improvements overnight. The gift, from Albert B. and Judith L. Glickman which takes the form of a yet unsettled real estate title, will be used after a few

years of gathering interest to fund Library construction and acquisition costs. Susan Swain, Associate Director of USM Media Relations, said that the donation will enter a library fund with a target goal of \$5 million, the amount expected to both complete the upper three stories of the seven story library building, situated

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ed on the corner of Forest Ave. and Bedford St., and buy sufficient books and periodicals to fill the stacks. The tentative deadline for reaching the \$5 million mark is three years. A stipulation attached to the Glickman gift is that any amount over \$1 million be used to buy books, but it is yet undecided whether any such money

will be used before the target is hit.

"USM has received over \$1 million to date and more is coming," said Albert Glickman. "And the money is not being used immediately so it may yield up to \$15,000 in interest."

President Richard Pattenaude is grateful. "We are blessed to have generous and thoughtful people like the Glickmans in our community."

In recognition of the Glickman's generosity, the library will be renamed the Albert Brenner Glickman Family Library and a dedication ceremony will be held there on Oct. 19.

"I am from a public university," said Glickman, a UCLA graduate, now prosperous banker/real estate investor. "I understand that private donations to the public school system help a great deal."