Named in honor of Chicago civic leader Eliphalet W. Blatchford (1826-1914), the Blatchford Society was established by the Board of Trustees to recognize and honor those who have pledged to support the Newberry Library through their estates. The foresight of these individuals is vital to ensuring the Newberry upholds and builds upon its reputation as a trusted source of information in the humanities, providing the highest standards of service to those who come seeking knowledge.

Mr. Blatchford served the Newberry Library for more than 37 years as co-executor and trustee of Walter L. Newberry’s will, and as the first President of the Board of Trustees. He was deeply committed to ensuring that Mr. Newberry’s will and his wishes for the library were carried out. Blatchford himself remembered the library in his estate plans and also left his papers to the Newberry Library collections.

Today, our Blatchford Society members are building their own legacy at the Newberry Library.

Membership in the Blatchford Society is open to all who have made an estate or deferred gift commitment of any amount or value to the Newberry Library and are recognized by name or anonymously.

We are pleased to offer those who join the Blatchford Society the following benefits of membership in recognition of their foresight and commitment.

All members of the Blatchford Society receive:

- Recognition as a Blatchford Society member on the donor plaque in the lobby
- Recognition in the library’s Honor Roll of Donors in the Annual Report issue of *The Newberry Magazine*
- A subscription to *The Newberry Magazine*
- A subscription to the Newberry Adult Education Seminars catalog
- Invitations to attend the annual luncheon of the Blatchford Society, and special events at the library
- A Newberry Library totebag

If you have already included the Newberry in your estate plans or you would like to speak with someone about creating your own legacy at the Newberry through a planned gift, please contact Sarah Alger at (312) 255-3544 or algers@newberry.org.

*Eliphalet W. Blatchford, ca. 1850.*