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# Library System Gets Large Gift

A retired dentist who loved the Santa Cruz Public Library has bequeathed it "perhaps the largest gift the library system has ever received."

Dr. James R. Richardson established a trust fund through which the library will get up to \$10,000 yearly "for the purchase of adult, non-fictional books," Li-

brarian Charles Atkins announced Monday to the Library Board.

"This is by far the largest gift I can remember given to the library," Atkins said. "It is a marvelous gift because it will enable us to add important non-fictional books to our collection."

Atkins said that after Richardson retired he would come once a week to the Santa Cruz Main Library and that "he loved the library and always said he was interested in leaving some money to us."

Sara Bunnet, Library Board chairman, called the gift the sort that "puts the idea of giving to the library in the minds of others."

Atkins said the library system has a strong music collection because of another gift it received, and he agreed with Bunnett that making such gifts to the library system is one way people may add to the value of the library and to the community as a whole.

Atkins stressed that the gift will not be used to lower the amount of money the system budgets annually to buy new books.

"Our budget for buying books is always cut. We are never given the money we want and need for new books. The \$10,000 or so we will get annually through this gift will enable us to supplement our purchases."

The Librrry Board agreed that a special nameplate should be developed to memorialize the James R. Richardson gift.

## Aging Confab Saturday

Some 300 persons are expected to attend the pre-White House Conference on Aging Saturday at Cabrillo College. It is open to the public.

Featured speaker will be Dick Rector, executive producer of KQED-TV's "Over Easy."

Business starts at 9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Castro will be the moderator.

Eleven delegates will be elected from the conference who will represent this area at the Statehouse Conference on Aging in April. The national conference will be November 1981 at the White House.

Those needing transportation to Saturday's conference should call 688-0400.

There will be discussion groups on subjects ranging from health care, housing and legal services to minority elderly persons.

The conference will be at