



## **New Rochelle Public Library Director's Letter to the Community**

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Dear Friends,

I'm excited to share my first monthly Letter to the Community—a space where I'll keep you updated on the Library's latest initiatives, challenges, and successes. Look for a new letter each month, and please keep reading our newsletter, visiting our website, and following us on social media to stay informed!

Starting as the New Rochelle Public Library Director has been an incredible experience, thanks to the warm welcome and professionalism I've felt from both staff and patrons. From day one, our incredible staff greeted me with open arms, collaborative energy, and a real commitment to excellence. The team has been extremely supportive, sharing their insights and helping create an atmosphere that's all about innovation and growth. And you - our patrons and community members - have shown great enthusiasm for new ideas, which really reinforces that strong community connection we all value. I'm grateful to be part of such a dedicated and engaged environment, and I'm excited about what we can accomplish together.

In my first weeks at NRPL, I've been diving into the nuts and bolts of the organization — reviewing our policies, procedures, and organizational structure. It's been helpful to get a good understanding of how we operate and the roles of everyone on the team. I've also been going over our current budget to get a sense of our financial resources and limitations, and reviewed our bylaws, status reports, and active grants, which has given me a solid picture of our governance and ongoing projects. This process has been incredibly useful in equipping me with a clear understanding of the organization, and I'm looking forward to contributing to our continued and future success.

I have also enjoyed getting out and about to meet community, City and school district leadership, and look forward to more opportunities to connect. We hope to see everyone at the New Rochelle Thanksgiving Day Parade, where the Library will be marching and celebrating alongside our neighbors. Please come out and say hello—I can't wait to connect with you in person and join in the festivities together! Wishing everyone a joyous Thanksgiving holiday.

Warmly,

Eugenia Schatoff