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Dear Community Members,

As we approach the end of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a remarkable journey for both myself and our beloved library. Having joined this wonderful institution just a few months ago, I have been inspired by the dedication and passion of our community and staff.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our two advocacy groups, the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library and the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation, for their invaluable support and dedication. Their efforts have greatly enriched our programs and initiatives, allowing us to better serve our community.

This year, we embraced new initiatives aimed at enhancing the lives of our patrons. We launched several programs focused on literacy, technology, wellness, and the arts, which have drawn enthusiastic participation. From storytime sessions for our youngest readers to workshops for adults seeking to enhance their skills, the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

We also made strides in expanding our collection. With your input, we have added a diverse range of books and resources that reflect the interests and needs of our community. I encourage everyone to explore these new materials, whether through our physical collection or our growing digital offerings.

Additionally, we focused on improving our facilities to create a more inviting space for everyone. Upgrades to our seating areas and study rooms have made the library a more comfortable place for all to gather, learn, and connect.

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. Your engagement is what makes our library a vital part of this community. I look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions as we continue to grow together.

As we look to the new year, I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. Together, we can build a library that not only meets the needs of our community but also inspires a lifelong love of reading and learning.

Best,

*Eugenia Schatoff*