



New Rochelle Public Library Director's Letter to the Community

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Dear Friends,

As I mark my three-month anniversary as your Library Director, I want to take a moment to share some reflections and update you on the exciting progress we've made together.

It has been such a rewarding experience getting to know this wonderful community. From the very beginning, I've been inspired by your passion for the library, and I'm truly grateful for the warm welcome I've received. Together, we're working to enhance the library's role as a central hub for learning, connection, and creativity.

Over the past few months, one of the major projects I've been focused on is the Children's Garden Project, which is being made possible through funding from an ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant awarded to the City of New Rochelle. In partnership with the City and with the generous support of the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation, we will create an engaging outdoor space where children can explore, learn about nature, and connect with each other. It's an exciting initiative that aligns with our vision of expanding educational opportunities and fostering a love of learning in our younger visitors. The new and enhanced outdoor space will also enable us to occasionally host select outdoor programs for the broader community.

I'm thrilled to see this project take shape and can't wait to share more updates as we move forward. The library's growth is a reflection of the dedication and enthusiasm of our staff, the Library Foundation, and, of course, our incredible community.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to bring these exciting changes to life. I look forward to the many great things we will accomplish in the months ahead.

Warm regards,

Eugenia Schatoff
Director