



New Rochelle Public Library Director's Letter to the Community

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Dear Friends,

It's been an incredibly busy and productive start to the year—filled with inspiring meetings and events that help shape the future of our library and strengthen our community bonds.

On January 14, I visited the Field Library in Peekskill, NY for a collaborative meeting with a fellow library director. We talked about the future of library services, swapped best practices, and explored potential partnerships that will benefit our community. I left feeling inspired and excited about the possibilities ahead.

A few days later, on January 17, I had a wonderful conversation with Senator Shelley Mayer about the challenges and opportunities facing our local libraries—from funding and community outreach to educational programs. Her genuine support and willingness to listen truly made an impact, and I'm grateful for her advocacy at the state level.

At the end of January, I met with Senator Fernandez. During our discussion, I had the opportunity to highlight some of the exciting new initiatives and programs at NRPL, and she offered her strong support for expanding access to library resources. I'm looking forward to working together with her—and starting in March, you'll have a chance to speak with her when she will be at NRPL for drop-in conversations in our lobby with community members.

January 29 turned out to be a particularly engaging day for me. I was a guest on the New Rochelle Chamber of Commerce Podcast, where we talked about the essential role libraries play in fostering education, literacy, and community engagement. Later that evening, I had the privilege of speaking at the New Rochelle Rotary Club meeting, sharing insights about our impact in the community and discussing our future plans. The enthusiasm and readiness of local leaders to get involved was truly heartening. It's always inspiring to connect with local leaders and strengthen our relationships with community organizations.

At the beginning of February, I attended the New Rochelle Fund for Educational Excellence Gala—an event filled with celebration, support, and plenty of networking with community leaders. It was a beautiful reminder of how collaboration can fuel the growth and success of our educational programs, including those at the library.

I'm truly grateful for these meaningful conversations and the valuable connections I am building. I'm excited to continue working with all of you to enhance our library's impact on our community.

Stay tuned for more updates and upcoming events in future newsletters. Thank you for your continued support!

Warmly,

Eugenia Schatoff
Director