



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

April, 2025

Dear New Rochelle Public Library Patrons,

As we gear up for the next fiscal year, I'm excited to invite you to join me and our Library Board of Trustees for discussion sessions about the proposed 2025-2026 budget. We'll talk about how the budget shapes library services and what it means for our community before the budget vote on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Our sessions are a chance to learn about budget details—from funding for programs, staff, facilities and services to the priorities driving our decisions—and to share your thoughts and questions, ensuring that your voice is heard before the upcoming vote. We'll also explain how the budget impacts library services and what changes (if any) the community can expect if the budget is approved or adjusted.

We're hosting two sessions: Monday, April 7 from 6:30-7:45 PM and Monday, May 5 from 6:30-7:45 PM, in the Ossie Davis Theater (and virtually via Zoom).

I truly appreciate your continued support—whether you've attended events, checked out materials, or used our digital resources. Libraries thrive when communities invest in them, not just financially, but with their time, interest, and feedback. Your ongoing support enables us to evolve and better meet the diverse needs of our community.

I've also been busy connecting with the community. Recently, the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation hosted a "Meet the Director" event with their supporters and board members. Looking ahead, I'll be attending several Neighborhood Association meetings to update residents about the library budget. If you'd like me to meet with your association or constituents, please call us at 914-632-7878, and we'd be delighted to set up a meeting.

Hope to see you at one of the sessions!

Warmly,

Eugenia Schatoff  
Director