

New Rochelle Public Library Director's Letter to the Community

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Dear New Rochelle Community,

As we move into the fall season, I'm delighted to share some exciting news about the growth of our senior leadership team at the Library. Over the summer, we welcomed two outstanding professionals who are already making a meaningful impact: Jhenelle Robinson, our new Assistant Director, and James Vazquez, our new Director of Building Operations.

Jhenelle joins us from the New York Public Library, where she built an impressive career developing innovative programs, strengthening community partnerships, and mentoring library staff. With over 15 years of experience in public and school library systems, she brings a forward-thinking approach to library service and a deep passion for empowering staff and connecting communities. At NRPL, Jhenelle is working closely with me to advance our strategic plan, oversee library departments, and build opportunities that keep our library responsive, inclusive, and vibrant.

James brings more than 35 years of expertise in facilities management and operations across higher education, residential, and health care settings. His leadership in managing large, complex facilities makes him the ideal person to oversee the daily operations of both our Main Library and the Huguenot Children's Library. From mechanical systems and safety to capital projects and renovations, James is ensuring that our buildings continue to serve as welcoming, well-maintained spaces that support learning, creativity, and connection for everyone in our community.

Both Jhenelle and James have hit the ground running and are fully immersed in library projects—from program development to building improvements—that will shape the future of NRPL. Their expertise and energy strengthen our ability to deliver the high-quality services, programs, and spaces you expect and deserve.

Please join me in welcoming Jhenelle Robinson and James Vazquez to the New Rochelle Public Library. I know you will see their positive influence reflected in the experiences you have here every day. As the season unfolds, we look forward to working together to bring you inspiring programs, refreshed spaces, and meaningful opportunities for connection throughout the months ahead.

With gratitude for your continued support,

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