



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

Late February 2026

Spring cleaning has arrived at the New Rochelle Public Library! And behind the scenes, an important basement clean-up and safety remediation project has now been completed. While not open to the public, the basement supports Library operations, and thanks to the Friends of the Library, who provide financial support for programs and events and volunteer their time, the Library can continue to thrive. Our clean-up effort significantly helped improve safety conditions, address safety priorities, and ensure the area remains well maintained and functional.

This effort was made possible through the support, flexibility, and partnership of the Friends of New Rochelle Public Library. The Friends' longstanding dedication to the Library continues to enrich services, programs, and collections for residents. Thanks to all the Friends volunteers who helped with this very important work.

While the basement materials have now been cleared as part of this safety initiative, the Friends remain fully active and engaged in their vital work supporting the Library through advocacy, fundraising, and volunteerism.

As part of the clean-up process, the Friends identified hundreds of books to keep for their book sales and books for removal. All books identified for removal were responsibly donated to [Bay State Book Company](#), a trusted partner that works with libraries throughout New England and New York. Bay State has worked with our Library for over a decade to sustainably manage unused books and extend the life of materials through reuse and redistribution, saving thousands of books, like ours, from landfills.

Library leadership also extends special appreciation to our maintenance team for their care, professionalism, and hands-on assistance throughout the project.

The successful completion of this work reflects the collaborative spirit that defines the Library community. With this important facilities project now complete, the Library looks forward to continuing its work alongside the Friends in support of shared goals and future initiatives.

Warmly,

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