



## **New Rochelle Public Library Director's Letter to the Community** May 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As you may know, on Tuesday, May 19, New Rochelle residents will have the opportunity to vote on the Library's proposed budget and bond. Over the past several weeks, I have had the privilege of speaking with residents across New Rochelle about the future of our Library. From neighborhood groups and community organizations to our two public information sessions and budget hearing in the Ossie Davis Theater, I have been deeply encouraged by the thoughtful questions, strong engagement, and genuine care people have shown for this institution.

One thing has become abundantly clear: the New Rochelle Public Library means a great deal to this community.

For generations, the Library has served as a place of learning, connection, culture, and opportunity. It has adapted alongside our city, but the building itself—its infrastructure and core systems—has not undergone major revitalization since 1979. The proposed bond represents an important opportunity to invest in the Library's future so it can continue serving New Rochelle for generations to come.

On May 19, while our community participates in the budget and bond vote, I will be in Washington, D.C. representing our Library as part of a national case study with the Library Design Institute. I am incredibly proud that our Library has been selected to take part in this important conversation about the future of public libraries and the evolving role they play in civic life.

It is especially meaningful to represent New Rochelle at such a pivotal moment in our Library's history.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to learn more, attend a session, ask questions, and engage in this process. However you participate, your involvement reflects the very spirit of community that makes this Library so special.

Our Library. Our Future.

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With appreciation,

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