



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Thursday August 13, 2026
New Rochelle Public Library: Main Library Ossie Davis Theater
7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ESTABLISH QUORUM
3. ATTENDANCE
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if applicable)
6. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
7. REGULAR BUSINESS
 - WLS Representative Report
 - Presidents report
 - Directors Report
 - Treasurers report
 - Board Committee Reports
 - Approval of Checks and Warrants
8. RESOLUTIONS
9. OLD BUSINESS
10. NEW BUSINESS
11. PUBLIC COMMENT
12. ADJOURN

Please Note: This meeting will take place at 7:30 pm and entirely in person at the Main Library with no simultaneous Zoom broadcast available.

A recording of the meeting will be posted on the library's website: www.nrpl.org.



NRPL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 16, 2026

New Rochelle Public Library: Main Library Ossie Davis Theater

BOARD MEMBERS

Lucille Renwick, President (Outgoing)
Corey Galloway, Vice President (Outgoing)
Rhiannon Navin, Secretary (Outgoing)
Fela Cortés
Tatiana Infante
Vera Salter
Nancy Weinberger

ADMINISTRATION

Eugenia Schatoff
Jhenelle Robinson
Yesika Torres
Dr. David Mener, WLS Representative

****Please note this meeting includes the reorganization and installation of new officers of the Board of Trustees listed below*****

CALL TO ORDER

Lucille Renwick called the Annual Meeting of the New Rochelle Public Library Board of Trustees at approximately 7:34 p.m. A full board was present with a quorum established.

OPENING ITEMS

Pledge of Allegiance

Mission and Vision Reading The outgoing President, Lucille Renwick, read the mission and vision statements of the New Rochelle Public Library for the Board's reflection:

Mission: *The New Rochelle Public Library empowers our community and transforms lives by supporting learning and discovery through providing access to knowledge, information, and resources; preserving and sharing our cultural heritage; and investing in our community's economic, social, and cultural well-being. The library serves as a community resource dedicated to improving the life of every resident, encouraging learning at all stages of life, protecting intellectual freedom, and providing fair and equal access to information.*

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Lucille Renwick made a motion to adopt the annual meeting agenda for July 16, 2026. Seconded by Fela Cortes, and adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PRIOR MINUTES

Rhiannon Navin made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 11th meeting of the NRPL Board of Trustees, which were distributed to the full board in advance for review. Seconded by Vera Salter and passed unanimously.

BOARD ORGANIZATION AND OATHS OF OFFICE

As part of the 2026-2027 board reorganization, oaths of office were administered to the newly elected officers and new trustees.

Officers Sworn In (2026-2027 Term):

- **President:** Rhiannon Navin
- **Vice President:** Vera Salter
- **Secretary:** Nancy Weinberger
- **Finance Officer:** Corey Galloway

New Trustee Term:

- **Lucille Renwick** (term expires June 30, 2031)

New Treasurer:

- **Darin Iacobelli** (Nawrocki Smith, LLP)

At this time, the newly installed officers of the board presided over the remainder of the meeting.

TRUSTEE CODE OF ETHICS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Rhiannon Navin, President, circulated the Trustee Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy for all trustees to review and sign. The Board reviewed the official statement from United for Libraries/American Library Association, which was read in full as a reminder to all trustees regarding standards of conduct including:

- *Accountability for library resources and service*
- *Personal commitment to faithful discharge of duties with truth, honor, and integrity*
- *Respectful treatment of colleagues despite disagreements*
- *Compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations*
- *Avoidance of partisan interests, public pressure, or fear of criticism*
- *Prohibition on discrimination and protection of patron privacy*
- *Clear distinction between personal and library positions*
- *Confidentiality of library business*
- *Avoidance of conflicts of interest and personal financial benefit*
- *Non-interference with director and staff management*

Annual Sexual Harassment Prevention Training: Trustees were reminded that mandatory annual sexual harassment prevention training is required under New York State Human Rights Laws. This training will be circulated to the full board and does not count toward the minimum two hours of trustee education mandated by New York State Education Law.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (2026-2027)

The following committee assignments were officially adopted for the 2026-2027 operating year:

Budget and Finance Committee

- Chair: Corey Galloway
- Members: Vera Salter, Nancy Weinberger

Policy Committee

- Chair: Lucille Renwick
- Members: Fela Cortes, Nancy Weinberger

Community Relations Committee

- Chair: Fela Cortes
- Members: Tatiana Infante, Lucille Renwick

Buildings and Grounds Committee

- Chair: Vera Salter
- Members: Corey Galloway, Fela Cortes

Personnel Committee

- Chair: Tatiana Infante
- Members: Nancy Weinberger, Lucille Renwick

Liaisons:

- New Rochelle Public Library Foundation: President Rhiannon Navin and Fela Cortes
- Friends of the Library: Lucille Renwick
- City Civil Service: Tatiana Infante

****As President, Rhiannon Navin will serve as an ex-officio member of all committees**

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS

President Navin presented five resolutions for the Board and administration to conduct business during the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Resolution 1 – Designation of Depositories: Resolved that M&T Bank and New York Cooperative Liquid Asset Securities System (NYCLASS) be designated as the legal depositories for all monies.

Resolution 2 – Official Newspaper: Resolved that the Journal News be designated as the official newspaper of the New Rochelle Public Library for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Resolution 3 – Official TV Station: Resolved that News12 Westchester be designated as the official TV station of NRPL for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Resolution 4 – Official Social Media Outlets: Resolved that Facebook and Instagram be designated as the official social media outlets of NRPL for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Resolution 5 – Library Attorney: Resolved that the Law Office of Stephanie Adams be appointed as labor and employment counsel and general counsel for NRPL for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

President Navin made a motion to adopt these resolutions. Seconded by Lucille Renwick, passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Westchester Library System report was presented by David Mener, NRPL representative to WLS.

- **Upcoming events:** Legislators Appreciation Supper on July 21st, This event provides an opportunity to connect with local legislators and discuss library support.
- **Construction Aid:** WLS has received an allocation of \$277,297 for New York State library construction aid for the 2027 calendar year. FY 2027 application closing date is 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 21, 2026. New Rochelle has a successful history of obtaining these grants.
- **Westchester Library Road Trip:** WLS initiative inviting residents to explore libraries throughout the County with fun challenges and interactive experiences and development opportunities for staff. Scheduled for September 13 through December 13, 2026.

President's Report

Presented by: Rhiannon Navin, President

The President expressed honor at being elected to lead the Board and thanked colleagues for their trust. She highlighted significant accomplishments achieved in recent years:

Notable Achievements:

- Hired transformational library director Eugenia Schatoff
- Updated board bylaws, passed 23 new policies and comprehensive fiscal policies
- Implemented regular staff trainings & Optimized staff planning
- Hirings including Assistant Director and Assistant Director of Facilities & Operations
- Conducted major facility planning and capital initiatives, including Phase 1 of the children's garden and basement cleanup
- Secured grants including \$1.1 million from state legislators for roof repair
- Transitioned to financial independence from school district; conducted first independent audit
- Passed annual budgets with significant margins
- Passed \$55 million capital improvement bond

Capital Bond: The approval of the \$55 million capital improvement bond to finance the building's aging infrastructure and core systems while revitalizing the library.

Community Engagement: A partner breakfast held the day prior to this meeting was an excellent event involving diverse community representation. This marks a broad community engagement process inviting residents from every neighborhood to participate in shaping the library's future.

Director's Report

Presented by: Eugenia Schatoff, Executive Director

- **New Staff:** Milton David Almodóvar has joined the library as Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations, bringing over 20 years of leadership experience in academic library settings, library operations, system administration, and service delivery.
- **Community Partnership – America 250 Project:** The library partnered with the New Rochelle Downtown BID and the New Rochelle 250 Committee to host the America 250 Wish Project. Patrons, families, seniors, and teens wrote and drew their hopes and dreams for America's future on gallery walls. The wishes will be gathered with thousands of others collected across the country in libraries, museums, and community spaces.
- **Master Facility Plan and Community Engagement:** The library conducted a partner breakfast with leaders from community groups, nonprofits, the city, school district, Friends of the Library, Foundation, New Rochelle Council of the Arts, and other organizations. Professional facilitators Margaret Sullivan Studio and Lothrop Associates led meaningful conversations about the community's evolving needs and the library's future role.
- **Focus Groups and Survey:** Multiple focus groups have been held, including senior focus groups. A community survey is currently available for participation, with respondents eligible to win a gift card. The survey has already received 438 responses and will inform the library's planning.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by: Darin Iacobelli (Nawrocki Smith, LLP), Treasurer

The new Treasurer reported on the transition to independence from the school district and outlined financial reporting processes:

- **Audit Transition:** The firm was previously auditing library claims as part of the New Rochelle School District process and is assisting with the transition to operate as an independent entity. Team member Kyle will assist in the process.

- **Financial Reporting:** Treasure reports will be provided at each monthly meeting with information on budget-to-actual performance, bank reconciliation confirmations, and other financial data needed for informed decision-making.
- **Timeline:** Financial reporting will begin at the next meeting.
- **Board Training:** A board retreat is being planned to provide training on reading and interpreting financial reports, as there are various levels of understanding among trustees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee Report

Presented by: Rhiannon Navin, Outgoing Committee Chair

The committee met twice in June (June 25 and July 1) and addressed the following items:

- **Insurance Proposal:** The committee reviewed competitive insurance proposals and recommends moving forward with Utica, which offers:
 - \$50,000+ in annual cost savings
 - Participation in a dividend program through a consortium of approximately 70 public libraries across New York State
 - Average 15% annual premium dividends
 Rhiannon made a motion to approve the insurance proposal from Utica, seconded by Tatiana Infante, passed unanimously.
- **Industrial Appraisal:** The library solicited proposals from five firms for an industrial appraisal of the building, furnishings, equipment, and other assets. This appraisal provides:
 - Independent assessment of replacement value
 - Assurance of adequate insurance coverage
 - Updated asset valuations for annual financial audit
 - Accurate reflection of capital assets in financial statements
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve.
 The committee voted unanimously to approve the contract awarded to Industrial Appraisal Company for \$9,760 inclusive of all expenses.
- **Treasurer and Financial Advisory Updates:** Monthly financial reports will be submitted by the Treasurer to the Finance Officer and presented to the Board at monthly meetings beginning in August. The library is working with a financial advisory firm regarding the capital bond; the advising firm and library attorney will meet to discuss next steps with school district.

Next Meeting: July 22 at 8:30 a.m.

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

Presented by: Corey Galloway, Outgoing Committee Chair

Meeting: June 5 at 8:30 a.m.

- **Children's Garden Phase 2:** The Library Foundation committed \$88,000 toward Phase 2, with additional fundraising opportunities being explored. Phase 2 includes native landscaping, new fencing, and bidding will be in the third quarter of this year.
- **Bond and Capital Planning:** The \$55 million bond will fall under the committee's oversight and will manage bond anticipation notes and soft cost processes, including hiring professionals. A master facility plan is in process.
- **Financial Reporting:** Monthly bond project financial updates will be incorporated into regular financial reporting, separate from operations reporting to maintain distinctions.

- **Architect Selection:** The committee is targeting to bring in an architect with RFP selection and completion anticipated by January 2027.
- **Master Facility Plan:** Grant schedules and dates are being developed; still in process.
- **Board Education:** The committee will schedule education sessions for all trustees on bond spending processes, bond anticipation notes, and related financial matters.

Community Relations Committee Report

Presented by: Vera Salter, Outgoing Co-Chair (with Nancy Weinberger)

The committee met on Monday, July 6 at 9:00 a.m.; **Attendees:** Vera Salter, Nancy Weinberger, Fela Cortes, Tatiana Infante, Eugenia Schatoff, Kathleen Sowle (Lothrop Associates), and Margaret Sullivan (Margaret Sullivan Studios)

- The Community Partner Breakfast Held the day prior to this meeting, the event achieved excellent participation with diverse representation from organizations and communities across New Rochelle. Margaret Sullivan Studios presented a slideshow on work progress.
- 438 responses have already been received with more expected. The survey assists with planning and decision-making. Multiple focus groups have been held.

The committee is transitioning leadership to Fela Cortes and appreciates the work completed.

Personnel Committee Report

Presented by: Tatiana Infante, Committee Chair

The committee met on June 15, 2026 and received updates on recent hires and progress on civil service postings and will meet again Tuesday, July 20 at 9:00 a.m. A key goal for the upcoming year is strengthening collaboration with the city's civil service office to streamline the hiring process and support efforts to maintain a fully staffed library.

Tatiana made a motion to approve Personnel Resolution 2026 07-11 for the **Consent Agenda** for personnel resolutions as recommended. Seconded by Lucille Renwick, passed unanimously.

Tatiana made a motion for the **Extended Sick Leave Policy:** The Board approves 10 days of extended sick leave without need for further board approval for any employee who has qualified for short-term disability during the same period, upon approval of the director. This resolution enables the Director to respond timely to employee requests without requiring full committee and board review for each instance. Seconded by Fela Cortes, passed unanimously.

Policy Committee Report

Presented by: Fela Cortes, Outgoing Committee Chair

Acknowledgments: The outgoing chair thanked committee members Vera Salter, Tatiana Infante, incoming chair Lucille Renwick, Eugenia Schatoff, and the library's attorneys for their work and guidance. The committee passed 23 policies during the fiscal year.

Policies Reviewed: The committee met on Monday, June 22, 2026 and reviewed the Programming Policy, Tabling Policy, and Facility Rentals Policy revisions. Two policies were brought forward for board vote (circulated to trustees in advance).

Fela Cortes presented the Programming Policy and made a motion to accept the Programming Policy. Seconded by Vera Salter, unanimously approved.

Fela Cortes presented the Tabling policy and made a motion to accept the Tabling Policy. Seconded by Corey Galloway, unanimously approved.

CHECKS AND WARRANTS APPROVAL

President Navin made a motion to approve warrants from the 2025-2026 fiscal year (numbers 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52) and from the 2026-2027 fiscal year (numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5). Seconded by Tatiana Infante, passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

President Navin presented a preliminary meeting schedule for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The current plan includes regular board meetings and a second, shorter monthly meeting via Zoom for approval of checks and warrants. **Note:** This schedule is temporary as the Board navigates the financial transition. Further details regarding meeting times and dates will be finalized and distributed.

President Navin made a motion to approve the preliminary 2026-2027 board meeting schedule. Seconded by Corey Galloway, unanimously approved.

Monthly meetings at NRPL have the following dates:

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| • August 13, 2026 | • September 10, 2026 | • October 8, 2026 |
| • November 12, 2026 | • December 10, 2026 | • January 14, 2027 |
| • February 11, 2027 | • March 11, 2027 | • April 8, 2027 |
| • May 13, 2027 | • June 10, 2027 | |

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Vincent Malfetano, resident of New Rochelle

ADJOURNMENT

President Navin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. Seconded by Corey Galloway, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Weinberger, Secretary

A recording of the meeting can be found on the library's website: www.nrpl.org.



NRPL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 30, 2026

New Rochelle Public Library: Zoom Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS

Rhiannon Navin, President
Vera Salter, Vice President
Nancy Weinberger, Secretary
Corey Galloway, Finance Officer
Lucille Renwick
Fela Cortes
Tatiana Infante

ADMINISTRATION

Eugenia Schatoff, Executive Director
Jessica Torres

ROLL CALL

All board members and administration were present.

CALL TO ORDER

President Rhiannon Navin called the meeting of the New Rochelle Public Library Board of Trustees to order at approximately 7:35 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2026. A quorum was established.

AGENDA ADOPTION

President Navin made a motion to adopt the agenda as posted on the website and previously circulated amongst the board. Seconded by Lucille Renwick. The motion carried unanimously.

CHECKS AND WARRANTS APPROVAL

The Board had previously reviewed checks and warrants in advance of the meeting. Finance Officer Galloway and check signers conducted signatures at the library prior to the meeting.

Nancy Weinberger made a motion to adopt the consent agenda for checks and warrants (Warrants 6, 7, and 8 for the 2027 fiscal year). Seconded by Tatiana Infante. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Security Contract Proposal – Global Security

Vera Salter, Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, presented the proposal to transition the library's security contract from the current provider to Global Security. The proposal had been previously circulated to board members.

Director Schatoff solicited proposals from multiple security providers. Global Security was highly recommended by other libraries. Global Security is a larger company offering greater flexibility and resources than the current provider, serves numerous other libraries in the region and came highly recommended through peer feedback.

Vera Salter moved to approve the proposal to transition security services to Global Security as the library's new security provider. Seconded by Fela Cortes. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

ADJOURNMENT

Rhiannon Navin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Corey Galloway. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Weinberger, Secretary

NRPL Monthly Departmental Update

Adult Services

Department: Adult Services

Submitted by: Kira Aiello

Reporting Period: July 2026

1. Key Highlights

Our partnership with the nonprofit organization, Stem Alliance to provide a 15-hour “Tech Skills for Success” program was a great success! The classes were held in the evening over a 2-week period. This program was intended for low income patrons struggling with the digital divide. Participants who attended all of the sessions and completed the 15-hour program received a chromebook. Thirteen adult patrons completed 15 hours of digital skills training, received new Chromebooks, and learned about online educational resources and low-cost internet services. One Tech Skills for Success student mentioned she used to “bug her kids all the time for computer help” but now she can check and send emails by herself easily, thanks to the computer class at the library. Here’s a photo of the graduation class with their instructor.



Our Heat Mapping project is here in the highlights because it was a huge undertaking. There were 3 major components. 1) Working with WLS to configure a report to generate the data necessary to compare before and after the Thirdway Marketplace installation. 2) Creating a [floor plan](#) for each floor of the library showing every shelving unit, then identifying each section of every shelving unit. 3) The most daunting part of the project: creating a [spreadsheet](#) listing the shelf ID, start and end call number, square footage and shelf location of each section of every shelving unit in the library. Please see the links for an example of each. This was a cooperative effort that included the adult and youth services teams. All of the information gathered has been shared with Thirdway. We look forward to seeing the results of their analysis.

2. Programs, Services & Collections

Programs

- Programming resulting from the Yiddish Book Center Grant is ongoing.
- Acoustic String Jam continues to be a fun and popular program. The program has moved to evenings for the summer. It's become so popular that we may need to require registration.
- Creative Breath monthly writing workshop has a dedicated group of attendees and new patrons each month.
- Film screening and post screening discussion of *Fiddler on the Roof*, as part of our Yiddish cultural programming.
- Book Clubs:
 - The Past Pages Book Club discussed *American Sphinx: the character of Thomas Jefferson* by Ellis. The history book club continues to focus on books about the American Revolution in support of RW250.
 - The Brown Bag Book Club met to discuss Lawrence Hill's *Someone Knows My Name*. This book was read as part of NR 250 programming. .
 - The library also supports three local book clubs, providing guidance and copies of books for members through the WLS interlibrary loan services.
- Digital Learning classes:
 - Librarian-led digital learning classes were held on Monday evenings in July from 6pm-7:30; a three series workshop introducing Google Workspace.

Services

The second floor Help Center continues to be a busy place.

- Conducted individualized digital navigator sessions to enhance patron proficiency with their smartphones and laptops. Facilitated self-paced tech learning by guiding patrons through digital literacy courses on digitallearn.org.
- Provided one-on-one support to help patrons successfully utilize city, county, state, and federal online resources, including USCIS, NY.gov, U.S. Passport services, and local & county job boards.
- Held one-on-one in-person/drop-in appointments to help patrons with e-forms, technology questions, and connecting to local community resources. Morning and afternoon sessions, M-F.
- **Job Search Coach**- One-on-one sessions are available every Monday evening from 5:00–7:30 PM.
- **Healthcare Navigation**- Drop-in assistance is offered for NYS affordable healthcare on Wednesdays, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM **and** Medicare (65+yrs) coverage basics every Monday, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM starting in August.
- **Summer 2026 ESL classes** continue with the English Language Institute/WCC In-person morning ESL classes-3rd Fl. Classroom: M-T-Th-F, 9:15 am- 12:15 pm, July 16- August 14.

Collections:

- An analysis was done of the materials budget, comparing spending by collection and dewey number to circulation. This created much discussion and redistribution of budgeted amounts in various collections.
- Librarians continue to highlight books in our collection by providing book lists for the e-newsletter and creating book displays throughout the library, some of the book displays were for: international music and dance, summer cooking, reading after you see *The Odyssey*, while you wait for *Theo of Golden* and *The Correspondent*, and summer reads.

3. Patron & Community Engagement

All staff members have been encouraging our patrons to complete the Shape the Future of the New Rochelle Public Library survey, pointing out the QR code on each desk and giving out bookmarks with the QRcode.

4. Operations & Facilities

In July we hosted the New Rochelle Art Association's annual Jules Bauer Art Award Show. I want to share how the president of the NRAA concluded her one of her emails, "Your guys are so incredibly helpful I expect no problems." Our facilities team has a crucial role in making our

exhibits a success. Each exhibitor has their own specifications: configuring the walls, installing homasote boards or picturing-hanging rods, moving display cases, and reception set up. Mike and his team are always helpful and often have good suggestions.

5. Statistics Snapshot

<u>Event</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Book Clubs	2	22
Acoustic String Jam	1	9
Film screenings	1	5
Digital learning classes	2	3
Exams Proctored		7

Circulation statistics for July 2026

Overdrive/Libby	10,473
Kanopy	345
Hoopla	1,470

6. Looking Ahead

At the end of August, we will be celebrating the conclusion of our Adult Summer Reading Game with a record-breaking number of participants. We are looking forward to fall, continuing our successful programs and classes and developing new ones. After the success of our summer program, we hope to continue our successful partnership with STEM Alliance. Our new fulltime library assistant is bilingual and planning is in progress to launch a Spanish language book club. We look forward to learning what the heat mapping project will teach us about our collection and our patrons' borrowing behavior. All library departments are actively planning for Library Card Sign up month in September.

Narrative Report – Adult Services

July 2026

Department: Adult Services

Submitted by: Kira Aiello

Reporting Period: 07/01/2026-07/31/2026

The month of July began with the graduation of the STEM Alliance class. This successful partnership helped thirteen of our patrons narrow the digital divide. The library staff helps bridge the digital divide every day by assisting patrons with computer use, teaching computer classes, and providing one-on-one appointments with trained digital navigators. However, watching this class of students commit themselves to the series of classes, leave better informed, and receive their own Chromebook was especially rewarding.

When the heat mapping project was first outlined, it seemed like an impossible task. The team assigned to the project tackled it one shelf at a time, working steadily through all three floors of the library. Their hard work is reflected in the data provided to Thirdway, and we all look forward to learning the results of the heat mapping project.

We also welcomed the addition of a full-time bilingual library assistant to our team. She is off to a great start and is planning to launch a Spanish-language book club.

NRPL Monthly Departmental Update (July 2026)

Department: Youth Services

Submitted by: Bobby Simic

Reporting Period: July 1 - 31, 2026

1. Key Highlights (Strategic Goals Alignment)

- **Children's & Teens:** Summer Reading is in full swing! As of July 31st, there are 923 kids registered for Summer Reading Challenge and 67 Teen registrants.
- **HCL:** Asking patrons to take the library survey and sign up for summer reading, lots of positive remarks about providing a fun place for children to come in summer. Patrons enjoyed the Friday grab and go bags for the children.
- **Teen Services:** The Hallen School Life Skills class made a special visit with our Paws & Relax with Therapy Dog Milo and owner Jamie on Monday, 7/20. 18 teens spent time with Milo and learned about his journey as an abandoned puppy and what he does now as a certified therapy dog.

2. Programs, Services & Collections

- **Children's Room Book Displays:** World Cup/Soccer, Graduation, Summer, Dinosaurs, 4th of July/Rev250.
- **Children's Room Book Displays:** The Who Was...? collection is now displayed in the juvenile fiction collection. We incorporated a display of new juvenile fiction books into the juvenile fiction collection.
- **Children's Room:** Weeding continued amongst the juvenile easy reader, juvenile young reader, juvenile picture book, juvenile graphic novel, juvenile biography, and juvenile holiday collections.
- **Children's Room:** A map of the various juvenile collections was created for the imminent heat mapping project.
- **Children's Room:** Kids and their caregivers have gathered to enjoy and participate in the plethora of programs we've had this month! During the weekdays we've had Yoga Kids, MEGA-Game Afternoon!, Baby Fingers: Signs, Stories & Songs!, Build, Make, Create: Dino STEAM, Chess for Kids, Tween Book Club, Baby & Me Together Time, Tiny Town, Kiddie Music Concerts: Little Harmoninas, the Calpulli Mexican Dance Company workshops, Toddler Time, and Let's Go Legos!. On two Saturdays, we had Saturday Summer Sings! concerts with musical performers Armelle Gloaguen and Zev Haber.
- **HCL Book Displays:** Dinosaurs, Summer Fun Activities and Hobbies, Dog Days of Summer, Nature Facts, 4th of July

- **HCL:** Summer Fun on the Patio programs: Jump with Joy (movement), LEGO Engineers (STEM), Yoga Tots. Music programs: Rock Your World Kids with Armelle Gloaguen, Singin' with Sean, Tuneful Tots with Miss Florence. Splashdown (water play on the patio). Adventures with Animals (Stamford Museum and Nature Center). ArtPlay in the basement substitutes during inclement weather. Craft take home handouts on Friday afternoons have been a big hit.
- **Teen Services Book Displays:** America 250, Fifa World Cup, and Summer Reading Books.
- **Teen Services:** Teen summer reading series of programs have been well attended averaging about 6 teens per program with our ice cream sandwich making program enticing 25 teens to participate.
- **Teen Services:** Our series of America 250 programs during this month ended with a successful America 250 cookie decorating with 20 participating teens.

3. Patron & Community Engagement

- **Children's Room & HCL:** We've been fortunate to have 4 teen interns from the city's Youth Bureau to assist with summer programs at both locations. Without their support, our Children's programs would not be as successful.
- **Teen Services:** Our eSports Summer of Soccer Showdown partnership with the City of New Rochelle and the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle went without a hitch on July 8th.
- **Teen Services:** Teen volunteers continue to help assist in the prepwork and implementation of Children's programs, Teen Room tasks and other jobs around the library.

4. Operations & Facilities

- **Children's Room:** We're grateful to have two programming space options this summer – the lobby and patio – as weather and wildfires have disrupted initial plans to host our summer programs outside.
- **HCL:** Visits from Lightpath and the architect for the roof. Custodians responded quickly when our air conditioner unit was not working, we greatly appreciate Mike and his team!
- **Teen Services:** -

5. Statistics Snapshot

(Attach or embed charts/tables if possible)

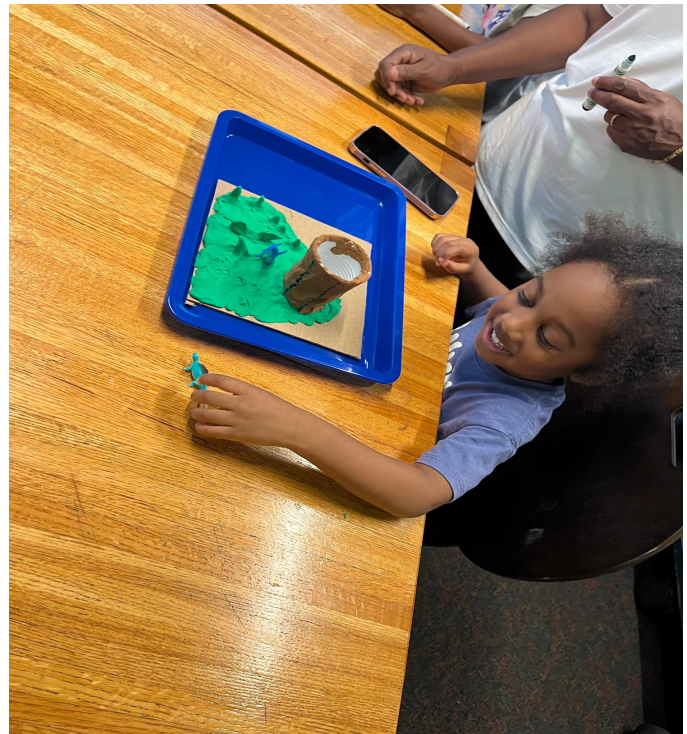
- **Children's Room:** 55 programs/2185 attendees; **HCL:** 40 programs/1604 attendees; **Teen Services:** 75 programs/432 attendees
[Youth Services Program Stats](#)
- **Circulation:** See Milton's report.
- **Children's Room Total Ref Stats:** 3479; **HCL Total Ref Stats:** 1801

6. Looking Ahead

- **Children's Room:** We're mapping out our calendar for what we'll be offering this fall as well as the various performers/volunteers that will be coming in to run programs. Bilingual Library Assistant Maria Hernandez has let families know that we'll be offering a second session of Baby & Me Together Time this fall and caregivers have been happy to hear that.
- **HCL:** Preparing our schedule for fall and lining up our program performers. Excited to switch around some programs and add some new and see how that works out.
- **Teen Services:** Fall program scheduling is in the works with plans to extend teen programs at HCL at least once a month. Partner NeuroFirst will be returning this fall with more sessions of the popular Creative Cards for a Cause program.

7. Attachments/Supporting Documents

Children's Room Programs



Children showing off their creations during one of our sessions of Build, Make, Create: Dino STEAM!



Families enjoying a Saturday Summer Sings! concert with musical performer Armelle Gloaguen!



Mr. Erik of Baby Fingers, our sign language and music class, always draws a crowd.



Each week a Tiny Town is built just for kids, who pretend and play, both indoors and out.



Families have gone “wild” for our Wild Wednesday animal programs hosted by Stamford Nature Center.

HCL Photos



Children enjoying bubbles during Tuneful Tots with Miss Florence



Yoga Tots on a beautiful Friday morning at HCL



Armelle Gloaguen rocks the crowd with Rock Your World Kids at HCL



Patrons met Tara the Turtle and others during Adventures with Animals!



Inclement weather, tornado watches, and smoke from the North won't keep our patrons from fun! Here we made blobfish (real deep sea creatures) after hearing a story about them. We substitute ArtPlay projects when the weather doesn't work for us.



Experiencing a synthesizer during Singin' with Sean - who always brings a variety of instruments to show to our patrons

Teen Services Programs



eSports Summer of Soccer Showdown (7/8) with the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle.



Making dino eggs (7/10); part of the teen summer reading program series.



The Hallen School students and teachers spend time with Milo the certified pet therapy dog (7/20).



Teens taking the Trivia Tuesday: Soccer challenge (7/21) with Constantine.

Narrative Report – Youth Services (June 2026)

Department: Youth Services

Submitted by: Bobby Simic

Reporting Period: July 1 - 31, 2026

It's been a busy summer in Youth Services as we've increased our daily program offerings to better serve families with kids and teens out of school. Summer programs for families in the Children's Room and HCL have included yoga, wild animals, storytimes, free play with toys and water, STEAM projects and musical performances. In July, among other activities, teens were able to make ice cream sandwiches, create weekly crafts inspired by American 250 and play in a World Cup-inspired video game tournament in partnership with the City of New Rochelle and the Boys and Girls Club.

The majority of our Children's programs have assistance from teen interns from the city's Youth Bureau and teen volunteers courtesy of the Teen Room. We're grateful for their help and know events wouldn't run as efficiently without their support.

Amongst the summer busyness, the Teen Room took time to "Paws and Relax" with a special visit from the Hallen School Life Skills class. 18 Hallen students spent time with newly certified Therapy Dog Milo and owner Jamie on Monday, July 20th. The class spent time with Milo and learned about his journey as an abandoned puppy and what he does now as a certified therapy dog.

At Main, we've been benefitting from not one but 2 new programming spaces for summer events. The patio and lobby areas have made hosting programs so much easier for staff and accessible for patrons. It's been difficult consistently hosting programs outside on the patio this summer because of extreme heat, storms and smoke from Canadian wildfires. So having the lobby as an alternate program space has made pivoting programs from outside to indoors smooth and easy.

With more program attendees, more families explore our Children's spaces and collections. In the Children's Room, at least four patrons over the month mentioned to staff how much they enjoy the books we display on top of the picture book shelves. We're constantly replenishing the tops of shelves as more and more patrons take the display books!

Of course it wouldn't be summer without our popular Summer Reading Challenge. This year is dino-themed and called Unearth a Story. Children and their families have been coming in to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and to pick up prizes, stickers for gameboards, and raffle tickets for chances to win our end-of-summer grand prizes. There's been a lot of excitement amongst the kids as they work their way through their gameboards. They've especially enjoyed

feeding their raffle tickets to the dinosaur that Bilingual Library Assistant Maria Hernandez created. Caregivers have mentioned that they're glad we have the Challenge and that it's a great incentive to keep their kids reading! So far, there are 923 kids registered for the Summer Reading Challenge and 67 Teen registrants.

NRPL Monthly Departmental Update

Department: Circulation Department

Submitted by: Milton Cobb

Reporting Period: July 2026

1. Key Highlights

- The Circulation Department has been actively distributing the current Community Survey to patrons. Formerly, it was through the distribution of paper copies of the survey. Currently, it is through providing the survey to patrons on iPads and via QR code links. In addition, the department is distributing bookmarks containing links to the survey to get it to a wider audience.
- In coordination with other departments, the Circulation Department has begun planning and getting data compiled to support efforts to increase library card sign-ups through “Library Card Sign Up Month” in September, with the ambitious goal of registering 2,500 new patrons by October 1, 2026.
- The back office of the Circulation department has been adjusted. The Department Head’s desk is now in the Adult Services office. The phone located at the rear office desk was moved to the new desk in Adult Services. In addition to these changes, several other additions and changes have been made to the workspace and setup of the Circulation Department.
- An additional computer terminal is being set up in the Circulation Department office and an additional phone has been added. These two additions are to help facilitate the administration of the phone call-friendly version of the library’s user survey.

2. Programs, Services & Collections

- The department looks forward to continued collaboration with the Head of Programming and Outreach on future outreach opportunities and programs. Most recently, members of the Circulation Team have sat in on programs as program facilitators. Leonor B. has served in this capacity for recent STEM Alliance technology programs. Relatively new Circulation clerk, Daniel R. has been attending and helping keep track of attendance of the

3. Patron & Community Engagement

- **Additional staff member profiles added to WLS Evergreen-enabled laptop**
 - To aid in card registration at outreach events, additional user profiles were added to the WLS Evergreen-enabled laptop. The User profiles added are:

- S. Perez
 - D. Torres
 - D. Link
 - “Sarah Miller” (The “Sarah Miller” profile is a profile that was created for use by members of Adult Services. This profile will allow any member of the team to make use of the laptop, without having to sign into the account of M.Cobb, or the other three added profiles.
- **Community Survey Distribution and Data Analysis**
 - The Circulation Department has been actively distributing the current Community Survey to patrons. Formerly, it was through the distribution of paper copies of the survey. Currently, it is through providing the survey to patrons on iPads and via QR code links.
 - The department is distributing bookmarks which contain QR code links to the server to patrons in order to get the survey to a wider audience.
 - Members of the Circulation Department have begun the process of analyzing paper copies of the survey and digitizing them.
 - Members of the Circulation Department are making calls to patrons in order to administer a phone call-friendly version of the survey.
- **Access to Libby Ending for Patrons With Expired Library Cards**
 - WLS is ending access to Libby for patrons who have expired library cards on August 1, 2026. In advance of that, on July 17, an email was sent to over 2,600 patrons with expired accounts who had accessed Libby within the current calendar year. There are an additional 261 patrons who were identified as having accessed Libby with expired cards who will need to be contacted via phone, as there is no email address on record for them.

4. Operations & Facilities

- After having a chance to meet with the new Assistant Director, Milton David Almodovar, and giving him a tour of the Circulation Department office, he recognized some areas that needed to be addressed. He, along with Head of Maintenance Mike Abruzzi, directed members of the Maintenance Department to clean and dust several vents. This was addressed extremely quickly and is greatly appreciated by members of the Circulation Department.
- New staff members have joined, and will be joining, the Circulation Department. These new members are:
 - Sheba Edwards will join the Circulation Department as a part-time Library Clerk, effective July 6, 2026.
 - Chantal Lambert will join the Circulation Department as a part-time Library Clerk, effective July 6, 2026.
 - Barbara Felker will join the Circulation Department as a part-time Library Clerk, effective July 27, 2026.
 - Bryan McClellan will join the Circulation Depart as Senior Clerk, effective August 17, 2026.

5. Statistics Snapshot

July 2026 Statistics

Main Branch

	July 2026
Circulations	Circulations : 15,482
Highest Circulation Categories	5 Highest Circulation Statistical Categories: 1. Juvenile Fiction- 7,297 2. Fiction- 1,642 3. Juvenile Nonfiction- 1,169 4. Movie- 1,166 5. YA Fiction- 1,062
Intraloans Supplied	Intraloans Supplied : 3,244
Intraloans Received	Intraloans Received : 1,103
Patrons Added	Patrons Added : 250
Items Added	Items Added : 281
Items Deleted	Items Deleted : 993

HCL

	July 2026
Circulations	Circulations : 3,072
Highest Circulation Categories	5 Highest Circulation Statistical Categories: 1. Juvenile Fiction- 2,302 2. Juvenile Nonfiction- 252 3. Fiction- 158 4. Nonfiction- 103 5. New Book- 94
Intraloans Supplied	Intraloans Supplied : 191
Intraloans Received	Intraloans Received : 440
Patrons Added	Patrons Added : 17
Items Added	Items Added : 15
Items Deleted	Items Deleted : 13

6. Looking Ahead

- The Circulation Department will be adding additional hotspots to the library's collection. The department will also be adding 10 Makey Makey STEM kits to the collection. These items have been acquired through funds provided by a technology grant. The department looks to have these items begin circulating in September, after a collaborative program with the Youth Services Department.
- **The Circulation Department will continue to do whatever is needed to make the Welcome Desk a successful addition to New Rochelle Public Library.**

7. Attachments/Supporting Documents

- Monthly Circulation:
 - ☒ Monthly_Circulation_JULY2026
- Intraloans Supplied:
 - ☒ Monthly_Supplied_JULY2026
- Intraloans Received:
 - ☒ Monthly_Received_JULY2026
- Patrons Added:
 - ☒ Monthly_Patrons_Added_JULY2026
- Items Added:
 - ☒ Monthly_Items_Added_JULY2026
- Items Deleted:
 - ☒ Monthly_Items_Deleted_JULY2026

Monthly Departmental Narrative Report

Department: Circulation Department

Submitted by: Milton Cobb

Reporting Period: July 2026

Narrative Report

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In addition to patrons who need to be called in order to help get more survey respondents, an additional 261 phone calls will need to be made to patrons who use Libby but have an expired library card. WLS is ending access to Libby for patrons who have expired library cards on August 1, 2026. In advance of that, on July 17, an email was sent to over 2,600 patrons with expired accounts who had accessed Libby within the current calendar year. There are an additional 261 patrons who were identified as having accessed Libby with expired cards who will need to be contacted via phone, as there is no email address on record for them.

Lastly, the staff size of the Circulation Department continues to grow with the addition of several new members. The month of July saw the department welcome new hourly clerks, Sheba Edwards, Chantal Lambert, and Barbara Felker. The new Senior Clerk in the department, Brian McClellan, is scheduled to begin work in mid-August with an expected start date of August 17, 2026.

NRPL Monthly Departmental Update

Department: Community Relations

Submitted by: Lisa Itzkowitz

Reporting Period: July 2026

1. Key Highlights

- Led promotional efforts to drive patron engagement for 23 July programs with emphasis on generating awareness of weekly International Music and Dance performances, Calpulli Dance workshops, wellness classes and special children's events.
- Led efforts to schedule, recruit and reconfirm attendance of distinct community segments for six visioning focus groups. Served as liaison with MS Studios.
- Attended Community Partner Breakfast; Engaged with attendees and took event photos.
- Led efforts to increase distribution of the Community Survey. Sent follow up email to Community Breakfast partners and tapped into personal networks - providing specific guidance/language for sharing survey with their constituents/networks.
- Spearheaded internal efforts to increase awareness of Community Survey including creation of bookmarks with survey QR code for insertion in checked out books and posting link to survey on all NRPL public computers. Continued to highlight survey in all digital communications.
- Presented the new logo to staff. Supervised creation of all materials with new logo and crafted detailed follow up communications providing staff with updated materials. New logo launched to the community on July 31.
- Presented new website to staff. Provided staff with access to the test site for review and comments. Overseeing site updates. Coordinating with IT and Library Market for tech needs for site launch
- Coordinated with providers of Multilevel and Beginner Yoga, Chair Yoga, Sewing, Knitting, Adult Art Workshops, SYHO, and Mah Jongg to schedule fall dates, and create program descriptions as needed and oversee programs on an ongoing basis.
- Supervised Community Relations staff in managing execution of International Music and Dance weekly performances
- Provided insights and guidance regarding programming and budgeting to David Torres as he assumes his new role as head of programming and outreach, and Kira Aiello re: Lumen Winter Gallery exhibit management
 - Met with David, Theresa Kump Leghorn, and Tobe Sevush to discuss ArtsFest 2026 programming.
 - Met with Kira, Raya Salter, and Nia Howard Fenton re: Air of Truth Exhibit
- Met with colleagues to discuss initiatives for Library Card Sign Up Month (LCSUM)
 - Exploring marketing angle of Help Us Beat Our Personal Best for Cards Signed Up in a Single Month
 - Propose mailing all event attendees with targeted email to sign up for a card. Will coordinate with Circulation

2. Programs

- **Health and Wellness Programs - 15 sessions**
 - Chair Yoga *averaged 33 attendees/session.*
 - Multi Level Yoga *averaged 22 attendees*
 - Tai Chi/Qi Gong - *averaged 35 attendees/session.*
 - Dharma Yoga - *19 attendees*

- **Arts and Culture Programs - 10 sessions**
 - **Knitting Club**, *average 11 attendees/session*
 - **Open Sewing**, *average 16 attendees/session*
 - **International Music and Dance**, *average 57/attendees/session*
 - **Village Light Opera Group Concert**, *75 attendees*
- **Fun and Games Programs - 7 sessions**
 - **MahJong Open Play**, daytime, average 10 attendees/session
 - **Mah Jongg Open Play evening**, average 10/session (this group was formed by a patron who was asked by friends to teach them the game. We provide the space in the lobby. The organizer shared that people stop by to learn more.
- **Virtual Programs - 1 session**
 - **Women and Money Roundtable**, *2 attendees*

3. Patron & Community Engagement

- Led efforts to recruit and coordinate Community Visioning focus groups led by MS Studios, and expand distribution of Community Survey.
- Coordinated WLS Back to School Supplies drive on behalf of the Sharing Shelf
- Supervise Community Relations staff in all aspects of International Music and Dance program execution.

4. Operations and Facilities

n/a

5. Statistics Snapshot

- Total number of program sessions: 33
- Total number of attendees: 845
- Social media recap

July was an above average month for our social media. Facebook gained 67 new followers, had 846 content interactions, reached 31,719 unique accounts, accumulated 108,020 views across all posts and 1,560 profile visits from unique accounts. On Instagram we gained 58 new followers, had 604 content interactions (likes & comments), reached 3,968 unique accounts, accumulated 32,317 views across all posts and 412 profile visits from unique accounts.

As expected July did well due to the rollout of the community survey, new logo and beginning of the Children's Summer programs. Overall the reaction to the new logo has been positive and the reveal of the new logo was one of the most popular posts of the month.

The most popular post of the month was our survey post (12,947 Views, 7,083 Reach, 227 Interactions)

- Email: The open rate on the weekly eblast was 59% - 26% higher than the industry average. 600 new contacts were added to our email distribution list in July representing new cardholders from April - June and event attendees.

6. Looking Ahead

- The new website will launch in August. Final date TBD
- August programs will include 3 International Music and Dance performances
- The Library will host Hearts and Homes for Refugees Summer Camp program for children the last two weeks of August
- A Red Cross Blood Drive will take place on August 7
- Two outreach events are scheduled in August, NRPD National Night Out, August 4; Taste of Union, August 29
- Serve as point person on the WLS Road Trip 2026, a pilot initiative to encourage library exploration and community engagement among Westchester residents and library staff. It will run from September 13th to December 13th, involving 29 library locations. There will be paper travel logbooks and a digital app for participants to track their visits, and earn chances to win in drawings for prizes.
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7. Supporting Documents



Thai NY Life, a new performance group to NRPL, kicked off the 2026 International Music and Dance Festival



The Village Light Opera Cabaret Group performed to an audience of 75 on July 25.



A Community Partner breakfast was held on July 15. Representatives from a wide range of community organizations joined us to share their vision for the future of NRPL.



Six visioning focus groups, representing unhoused, seniors, new residents, North End residents, BIPOC and NRPL Foundation and Friends board members (virtual) were held in mid-July. The groups were facilitated by Margaret Sullivan Studios

Community Relations Narrative Report

Department: Community Relations

Submitted by: Lisa Itzkowitz

Reporting Period: July 2026

This month, marketing provided support for **23 programs** across all library departments. Key events included communications for the annual **International Music and Dance Festival**, **Calpulli Mexican Dance workshops**, and **Children's Summer Programs**.

Led **efforts to maximize distribution of community survey**, including creation of bookmarks for insertion into checked out books, installation of survey on all public computers, and follow up/outreach to community organizations to spread the word to their networks.

Presented the **new logo** to staff. Introduced the new logo to the community on July 31 via the eblast. Updated all comms with new logo and replaced around the building, on screens, etc.

Presented the **new website** to staff. Soliciting input for edits/additions from staff and continue to finalize new site content for launch in mid to late August. Coordinating tech needs between NRPL and website creator, Library Market.

Community Relations serving as **point for International and Music Dance Festival** during transition period.

Coordinating and promoting **Back to School Supplies Drive** organized by WLS o behalf of the Sharing Shelf.

Met with cross departmental team to **plan for Library Card Sign Up Month in September**.

Wellness classes, particularly Chair Yoga and Tai Chi regularly get 35+ participants.

Public relations coverage:

Full page listing of July events in the [July issue of the New Rochelle Review](#). Calpulli Mexican Dance workshops were picked up in [Downtown New Rochelle weekly eblast](#). Back to School Drive, including list of participating libraries, ran in [Yonkers Times](#). [News12 Westchester](#) ran a story on upcoming NRPL programs including the International Music and Dance Festival, Calpulli Mexican Dance workshops and Summer Sings Bastille Day Children's Concert. [Patch](#) also ran a story on the International Music and Dance Festival.

Board Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2026
Personnel Report Listing

						Board Meeting
						Report - Date
Last Name	Name	Title	Salary	Reason	Action Date	
¹ Aucena	Rio	Librarian II	\$82,245.00	Promotion to Librarian II	July 20,2026	13-Aug-26
² McClellan	Bryan	Senior Library Clerk	\$60,399.00	New Hire	10-Aug-26	13-Aug-26
³ Prince	Jessie	PT - Library Clerk	\$22.58/hour	New Hire	17-Aug-26	13-Aug-26
⁴ Panicker	Madhu	Full Time - Customer Service Representative	From Step # 1 \$46,972.9 - Salary \$1,806.65	To Step # 2 \$48,492.08 - Salary \$1,865.08	1-Sep-26	13-Aug-26

Board Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2026
Incident Report Listing

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	ACTION Y/N	EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTACT
7/2/2026	3:00 PM	HCL	Incident Involving a Young Child, Caregiver	No	
7/14/2026	12:00 PM	Main Library	Unauthorized Use of Study Room	No	
7/18/2026	2:00 AM	Main Library	Main Library Entrance Door Damage	Yes	NRPD
7/21/2026	9:00 AM	Main Library	Exterior Grounds Incident	Yes	NRPD

Introducing the New New Rochelle Public Library Logo



A Message from Executive Director Eugenia Schatoff

We are excited to introduce a new logo for the New Rochelle Public Library—a fresh visual identity that reflects who we are, who we serve, and our vision for the future.

While books remain at the heart of what we do, today's Library is so much more. We are a place to learn, discover, create, connect, and participate in community life. Our new logo reflects the many ways the Library welcomes and serves the people of New Rochelle.

At the heart of the design is a figure with open arms, symbolizing the warmth and welcome that we hope everyone feels when they walk through our doors. The four sweeping arcs represent the many strands of our community coming together at the Library, while the open frame evokes our building, an open door, and the pages of an open book.

The logo is a symbol of a Library that is always moving forward—one that honors its history while embracing new possibilities.

I am especially grateful to the [New Rochelle Public Library Foundation](#) for its generous support of this work. Their investment has made it possible for us to introduce a new visual identity and create a new website that better reflects the Library we are today and our aspirations for tomorrow. We are fortunate to have such a committed partner.

We look forward to sharing this new chapter with you.

Eugenia Schatoff
Executive Director

The Story Behind the Logo

Everyone Who Walks Through This Door

A figure in motion. Four paths converging. One open door—for all of New Rochelle.

At the center of the new New Rochelle Public Library logo is a figure with arms open wide. The

golden circle of the head radiates warmth and curiosity, while four sweeping arcs reach outward, representing the diverse strands of life in our community.

The arcs represent **students and lifelong learners, families and neighbors, newcomers and long-time residents**. Together, they curve into the Library's doorway—an open frame that evokes our building, an invitation to enter, and the pages of an open book.

The figure steps forward from within the frame, representing a Library that holds knowledge while making it accessible to everyone.

The logo's five-color palette reflects the diversity of New Rochelle. Violet, which has long been part of the Library's visual identity, is joined by emerald, teal, sienna, and gold. Together, the colors represent the many distinct voices and experiences that make up our community.

At its heart, the logo communicates a simple message before a

single word is read: **Come in. You belong here.**

Looking Ahead

Our new logo is part of an exciting time of growth and change for the New Rochelle Public Library. In the coming weeks, we plan to launch our redesigned website, making it easier to discover programs, access resources, and connect with your Library online.

We look forward to sharing our new look—and our new online home—with you.

Committee Meetings

Community Relations Committee Monday, July 6 · 9:00 – 10:00am

Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, July 22 · 8:30am - 9:30am

B&G Committee meeting Friday July 17 8:30am - 9:30am

Check-In Meetings

Check In Meeting Director + Board President Thursday, July 2 · 5:00 – 6:00pm

Check in with Tradesworker Monday, July 6 · 1:00 – 1:45pm

Check in with Community Relations Admin Assistant Tuesday, July 7 · 10:30 – 11:30am

Check in with Assisatnt Director & Tradesworker Tuesday, July 7 · 1:00 – 2:00pm

Check in with Assistant Director Wednesday, July 8 · 10:00 – 10:30am

Check in with Assistant Director Thursday, July 9 · 11:15am – 12:00pm

Check in with Security Supervisor Wednesday, July 8 · 11:00 – 11:30am

Check In with Board President Thursday, July 9 · 1:30 – 2:30pm

Check In with Assistant Director Thursday, July 9 · 3:00 – 4:00pm

Check in with Board Member Tuesday, July 14 · 10:30 – 11:00am

Check in with Board Member Friday, July 17 · 2:00 – 2:30pm

Check in with Assisstant Director Monday, July 27 · 10:00 – 11:00am

Other Meetings

Civil Service Commission Meeting Wednesday, July 15 · 3:30 – 4:30pm

Director's Meeting Wednesday, July 15 · 11:30am – 12:00pm

PLDA Meeting via Zoom Thursday, July 16 · 9:30 – 10:30am

NRPL - Review of Focus Groups and Partner Breakfast Friday, July 17 · 11:00am – 12:00pm

Joint B and G and Finance Planning Meeting Monday, July 27 · 5:00 – 7:00pm

Harvard Future Library Design July 29 – 31, 2026

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Respectfully Submitted,

Eugenia Schatoff

Eugenia Schatoff, Library Director