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•  And many more projects
•   100s of hours of Children’s Programming, Services
•   “The Big Read” Initiative
•   Creation of the Handelman Business
•   Creation of the Bliss Music Center
•   Children’s Room Renovation
•   Ossie Davis Theater Renovation
•   Purchasing over 100 Computer Stations with Free wifi

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The Bliss Music Center
A First-Class Resource

One of the most exciting additions to
the library’s growing resources is
the Bliss Music Center. According
to Library Director Tom Geoffino, the Bliss
Music Center is “one of the crown jewels
of the Library and includes something
for just about everyone.” The Bliss Music
Center was made possible by a gift
from Marjorie Bliss and Family in honor of
her late husband Milton Bliss. Mrs. Bliss
is an active member of the New Rochelle
Public Library Foundation, which has
been instrumental in developing and
maintaining The Bliss Center.

Located on the 3rd floor — with a
scenic view of the Library Green below —
The Bliss Music Center was modeled
after the Lincoln Center Branch of the
New York Public Library. The Center
has greatly expanded the Library’s music
collection to more than 4,000 CDs. The
catalog now contains new genres, such as
World Music and Rap, as well as a
robust assortment of Classical, Opera
and International titles. Many special
edition box sets are available for the
first time. The Center is also home to a
first-class collection of original musical
scores. Inside the Bliss Center there
are 8 state-of-the-art Listening Stations
where visitors can preview music before
making their borrowing selections.

The Bliss Music Center has
been able to upgrade and expand its
resources on a yearly bases.

“Milton and I shared a wonderful life
together and a love for music. I wanted to
do something to honor Milton’s memory —
something that would be a lasting legacy
for our children and community. Now that
the Bliss Music Center is here and I see
how many people use the Center —
I am very happy. If Milton knew how many
people were listening to music because of
him, I think he would be happy too.”
— Marjorie Bliss
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We Need You Now, More Than Ever
The New Rochelle Public Library is a microcosm of our city. It is near and dear to my heart because it is a place where people of all ages and backgrounds find resources for education, self-improvement, and entertainment. It is a place where we all learn and grow together. For many years now the Library Foundation, along with the Friends of the Library, have worked to fill the gap between the Library budget and the needs of our community. Over the past 5 years matching funds from the Foundation have helped secure more than $200,000 in State and Federal grants for our Library. These funds have made all the difference. Together we have built one of the best and most utilized libraries in Westchester County.

But the challenges continue. Despite the dedicated work of our Director, Tom Geoffino, and his diligent staff, the gap between the Library’s budget and its needs have continued to grow. To meet those needs we need your support now, more than ever.

Our upcoming projects include the renovation of the First Floor Lobby, which will include a new Adult Reception and Circulation Desk, Friends of the Library Bookstore, and a new Floor Lobby, which will include a new Adult Reception and Circulation Desk, Friends of the Library Bookstore, and a new

Downtown Redevelopment Update
The City of New Rochelle recently signed a Master Development Agreement with Renaissance Downtown/RXR to design an economic development plan for our downtown community. The goal is to improve the overall quality of life and the economy of downtown New Rochelle. The Library and its Board of Trustees are in discussions with RXRDM to determine how the Library will fit into future proposed plans. In the words of New Rochelle Commissioner of Development Luiz Aragon, “The Library is in a win/win position. Now it’s up to RD/RXR together with the Library Board, to develop plans that is good for the future of our beloved Library and our downtown community.” We encourage all our readers to become active advocates for our Library by playing a part in the crowdsourcing dialogue. Sign up today and give your input at www.nrfuture.com.

Children’s Room Renovation Earns an A+
As soon as you enter the Library you can see the transformation. Walk through the dramatic archway entrance, inspired by Norman Rockwell’s Land of Enchantment painting, and you know you have entered a totally refreshed space.

Designed to appeal to our youngest patrons and their families, the Children’s Room has been re-created with vibrant colors, modern furniture and a jazzy new carpet giving the space an open and inviting feel. Creativity meets efficiency in the new train motif Librarian Station, wrap-around Computer Center and smart new room layout.

According to Cathy Cronin, longtime Children’s Librarian, “This space has not been renovated since 1997. That’s almost 20 years! The wear and tear on this room is tremendous. We desperately needed these upgrades.”

The Children’s Room is ranked second in total children’s book circulation and third in total annual hours open among all 38 Westchester System Libraries. But that is only part of the story. Free community programs include weekly Nursery Rhyme Time, Toddler Time, Preschool Story Time, Yoga Tots, Baby Steps, Pajama Time, Music, Movement and Parenting Activities and Craft Workshops.

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After The Flood, Ossie Davis Theater Better Than Ever! What a hard winter this has been. On Feb 16 another winter storm rolled in and sometime after closing, a pipe burst in the Library. The newly renovated Ossie Davis Theater and adjacent conference room were soon under 2 feet of water. Brand new floors, seats and carpeting were ruined. It looked like a total disaster but thanks to the hard work of our amazing staff and the support of our community, today the Theater is back — and better than ever. A special thank you to our amazing neighbor, Recologie Lifestyle Inc. (49 Lawton Street) for lending their space so that the Ossie Davis Theater hardly missed a beat or a performance.

The Children’s Room also hosts our 7 elementary schools and community preschools. Homework Help is offered every weekday during the school year. In addition to all these scheduled activities, the Children’s Room hosts hundreds of babies, preschoolers, school-aged children, parents, grandparents and caregivers who utilize the room to read and socialize together.

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