



New Rochelle Public Library Foundation
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Foundation NEWS

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Libraries Change Lives One Family At A Time

Families of all backgrounds, speaking languages from across the globe, stream through our doors. For many, our Library means free access to the Internet and the online world of information. In fact, in 2016 we provided **more than 92,000 online sessions**.

Last year the Ossie Davis Theater was booked to capacity and thanks to the Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library, we offered more than **1,000 free cultural programs**. **224 adults received one-on-one tutoring** for high school equivalency diplomas and **230 people received individual career counseling**. Last year, **more than 1,000 tax returns were prepared** (at no charge) by trained AARP volunteers. The Library touches families in so many ways. The numbers are astounding. But the individual stories are even better.

“Rosemary and Karina discovered me. Rosemary’s Mom used to register her for all our workshops. Soon I was asking her to help me run our children’s programs. Karina found me the same way. Her family moved to the neighborhood and her Mom discovered our Spanish language collection and our free programming. By the time Karina was in high school, she was one of my best craft instructors. Rosemary and Karina were not just volunteers. They were teenage Library ambassadors. These young women are our pride and joy. They are what the Library is all about.”

— Barbara Davis
 Community Relations Coordinator, NRPL

MEET Rosemary Fuentes

*Architectural Designer,
 Woodruff Architects*

“We moved to New Rochelle when I was about 2. My Mom is from Guatemala and my Dad is from El Salvador. They both love to read so it’s no surprise that they found their way to the Library. I remember, when I was little, my family used to meet in the evening and go to the Ossie Davis Theater – the dance performances were always our favorites. I grew up in the Library and I’m proud of it.

When I was in college and looking for an internship, I asked Barbara Davis for advice. She said she would send out a few emails for me. A few hours later she gave me the number of a local architect, John Woodruff, who had a spot for a part-time intern. After I completed the internship John told me, if I wanted it, there was a job waiting for me when I graduated. Today I am thrilled to be working for Woodruff Architects designing commercial and residential projects right here in New Rochelle. It’s really kind of a dream come true for me.”



Rosemary receives her BS in Architectural Design from NYIT and celebrates with her family

MEET Karina Cortez

Senior, College of New Rochelle and Program Coordinator, STRIVE Leadership Academy

“I grew up on Main Street. The Library is just a short walk from my house. My Mom used to take me and my brother and sister to all the classes. When I was 13, I started volunteering for Barbara Davis. By the time I was a junior in high school I was working in the Teen Room and teaching some of the crafts classes. Today, I’m a senior at The College of New Rochelle. No surprise...I’m an English major and plan to get my Masters in Education. I also work as a program coordinator at the STRIVE Leadership Academy run by the New Rochelle Youth Bureau.

We’re still a Library family. My Mom is in the Library all the time. Everyone knows her - she borrows books 10 at a time and cooks for the annual *Day of the Dead Celebration*. I still come to the Library when I need a quiet place to study or to visit Barbara Davis.”



Karina (center) and the STRIVE Leadership Academy volunteer at the Fall Family Festival on the Library Green

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Meet Our New Staff Member

**Melissa
Panszi
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"I believe that libraries are among the most magical places in a city. When we moved back to New Rochelle, after a sabbatical in Minneapolis, one of the first things we did as a family was to get Library cards so the kids would feel at home here."


A Message from our President Chris Selin

Today is the Day to Donate



These are exciting times at the Foundation. We are extremely proud to announce that now through June 30 all **donations will be matched one to one – up to \$10,000** – by one of our generous donors. That means that **today is the day to donate to the Foundation**. If the uplifting stories of the two young women highlighted in this newsletter are not enough to inspire you to give, this **rare opportunity to double your dollars** should do the trick. Rosemary's and Karina's families are not unique. They are the fabric of our community and the reason why the Foundation is committed to support the Library's role in meeting the needs of our local families.

I would also like to recognize and thank the Rotary Club of New Rochelle for their generous donation in support of our new Family Computer Center, which will be located in the Children's Room in the Library.

I hope to see you all at the Library and at the Foundation's upcoming events. 

P.S. Please remember to vote on Tuesday May 16th — Library Board & Budget.

Coming in 2017: Help Us Make This Happen!

- ▶ **New Family Computer Center**
- ▶ **New Computers — Children's Room**
- ▶ **New Laptops — Handelman Business Opportunity Center**

The Foundation in Action

Recent Purchases

- ▶ 44 Personal Computers with Internet access
- ▶ 10 Early Childhood Literacy Stations
- ▶ 2 Fully Loaded Apple Editing Stations for the Digital Media Lab
- ▶ 2 State-of-the-Art Mondo Boards added to ESL Classroom
- ▶ 3-D Printer

Completed Projects

- ▶ Digital Media Lab
- ▶ Children's Room Renovation
- ▶ Ossie Davis Theater Renovation
- ▶ Adult First Floor Room Renovation
- ▶ Teen Room Renovation
- ▶ Lobby Renovation

Ongoing Programs

- ▶ English-Spanish Storytime
- ▶ Teen Summer Programming
- ▶ Family Museum Pass Program
- ▶ Adult Summer Reading Program
- ▶ Pilot Funding for e-book Adult Collection
- ▶ Establishment of the Foreign Language Collection

Cocktails & Conversation



with **Sunny Hostin**, Senior Legal Correspondent and Analyst, ABC News and Co-host of *The View*, and **Christopher J. Farley**, *The Wall Street Journal's* Senior Editorial Director, Digital Features



"Media Literacy, In the Era of 'Alternative Facts'"
Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 pm

Alvin & Friends

14 Memorial Highway, New Rochelle, NY

Join us for a ripped-from-the-headlines discussion on media literacy and the importance of research in the age of fake news.

Tickets: \$50 per person, which includes two glasses of wine or beer and nibbles. Stay for dinner and enjoy a complimentary glass of house wine with your entrée.

To RSVP and purchase tickets visit our website at www.nrplfoundation.org or mail your check and reservation request to:

NRPL Foundation, One Library Plaza, New Rochelle NY 10801. 

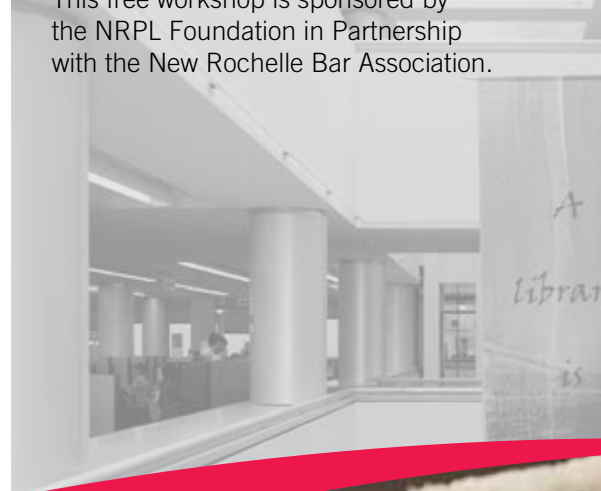
Law at the Library

A Real Estate Primer:
How to Sell, Stage
and Buy A Home

Saturday, May 20
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

This panel discussion features real estate attorney Michele Tombini, realtor Gary Leogrande, of Hudson Gateway Multiple Listing Service and Karen Prince, President, Rivertowns Staging.

This free workshop is sponsored by the NRPL Foundation in Partnership with the New Rochelle Bar Association.





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SAVE THE DATES:

- **Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 pm.** Cocktails & Conversation with Sunny Hostin and Christopher Farley "Media Literacy In the Era of Alternative Facts" at Alvin & Friends Restaurant
- **Saturday, May 20 at 11:00 am.** Law At The Library - A Real Estate Primer: How to Sell, Stage and Buy A Home, at the New Rochelle Public Library
- **Saturday, Oct 21 at 7:00 pm.** Moveable Feast Annual Gala Celebration at the New Rochelle Public Library

Visit us at nrplfoundation.org for details.

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Your Gift Doubled

Thanks to the generosity of one of our donors, **every dollar donated between now and June 30 will be matched (up to \$10,000.)** That means your gift will have double the impact.

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College Students Stay Connected

I was studying overseas when I discovered that I could use my New Rochelle Library Card online to download books and periodicals for free. This is so valuable when you're in a foreign country. I download books from the 3M Cloud Library and Google Books. I also browse through Overdrive, Indieflix and Flipster for movies, news and magazines. 

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