

FALL 2022



Foundation Grants QUARTER OF A MILLION to Library — **LARGEST GRANT EVER**



Dedicated To Excellence

Chris Selin, Foundation President, announced in July: "I am thrilled to report that the Foundation Board has approved our largest-ever annual Library Grant - \$248,000. We are extremely proud of this accomplishment and what it will mean in immediate additional programming and facility upgrades at both the downtown Main Branch and the Huguenot Children's Library. We are deeply grateful for the generous support of our corporate sponsors, individual donors and proceeds from our Guardian Gala and other events. Your ongoing support makes these grants to the Library possible."

Established nearly 30 years ago to meet the need for funding beyond what the voted budget covers, the Foundation has grown into a source of wide-spread community pride and support.

"Simply stated, our library would not be able to feature wonderful and culturally diverse programming or modern and attractive library facilities if not for the financial support of the NRPL Foundation and The Friends."

- Tom Geoffino, Library Director

2022-23 FOUNDATION GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Third Floor Renovation**
- Match for NY State Construction (Grant Pending)
- **Hardware and Software Upgrades**
including a new High-Performance Server
- **Tech for Teens**
including 3D pens and Twitch Streaming Equipment
- **New Children's Programs**
including an After School Lego Club
- **New Community Programing**
including a Community Cookbook
- **Museum Pass Program**
providing free entry into many metropolitan area museums



Every year, Tom Geoffino meets with his staff and the Board of Trustees to develop a "wish list" to present to the Foundation. Foundation grants, which have funded these 'wish lists' for more than 25 years, have helped to build one of the finest public libraries in Westchester County.

Message from Our President

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your support of and commitment to our New Rochelle Public Library. Without you, our Foundation could not deliver the wonderful results that are highlighted in the lead story of this Fall 2022 Newsletter. The total amount of \$248,000 that we were able to provide the Library enabled us to (1) meet the New York State Match requirements for the 3rd Floor renovation grant and (2) satisfy the "Wish List" from the Library Director and Trustees. This allows the Foundation to continue to fulfill our mission to raise resources and provide advocacy to keep our library vibrant, up-to-date and able to serve the diverse needs of the New Rochelle community.

Our Board of Directors work as a team, with each member playing an essential role. We are pleased to welcome to the Board two long time New Rochelle residents with deep roots in the community, **Erin Harrell** and **Sharon Weekes**.



Erin, with an M.B.A. in Marketing, brings her marketing background and communication and leadership skills to the Foundation and will be able to assist us in numerous ways, especially in strengthening our outreach and working on our development committee.



Sharon graduated from Hunter College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Healthcare Sciences. She has held several positions in the healthcare field, including the Westchester County Department of Laboratories and Research as a Senior Microbiologist and Quality Assurance Manager. Sharon is an active participant in the community, volunteering her services regularly, and serving on the boards of several New Rochelle organizations. We are delighted to have Sharon bring her enthusiasm and boundless energy to the Foundation Board.

Both Erin and Sharon have unique skills and work experiences that will prove valuable to our Board as we look to the future. We appreciate their willingness to share their time and talents for our Library and the community.

Thank you again for your support. Hope to see you soon at the many wonderful events that are happening at the Library.

All the best,

Chris Selin

New Rochelle Public Library Foundation Board

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HUGUENOT CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



Message from Susan Moorhead

Librarian at the Huguenot Children's Library

"Thank you! We have been able to do so much at the Huguenot Children's Library since last summer and I thought I would share some pictures of things Foundation grants have made possible. Purchases such as the lovely rug on the second floor (not to mention the fun hopscotch indoor/outdoor rug the kids enjoy) and the new furniture are all great. The children love the new treehouse/dollhouse and imaginations soar using the musical instruments and art supplies.

Foundation funding has also allowed us to offer a host new programs such as Chess, Summer Fun On the Patio, Yoga for Tots, puppeteer Dawny Dew and ArchforKids - creating architectural gems with cardboard, and more.

So I wanted to let you and the Foundation members know that your support has made a tremendous difference. Your grant money has been used to enhance this wonderful place and has brought joy - and a whole lot of fun - to our many patrons, both big and small."

A New Rochelle Community Celebration

GUARDIAN *Gala*

More Than \$150,000 Raised



2022 Guardian Award presented to **Dr. Irwin Redlener and Karen Redlener**, founders of Children's Health Fund and dynamic crusaders for children's healthcare and outspoken public health advocates



Honoring **Ellen and Steven Sonet** Community activists, volunteers and longtime supporters of the NRPL and its Foundation



NRPL Board Trustees, Whitney Barrat, Daniel Bonnet, Lucille Renwick and Rhiannon Navin



NR Superintendant of Schools, Jonathan Raymond, with Tom Geoffino, Library Director



Honoring **Judith Factor** NRPL Foundation Past President and Friends of Karen Executive Director



Tony Aiello of CBS News, Guardian Gala Emcee, with his wife, Liz



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3x Emmy Award-winning co-host of ABC's "The View" and New York Times best-selling author **Sunny Hostin** is NRPL Foundation's Honorary Chair for Banned Book Week

Watch for her video about WHY BANNED BOOK WEEK is so important.

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September 18-24, 2022



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New Rochelle, NY 10801

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Sunday October 2nd

Join us for a day of free activities
showcasing the rich resources the Library
has to offer families in our community.



SUPPORT OUR 2022 Community Connector Campaign

The New Rochelle Public Library prides itself on being the **one institution in our diverse city that serves and connects all segments of our community** – from toddlers to the elderly, providing services and programs that celebrate the demographic and ethnic richness of our city. We do that through fundraising and advocacy, and with the help of donors like YOU.

Giving is Easy.

Visit us at NRPLFoundation.org to donate online and learn more about our **2022 Connecting Community Campaign**

For information email nrplfoundation1@gmail.com or call (914) 813-3726

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