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I am a 23 resident of Pound Ridge and have worked in talent acquisition / staffing / HR for over 35 years. I consider myself a people person as a big part of the employment industry is interviewing, so I love meeting people and engaging in conversation!

Back in 2020, when working from home became the new norm and my long commute to NYC was eliminated, I found myself with extra time and felt it was the ideal opportunity to give back to our wonderful Pound Ridge community. Plus, working from home was lonely, and I yearned for social interaction. Upon the urging of a dear friend, I decided to run for a trustee position on the library board. This sounded perfect for me as very early in my professional career, I had worked as a teaching assistant in the Pelham School District as the Junior High School Librarian. Through the years, many of my former students had reached out to me with heartwarming messages that some of their best school memories were in the library, conversing with me, enjoying the environment I created, and reading books that I had recommended. So, I felt this could be a good match for my interest and talents.

I was so fortunate to be elected, and now have served as a trustee for the past three years. What an incredible experience! So much is involved in being a trustee including program development for patrons of all ages, analyzing financials and making decisions on spending, staffing and human resources, public relations, maintaining the building and grounds, keeping the interior inviting and safe, ensuring technology is up to par, completing trustee education courses, and participating in community events. Due to Covid, the first year was very challenging as most of the library programs were still being conducted via Zoom, as were the monthly trustee meetings. It was exciting when the library reopened for in-person participation. Even more exciting was the successful interior renovation project during 2022, which I served as chairperson, along with an outstanding team. Our “new” library is truly beautiful and even more special and was met with accolades from the community.

Three years seems like a long time but as a trustee, you are always learning, and the library is constantly evolving. I still feel like a novice with so much more to accomplish and would be honored to get elected again for another term. It is a pleasure working with our dedicated and accomplished staff, our professional consultants, and my fellow trustee volunteers. As a collaborative group, we are continuing to make our library a remarkable destination for reading, learning, enjoyment, comfort, special events and happy memories while remaining fiscally responsible and doing our absolute best to serve the needs of our loyal patrons.