

Dear Pound Ridge Community,

As we reflect on the past year, I am honored to present the Annual Report on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees. The commitment and enthusiasm of our community, staff, and supporters have truly made a significant impact on the success of our library.

Financial Overview: Our fiscal responsibility remains a top priority. We are pleased to report that prudent financial management has allowed us to maintain and enhance our services despite various economic challenges. Our dedicated finance committee has worked diligently to ensure the efficient allocation of resources, enabling us to continue providing quality programs and resources.

Programs and Outreach: Throughout the year, our library has thrived as a hub for learning, cultural enrichment, and community engagement. Our diverse range of programs, events, and outreach initiatives have touched the lives of many, fostering a sense of community and intellectual growth. We have successfully adapted to changing circumstances, offering virtual options and innovative approaches to reach a wider audience.

Technology and Innovation: Embracing technological advancements, our library has continued to evolve its digital infrastructure. We have upgraded our online catalog, expanded e-book collections, and implemented cutting-edge technologies to enhance the overall user experience. These efforts align with our commitment to providing accessible and up-to-date resources to meet the evolving needs of our community.

Facility Enhancements: The physical space of our library plays a crucial role in fostering a welcoming environment for all. One year ago, we unveiled the library's complete makeover which modernized the space to meet the changing needs of the community. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. The Pound Ridge Library Foundation's generous funding of the new acoustic panels in the Schaffner Room has significantly elevated the auditory experience for our visitors, and we extend our sincere gratitude for their invaluable support. We will continue to invest in facility enhancements, including infrastructure improvements, increased accessibility, and the creation of versatile spaces to accommodate various activities. These upgrades contribute to a more vibrant and inclusive library space for our patrons.

Community Collaboration: Collaboration with community organizations and local businesses remains a cornerstone of our library's success. By actively partnering with various stakeholders, we have strengthened our ties within the community, resulting in mutually beneficial initiatives and shared resources. These collaborations have amplified the positive impact of our library on the broader community.

Volunteer Recognition: Our library is fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers whose contributions are invaluable. We extend our deepest gratitude to all volunteers who have generously donated their time and expertise to support library programs, events, and day-to-day operations. Your commitment is truly commendable and enhances the overall effectiveness of our library.

Enhanced services and amenities: This year, we introduced passport acceptance services at the library, making it easier than ever for our community to access this essential resource right in their neighborhood. This addition reflects our ongoing dedication to providing diverse and valuable services to meet the needs of our patrons. We're also delighted to offer a coffee station featuring a selection of

coffee, tea, and hot chocolate, adding a delightful touch to your library visit, that has quickly become a community favorite.

Looking Forward: As we anticipate the coming year, the Library Board of Trustees is committed to building on our achievements and addressing new challenges. We remain focused on providing high-quality services, fostering community connections, and adapting to the evolving needs of our patrons.

In closing, I express my sincere appreciation to the Library Board of Trustees, library staff, volunteers, and the entire community for your ongoing support. Together, we will continue to make our library a vibrant and essential resource for all.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Schwartz

Board President

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