

## Pound Ridge Library – Annual Report 2025 From Richard Esman, Board President

Dear Pound Ridge Community,

This past year has been an exciting and productive one for our library. Thanks to the support of our community, staff, volunteers, and partners, the library continues to grow as a vibrant center for learning, culture, and connection.

**Financial Stewardship** We remained committed to responsible budgeting and resource management. Through careful planning and oversight, we continued to deliver high-quality services despite economic challenges.

**Programs & Outreach** Our library thrived as a community hub, offering a diverse lineup of programs and events for all ages. We expanded both in-person and virtual offerings, allowing us to connect with more patrons and support lifelong learning.

**Technology & Innovation** We strengthened our digital services with an updated online catalog, expanded e-book options, and improved technology to enhance the user experience. These upgrades help us stay current and accessible.

**Facility Enhancements** The library's Children's Room renovation and addition of a Sensory Room - continues to receive wonderful feedback. We are especially grateful to the Pound Ridge Library Foundation for their funding. We remain committed to ongoing improvements that make the library welcoming, accessible, and adaptable. Additionally, the Library is now open 7 days a week for the benefit of our Patrons and Community.

**Community Partnerships** Collaborations with local organizations and businesses have enriched our services and strengthened our community ties. These partnerships help us extend our reach and better serve our patrons.

**Volunteer Appreciation** Our volunteers are the heart of our library. Their time, energy, and dedication make many of our programs and daily operations possible. We are deeply grateful for all they contribute.

**Looking Ahead** As we plan for the year ahead, the Board remains focused on expanding services, strengthening community connections, and meeting the evolving needs of our patrons. With Gratitude Thank you to our Board, staff, volunteers, and community for your continued support. Together, we will keep our library thriving as a vital resource for all.

Richard Esman Board President, Pound Ridge Library