



Friends & Foundation *of the* Rochester Public Library

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Dear Library Supporter,

“I need my books, and the fact that you take the time to come and bring them to me? It’s so important.” - Deborah

On behalf of the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library (FFRPL), I wish you a happy autumn, filled with crisp, cool days and plenty of good reading! **We are so grateful for your past support**, which makes our work possible.

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, FFRPL has provided supplemental support to the Rochester Public Library for:

- mentoring and programs for at-risk youth in the Safe to be Smart afterschool program
- downtown revitalization of the Rundel Terrace
- children’s literacy through play in the newly refinished Secret Room at Central Library
- economic revitalization through Central Library’s Business Insight Center
- improved patron experience with electronic equipment for the Local History & Genealogy Division as well as Central Library’s Kate Gleason Auditorium.

The **most fulfilling** aspect of our work is when we hear directly from patrons about how FFRPL’s efforts make an impact on their lives – patrons like Deborah, who are homebound and not digital users, for whom libraries are a lifeline. “When my sister and I would travel, the first place I’d want to visit in every city was the public

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library,” she says. Now unable to go in person, Deborah enjoys the services of the library’s county-wide Extension/Outreach Department, **also supported in part by FFRPL**. “I *need* my books, and the fact that you take the time to come and bring them to me? It’s *so* important.”

The Extension/Outreach staff help provide comfort, information, and independence to Deborah and other homebound patrons, as well as to patrons in 30 senior living sites, hospitals, and residential reentry centers. **These critical services bridge the gap in access to information** and provide some of our most vulnerable neighbors with equitable services so they can continue to enjoy reading.

There is still a lot of work to be done. That is why we ask you, as one of our most valued supporters, to please reaffirm your support with a gift to the FFRPL’s 2022-2023 Annual Campaign. As always, **we are grateful** for your continued commitment to the Rochester Public Library and the community we serve.

Sincerely,



Donna P. Benjamin, Board President

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Learn more at www.FFRPL.org.

P.S. Please give today and give generously, so we can put your gift to use **right away** and impact the lives of more people in our community.