It is with great pride that I open our 2022-2023 annual report with an announcement of FFRPL’s 100% fulfillment rate. For FY2022-23, FFRPL fulfilled every funding request that the Rochester Public Library submitted to our 501(c)(3) organization. Every time the Rochester Public Library identified a community need that wasn’t being covered by municipal funds, FFRPL closed the “gap.”

We were able to accomplish this due to the generosity of our many community donors; the commitment of our corporate and governmental partners; the patronage of our retail customers; the relative stability of financial markets; the foresight of individuals whose Planned Giving included bequests to FFRPL; and the year-round diligence and dedication of our staff and board of directors.

Thank you for your role in helping us make sure that the Library has the greatest possible impact on our community year-round.

Donna Borgus, Executive Director, FFRPL
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Cumulatively, in FY2022-23 FFRPL granted $921,511 to the Monroe County Library System; Rochester Public Library (Central Library downtown and 10 urban neighborhood branches); the OWWL Library System and the Nioga Library System.

FFRPL responded to everything from incidental asks (like prizes for summer reading) to requests for support of on-line and on-site programming (such as the pilot program for RPL’s online Author Talks and the MCLS Spring Author Series that featured Susan Orlean, Jason Reynolds, Marie Benedict and Linda Sue Park).

This Fiscal Year, FFRPL provided materials support to an expanded geographical area: $285,333 to 62 eligible libraries in the Monroe County Library System, OWWL Library System (serving Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming, and Livingston counties) and Nioga Library System (serving Niagara, Orleans and Genesee counties). We earmarked funds to improve high traffic public spaces (such as the purchase of new furniture and furnishings for the Kate Monroe County Library System, OWWL Library System (Central Library downtown and 10 urban neighborhood branches); the OWWL Library System and the Nioga Library System. The Library couldn’t have met all the community’s needs without FFRPL, and FFRPL couldn’t have made it all happen without you. Thank you!

Donna Borgus, Executive Director, FFRPL

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Rebecca Fuss (through December 2022), Director of Marketing & Program Development; Christine Weidman, Volunteer and Book Sales Coordinator

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**FFRPL FY2022-23 REVENUE**

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**The chart above outlines revenue for FY2022-23 but does not reflect total assets for the organization. FFRPL also stewards and builds a $25.2-million endowment and investment account, which provides continuing support for the Library.**

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**FFRPL FY2022-23 EXPENSES**

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- **RPL Supplemental Materials and Equipment**: Books, DVDs, ebooks, Audios, etc., $216,536.57
- **RPL Special Projects and Exhibits**: Goethe Statue Construction/Installation $12,852.11
- **RPL Capital Expenses**: Meeting Room Installation for Business Insight Center $61,060.22
- **Grants to Regional Libraries**: Special Projects & Exhibits $12,852.11
- **RPL Programs and Services**: RPL Supplemental Funding for Regional Library Materials $249,771.65
- **RPL Programs and Services**: $101,711.88
- **RPL Programs and Services**: Raising a Reader Program $65,500.00
- **RPL Programs and Services**: Author Visits and Online Author Talks $11,769.01

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FFRPL is the 501(c)(3) charity that raises funds, presents programs, supports special projects, helps create specialized spaces, and purchases supplemental materials & equipment for the Rochester Public Library.
FUNDRAISING SUPPORT
FRFPL conducts fundraising for the Library and is the best way to support the Rochester Public Library. We raise funds through gifts to an annual fundraising campaign, special project grants from charitable foundations, corporations, government sources and individuals; earnings generated by our $25.2 million endowment; planned gifts made through wills and trusts; and income from our retail sales: the sale of used books and library-related items through the Library Store, both onsite and online.
Cumulatively, in FY2022-23, FRFPL granted $921,511 to the Monroe County Library System; Rochester Public Library (Central Library downtown and 10 urban neighborhood branches); OWLNY Library System and Nioga Library System.
We gave the Library $100,000 from our annual campaign drive, meeting our projected goal for direct funding support to RPL. An additional $3,000 was designated and withheld by FRFPL for Branch Summer Reading Prizes.

SUPPORT OF LIBRARY PROGRAMS
FRFPL funded the 3-year pilot program of RPL Online Author Talks ($3,500/year) and we have extensively promoted the program since its inception. FY2022-23 RPL presented 44 online talks and 5,261 patrons watched!

FRFPL helped support the Library’s new Spring Author Series 2023, along with a grant-in-aid provided by Senator Samra Brouk and support by the Friends of the Pittsford Community Library. The in-person series featured: Jason Reynolds (held at East High School, presented by RPL); Susan Orlean (held at Pittsford Sutherland High School, presented by Pittsford Community Library); Marie Benedict (held at Penfield Public Library) and Linda Sue Park (held at Pittsford Community Library).
Since 2018, FRFPL has sponsored the Anthony Masiello Rainbow Dialogues (presented by Central Library’s Local History/Genocide Division, in partnership with area LGBTQ+ individuals, allies, and organizations). Held at Central Library, the 2023 event featured Keynote Speaker Jeffery G. McCune, Jr., Director of the Frederick Douglass Institute of African American Studies and Associate Professor of African American Literature and Culture at UofR. FRFPL serves as the fiscal sponsor for Rochester Children’s Book Festival (which was held at RIT on Saturday, November 5) and we worked with RCBF and the Library to strengthen the collaboration between the two organizations. RPL’s Tonia Burton helped recruit local children’s librarians as volunteers and advisors and also made it possible for award-winning author Kekla Magoon to present an online writing workshop to students while in town (FRFPL covered $2,400). Approximately 50 authors and illustrators came to Rochester for the free event, and over 3,000 people attended.

For the community-wide 2022 Rochester Reads project, FRFPL partnered with Writers & Books to sponsor an event with Jason Mott on November 2 at Central Library to discuss his National Book Award winning novel, Hell of a Book. Mott was a riveting speaker, and we had rave reviews from the 75 people who attended in person and from the 214 who watched the livestreamed event. FRFPL served as the fiscal sponsor for the fall 2022 Greater Rochester Teen Read event with Leslie C. Youngblood, author of Love Like Sky and Forever this Summer. For the 2022 Fringe Festival, FRFPL served as the Library’s venue manager. Central Library and FRFPL presented “Living Books ROCK!” (in person and via Zoom). Highlights from our presenters included the following insights: “You don’t need to understand something (or someone) to be respectful and kind” – A. Miller … “Disabled people should be included in all aspects of society … Don’t just talk about change. DO the change.” – Luticha Andre Doucette … and “Representation matters because it is an ongoing process of lifting as you climb” – Antoine McDonald.

A longtime donor helped FRFPL cover the cost for June Jazz Combos, so patrons could enjoy a series of free concerts at noon in the Reading Garden and KGA at Central.

Ilya Kaminisky’s Deaf Republic was the subject of the NEA Big Read project during National Deaf History Month in April 2023, hosted by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology. Rochester Public Library and Monroe County Library System were partner organizations. FRFPL supported RPL, and MCLS in this initiative and helped provide ASL Interpreters for the author appearance at Gates Public Library.

FRFPL LEGACY PROGRAMS
Books Sandwiched In Fall 2022
On average, 50 people attended each review in person, in addition to those who watched the livestream. We were also able to use the new recording equipment that FRFPL purchased for the Kate Gleason Auditorium. Watch archived reviews here.
• Sept. 27 — Violence Project: How to Stop a Mass Shooting Epidemic by Jillian Peterson Reviewer: John M. Klisle, Professor of Criminal Justice at RIT.
• Oct. 11 — Left on Tenth by Delia Ephron. Reviewer: Dr. Pradypuma Phatik, Division Chief, Hematology/Medical Oncology; Medical Director, Upstate Cancer Institute, and Chair of Medicine at Rochester General Hospital.


• Nov. 8 — Underlever: The Never-Heard Speeches that Would Have Rewritten History by Jeff Nuzauski. Reviewer: Curt Smith, Senior Lecturer in English at UR.

• Nov. 15 — Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of our Nation by Linda Villanueva. Reviewer: Dr. Linda Clark, Medical Officer for Jordan Health.

• Nov. 22 — The Most Fun Thing: Dispatches from a Skateboard Life by Kyle Beachy. Reviewer: Jim Maddison, Founder and (former) President of the Board for the Friends of the Roc City Skate Park Inc.

Tuesday Topics 2023
In February, we presented our Legacy ministries Tuesday Topics, designed to highlight divisions at Central Library that leverage RPL’s tagline: “More Than You Think.”
• Jeff Bostic, Central Library’s Digital Media Associate for the imagineYOU Digital Media Learning Lab gave an overview of the Lab’s music production, video production, digital art, photography, and eSports. Watch Jeff’s presentation.

• Joy Osborne, Supervisor of Central’s Technology Center, discussed the challenges in providing computer access and technological resources in an urban environment, and the essential role that has in empowering some of the city’s most vulnerable residents. (presented via Zoom)

• Antoine Ajanja McDonald, Librarian in Central’s Local History & Genealogy Division, provided an overview of how the Library helps foster equity and justice in our community, with diverse representation in programs and services, including Central’s Archive of Black History and Culture Project. Watch Antoine’s talk.

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• March 28 — The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man by Paul Newman. Reviewer: Jared Case, Curator of Film Exhibitions at George Eastman Museum.

• April 4 — Visual Thinking by Temple Grandin, Ph.D. Reviewer: Dr. Dan DeMarle, Ph.D., President/ Education Specialist, DeMarle Inc.

• April 11 — Before We Were Trans: A New History of Gender by Kit Heyman. Reviewer: Aditi Frutwala, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Staff Attorney, Center for Liberty.

• April 18 — One Hundred Saturdays by Michael Frank. Reviewer: Monica Gobell, Director of Community Relations for the Federal Jewish Society of Greater Rochester.

• May 2 — An Immense World by Ed Yong. Reviewer: Pamela Reed Sanchez, Executive Director of the Seneca Park Zoo Society.

• May 9 — Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver. Reviewer: Elizabeth Bunstein, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of English, College at SUNY Brockport.

• May 16 — Who’s Raising the Kids? by Susan Lim. Reviewer: Elena Nescio, Clinical Professor of Marketing at the University of Rochester.

Sokol 2023
Since 1958, the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library has sponsored a creative writing contest for Monroe County high school students in grades nine through twelve. The Sokol High School Literary Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday, April 27, 2023.
Read/download the 2023 Sokol booklet.
**SUPPORT OF EXHIBITS**

FFRPL serves on Central Library’s Exhibits Team and helps to plan, mount, and promote the Library’s large-scale exhibitions in the Anthony Mascioli Gallery, housed in Harold Hacker Hall.

FFRPL has supported Central Library’s annual Art of the Book & Paper exhibit since the first show in 2011, which was held in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Rochester Public Library. The 2022 show had 66 artists from 19 states and 7 countries.

FFRPL also helped support Lollypop Farm’s exhibit at the Rundel Memorial Library Building, which was mounted as part of the celebration of their 150th anniversary. The exhibit was on view beginning March 2023, and included artifacts and imagery from Lollypop Farm’s history, an historical timeline, and care and veterinary items from the last 150 years (in collaboration with Genesee County Village & Museum and Cornell University).

**SUPPORT OF SPECIAL PROJECTS**

FFRPL continued to support the Library’s flagship after school program, Safe to be Smart. This Fiscal Year, FFRPL contributed $101,712 to the program (including $10,000 from the Joan and Harold Feinblloom Foundation and $50,000 from the Farash Foundation, OST – Afterschool Recovery and Stabilization Grants). For FY2022-23, Safe to Be Smart offered 129 group programs serving 1,244 youth. STBS group programs included arts and crafts, book/reading groups, coding groups, history & science discussions, movies, board and card games, career exploration, social mixers and cooking classes. Safe to Be Smart Staff also provided 5,564 1-on-1 interactions (including mentoring, counseling, resume assistance and job searches, homework assistance/tutorials, digital literacy, and reading help).

FFRPL served as the fiscal agent for Starting A Reader and worked with a private donor to provide $65,500 for the 2nd year of funding (of a 3 year cycle) to cover the costs of Central’s full-time Early Literacy Specialist.

In FY2022-23, FFRPL contributed $3,704 towards the Rochester Black History Culture & Archive Project, including content work and board stipends.

FFRPL gave the Local History & Genealogy Division $35,000 towards digitization projects (including support for rochestervoice.org).

**SUPPORT OF SPECIALIZED SPACES**

FFRPL and Central Library welcomed donors, foundations, volunteers, staff, and neighbors to the dedication and ribbon cutting for the Rundel Terrace on September 22, 2022. FFRPL contributed $125,000 towards the art installation of that historic project.

The Genesee Valley Branch of the American Public Works Association (APWA) named the City of Rochester the 2022 recipient of the Project of the Year Award in the Structures $5-25 Million Dollar Category for the ROC the Riverway: Rundel Memorial Library North Terrace Improvement Project. The Rundel Terrace project also won the 2022 Rezoning Rochester Award for Design (in the “Large Project” category) given by the Community Design Center of Rochester.

FFRPL received $30,000 in support of the Central Library’s Technology Center: a $5,000 grant from the Fowler Family Fund at the Foundation; $20,000 from Barbara Lovenheim, and $5,000 from John’s many friends and family members. The gifts were applied to the Library’s Virtual Reality Units and related software, as well as new signage for the Division.

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FFRPL covered $61,060 of the renovation at Central Library’s Business Insight Center, which included new furniture, fixtures, and meeting room walls.

**SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT**

FFRPL distributed a total of $285,333 to 62 eligible libraries for grants qualifying for circulating materials support including books and DVDs. The total distribution to libraries in the Monroe County Library System was $207,652 — including $35,561 to the Rochester Public Library. In addition, $77,681 was granted to the Owlgwll System (serving Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming, and Livingston Counties), and Nioga Library System (serving Niagara, Orleans and Genesee counties).

FFRPL raised $23,000 towards the Lincoln Branch’s reconfiguration project to purchase new supplemental furniture, fixtures, and equipment not covered by municipal budgets. The redesigned space (slated to open fall 2023) will feature a new entrance, better signage, reconfigured layout, additional family friendly restrooms, materials and meeting space for kids and youth near the popular Toy library, upgraded windows, and a skylight that brings natural light throughout the space.

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FFRPL purchased Empire Passes for libraries throughout the Monroe County Library System ($2,870 total cost). The passes were circulated 1,942 times from 7/1/22 to 6/30/23. Since the Empire passes were added to the system, they have been checked out 6,620 times. The cost of this year’s passes was covered by donations received in memory of long-time Library advocate and trustee John Lovenheim.

This Fiscal Year, FFRPL raised $114,131 for the Evelyn Bailey Shoulers to Stand On Endowed Fund, which will be used to help provide staff and resources at Central Library to preserve and share the history of Rochester’s LGBTQIA+ community.

The Sustainable Shelves program that FFRPL manages for the Library generated $1,409 in direct credit to Baker & Taylor for the purchase of materials.

We gave each of RPL’s 10 branches $500 in materials funding ($5,000 total) to be used to support RPL’s strategic equity and diversity goals.
Gifts $1,000+ for FY2022-23

Individuals
Anonymous
Allan C. Anderson
Edwin J. Lopez and Patricia Braus
Mary Allison Callaway
Kalyani Madhu and Ashwani Chhibber
Mary Miskell and Terrance Clark
Steven Suozzi and Katherine Congelosi
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Susan Jane David
Ann Davis
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Leslie DesMarteau
M. Lois Gauch
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Todd and Stephanie Green
Katherine and Peter Griswold
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Shoulders to Stand On Fund

Special Projects:
Equality Fund for Humanity & Enlightenment
Stephan & Mary Clarke Fund for Digitization & Preservation of Genealogical Records

Supplemental Materials & Equipment:
Dolores Stevens Fund for the Visually Impaired*
Edna & Kenneth Kroll Fund for Library Audio-Visual Equipment
Frances Weis Holtzman Fund for Literature & Poetry
Kate Gleason History Fund
Kusler-Cox Fund for Outreach
Myles Yerden Fund for Outreach & Extension Services
Robert & Georgianna Becker Fund for Local History in Memory of Walter F. Becker
Ruby M. Jefferson Memorial Book Fund
Sybil S. Craig Fund for International Relations
Toy Resource Center – Toy Library Fund
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 20 Fund For the Vietnam Learning Center at Central Library
William Brewster Lee Fund for Humor In Our Lives
William E. Beeney Fund for Children’s Books & Programs

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