



# Friends & Foundation *of the* Rochester Public Library

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Dear Library Supporter,

Like you, my family and I are patrons of the library. Like you, I appreciate all the library has to offer and the creative ways the library brings those offerings to the people. That is why, I invite you to consider **supporting the Friends & Foundation of the RPL, which in turn financially assists the Rochester Public Library.** As the community grows and changes, so does the library adapt and thrive to meet new challenges.



Branch Manager Sarah Lehman at Lincoln Branch Library after its much-needed renovations.

Most recently, with the help of caring community members like you Lincoln Branch Library completed a year-long renovation that reallocates spaces for individuals and families. A year ago, adult section computers were in a remote corner of the library. Today, they are next to the support desk where technical help from staff is accessible to those who need it. Originally, the Toy Library and the branch library had separate entrances that were far apart from each other making it difficult for children to have access to both toys and books. Now, children can access both the unique toy library and books, at the same time, while caregivers and older siblings use laptops and get homework support in the same area. All provided by the library.

*“When we planned out the renovation, we wanted to make sure we met the needs of the individuals who come in here for help. We also wanted to focus on how we could support families as a holistic unit, not only their individual personal needs.”* Sarah Lehman, Lincoln Branch Manager

**But the work doesn't stop with one branch.**

Other branches of our library are in dire need of major updates to continue providing essential services to our community. We need your help today to ensure each branch can respond uniquely to their patrons' needs.

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Imagine the library of the future: a place that not only adapts to community needs but anticipates them. With your compassionate support, we can build on the success of the Lincoln branch, ensuring that every corner of our beloved library system is vital, accessible, and equipped to serve our patrons for years to come.

Please consider supporting the library this year. **Your contribution today, no matter the size, makes a significant impact.**

Together, we can help shape the future library—responsive, accessible, and vibrant like the successful Lincoln branch.

With heartfelt thanks,

Justin Stevens

President of the Board

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