



# Friends & Foundation *of the* Rochester Public Library

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Dear Library Supporter,

As winter draws to a close, we eagerly await the arrival of spring—a season that reminds us of renewal, growth, and endless possibilities. Your unwavering support brings that same spirit of hope to the Rochester Public Library, transforming it into a place of opportunity and inspiration for our community.

**Words cannot fully express our heartfelt gratitude for your contributions to the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library (FFRPL).**



Thanks to you, the library is so much more than a collection of books, movies, and computers; it is a vibrant hub of literacy and learning created by the library staff. Your generosity empowers librarians to be champions of change—helping job seekers uncover new opportunities, navigating patrons through vast seas of information, and offering a lifeline to individuals re-entering society after incarceration.

Your contributions are invaluable.

Here are just a few of the countless ways your support is making an impact:

- **Empowering Job Seekers:** Librarians from the Science and History Department continue to thoughtfully update the extensive collection of resources, including books, manuals, and practice exams, to support individuals in pursuing new career paths. Their Job Seekers Toolkit brochure is available free to all. They've also partnered with Library Resource Outreach Center (LROC) to provide basic needs that allow job seekers to apply for new positions.
- **Transforming Lives After Incarceration:** The Outreach Department recently hosted a program at the Monroe County Correctional Facility to help individuals prepare for reentry into society. One grateful participant shared, *"Following the Self Reentry Plan suggested in your presentation was hard, but I did it. And it was the MOST helpful resource I've learned at the jail."* This is the power of hope in action.

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- **Connecting Communities:** The “Ask Your Librarian” feature on our website brings personalized assistance directly to patrons via phone, email, or online chat—providing quick, expert guidance in the comfort of the patron’s home. For those who visit the library in person, our librarians are always ready to apply their expertise to address the question at hand.

Librarians are the heart of our library. They are problem-solvers, educators, and advocates, using their specialized training and expertise to creatively meet the unique needs of our community. Your support ensures that they can continue to shine as beacons of knowledge and learning.

Today, I’m inviting you to help sustain these vital services that touch so many lives. **Your gift directly supports the extraordinary librarians and programs that make our library a cornerstone of hope and possibility.** Please consider donating today.

Together, we can build a brighter future where everyone has access to the wealth of knowledge and resources our library offers. **Your support is not just a donation; it’s an investment in the hearts and minds of our community.** With your help, we can ensure that the Rochester Public Library remains a haven of learning, opportunity, and connection for generations to come.

Thank you for being such a cherished part of our library family. Your generosity creates ripples of change that reach far beyond what we can see today.

With deepest appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justin Stevens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and larger than the others.

Justin Stevens  
President, Board of FFRPL

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