

FRIENDS of the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library

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Dear Friends of the Library,

Thank you for being a part of the library Friends group! It has been a banner year for our beautiful new community library and for the Friends organization that supports it.

In June, the Friends elected a 5-person Board of Directors (the first full Friends board in many years) to support current library programs, to recommend and assist with new ones, and to conduct community outreach. Please reach out to any of us with questions, ideas or concerns at friendsofthelibrary@bbplibrary.org.

President, Rebecca Campbell
Recording Secretary, Ann Duncan
Treasurer, Alex Welles

Vice President, Ted Ramos
Corresponding Secretary, Kathleen Young

Our first goal has been to establish a strong organization, one that includes the proper governance, banking, and tax structures. I am pleased to report that goal has been achieved, most notably by the fact that the Friends is now a 501(c)(3) entity for tax purposes. This means that all donations to the library, including membership fees, are fully tax deductible.

2022 Friends Activities. With our organization secure, the Friends began to identify more substantive contributions that we could make. For example, your membership fees and donations paid for the following programs and other library needs in 2022:

- Provided the circulation desk with reusable canvas bags to be sold to patrons at a modest fee.
- Funded art hanging system for 2d floor art gallery.
- Paid for masonry work related to the Friends' brick walkway, including the removal and installation of bricks from the old building to the new.
- Funded the ongoing purchase of birdseed for the west courtyard bird feeders.
- Supported the library grand opening last December with Friends members on-site and treats from the café provided free to the community.

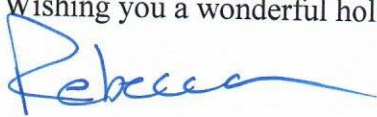
As part of our mission to enhance the connections between the library and the community, we also had a Friends booth at the Johnny Mac Foundation Community Day in June and at the BBP Chamber of Commerce Business Expo in October.

Membership Renewal. To help us continue and expand our support for the library, we would be extremely grateful if you could take a moment now to renew your annual Friends membership for 2023. And please encourage your friends and family to join too! Memberships are valid for one calendar year (except Lifetime Memberships), January 1st to December 31st, and are tax-deductible. Renewals are due in January. You can renew online by going to the “Friends of the Library” tab on the library website, or by submitting the enclosed envelope. As part of your renewal or by emailing us directly at friendsofthelibrary@bbplibrary.org, would you also provide us with your **email address and cell phone number**, as our current records are incomplete?

Additional Support for the Library. During this holiday season, kindly consider including the library in your giving plans by making a donation, either through the library website or via the enclosed envelope.

This year was just the beginning of everything the Friends can be. Please consider supporting the Friends, not only financially, but with the contribution of your time and ideas. To become an active part of the Friends in 2023, kindly mark your calendars for ***The Friends of the Library Fireside Chat***, on **Sunday, January 22 at 3 pm**, where we will get acquainted, listen to suggestions and concerns, and set goals for 2023.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and hope to see you in January,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rebecca Campbell
Friends of the Library