

FRIENDS of the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library

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Dear Friends of the Library,

Many thanks for your continued support of our beautiful community library!

We're so grateful for your contributions and want to let you know a little more about the Friends and what we have been up to this year. Library Director, Mike Firestone, recently described our role this way:

The Friends of the Library is a dedicated group of volunteers and advocates whose mission is to enhance and support the library. They play a vital role by organizing fundraising events, promoting literacy programs, and donating resources to ensure our library remains a vibrant hub for our community. Through their unwavering commitment, the Friends of the Library help foster a love for reading and lifelong learning for all.

From January 1 through October 8, there were **100,909 individual visitors** to the library and **3,467 meeting rooms reserved**. The demand for library services has never been higher and that is where the Friends have tried to help.

Friends Contributions. Here are some of the items we have purchased and events we have sponsored:

- Funded initial purchases for "Library of Things" in the amount of \$3,261. Items include tables, folding chairs, party games, a portable speaker system, a birding backpack, and a telescope. Items under discussion now are a carpet cleaner, tools, and a GoPro.
- Funded the Gilbert and Sullivan Light Opera Company production of Princess Ida.
- Sponsored the program "Bay Friendly Yards" by Jason Borowski.
- Sponsored an astronomy program by Camera Concepts and Telescope Solutions of Stony Brook.
- Funded the popular online author series in the amount of \$1,750. The most recent speaker, on October 10, was Rick Steves, bestselling guidebook author.
- Funded a memorial tree for Flo Olsson, a former teacher, library employee and well-known and much-loved community member.
- Sponsored the Outdoor Summer Concert Series in the amount of \$3,000 (our Friends marquee effort), in collaboration with the Sayville Public Library which contributed \$1,750.
- Sponsored a reading by the author of "Five Little Seals," a popular children's book.
- Funded piano tuning before each library concert in the amount of roughly \$2,000 per year, through the Anna M. Davis Piano Fund which the Friends administer.

In order to get the word out to the community about Friends' events and activities, we recently named local resident, **Mary Nolan, to be our first "social media coordinator."**

Membership Renewal. Why not take a moment to renew your annual Friends' membership for 2024? Annual memberships are valid for one calendar year (January 1 to December 31) and are tax-deductible. You can renew using the QR code below or the envelope contained in this letter, or by going to the "Friends" tab on the library website.



Additional Support for the Library. During this holiday season, kindly consider including the library in your giving plans by making an additional donation while you're renewing your membership. Please also consider the purchase of a brick or a spot on the donor wall, both lasting gifts. Any gift, large or small, is a show of support and means so much.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Campbell".

The Friends of the Bayport-Blue Point Library

Rebecca Campbell, President
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Ann Duncan, Recording Secretary
Kathleen Young, Corresponding Secretary

Please Meet the 2023 Friends of the Bayport Blue Point Library

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