



PO Box 73 Rosendale NY 12472

November 2022

Dear Library Supporter,

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we want to thank our loyal supporters who have been so generous with their time, kind words and financial contributions to the library this year. With your support, the Friends of the Library has been able to continue our efforts to enhance the services, materials and programs offered by the library.

In the past year, donations to the Friends' supported the library in the following ways:

- **Expanded the availability of safe spaces for community programs and meetings**
A screened gazebo with electricity and wifi was installed on the library lawn providing a safe outdoor space for programming and general patron use. Programs for both children and adults have kept this a busy space. A storage shed was added for convenient storage.
- **Transition to a Fine Free Library**
Research shows that fines are not effective in ensuring book returns. But, unfortunately, fines are quite effective at preventing our most vulnerable communities from using our services. We want to ensure that our public library is open and freely available to all, so fines for late returns are no longer collected at our library. The Friends replaced the fine income for this one year so the library could adjust the budget going forward.
- **Programming & Events**
Friends distributed Books for Babies packets, funded prizes for the summer reading program, maintained a Free Little Library at the Rosendale Rec Center, awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a high school senior, purchased museum and park passes for library lending, and facilitated 3 book discussions.

As we look toward to 2023, the Friends will become an affiliate of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from 0-5 years. Look for more information on this exciting program later this winter.

This letter is our annual appeal for **active members** and **donors**. We are asking you to join with your neighbors in supporting and energizing the Rosendale Library by becoming a Friend of the Library. Donations of any amount are appreciated and valued.

Wishing you all a healthy and Happy Thanksgiving,
Friends of the Rosendale Library

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email for eNews _____

_____ Active Member (bake? design flyers? Plan & staff events? Help fundraise? etc?)
AND/OR

Donate: \$1000___ \$500___ \$250___ \$100___ \$50___ \$25___ \$10___ Other \$_____

Make checks payable to "Friends of Rosendale Library" and mail to:
Friends of Rosendale Library, PO Box 73, Rosendale, NY 12472.

Donate **online** at <http://friendsofrl.org> with your credit card or PayPal account!
Friends of the Rosendale Library, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization so all donations are tax deductible.

If your employer has a matching grants program, Please enclose the form so your gift will go even further.
_____ **Yes, please send me a receipt for tax purposes.**