Your help is needed to fund important Library programs and improvements.

Couldn’t make it to this year’s fundraisers? Please consider donating through one of the options below!

There are many ways you can financially help the Rutherford Public Library. By making a tax-deductible contribution to the Friends or the Foundation — you support our fundraising efforts on behalf of the Library, which in turn benefits the whole community.

By Check: Mail this form and your tax-deductible contribution, made payable to the The Friends of the Library of Rutherford or the Rutherford Public Library Foundation to 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070

Online: Friends: https://tinyurl.com/FOLRutherford
Foundation: Rutherford Library Foundation on Venmo

Corporate Matching Gifts Programs: Will your employer match your donation? A Corporate Match greatly increases your contribution value.

Ask about the of Friends of the Library REUSABLE GROCERY TOTES ($7), available at the front desk!

BCB Bank sponsors the Pay It Forward program to help non-profits earn donations based on the number of supporters who signed up for the program. BCB will make monthly contributions to The Friends. There is no cost to the account holder.

The Amazon SMILE program will donate a portion of your purchase to The Friends if you designate us as your charity of choice.

From the Desk of Gretchen Corsillo
Director of The Rutherford Public Library

We recognize that we are living in a world of information overload, and it is easier than ever for most to access knowledge and entertainment. The library, however, is committed to curating reliable information and quality entertainment that is equally available to all. We have the unique privilege of being a community center that does not require a price of admission and offers a personalized experience for our visitors with top-notch customer service. This is what makes RPL, and all public libraries, more important than ever.

As a library supporter, I would like to thank you for recognizing our continued value. Our teams always happy to help make your library experience as seamless as possible, and we look forward to serving the community in even more ways going forward.

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Visit www.rutherfordlibrary.org for the full calendar of events held regularly for all ages at the library!
Who Are “The Friends” and “The Foundation?”

The Friends of the Library is a 501c3 organization that has provided key funding for the library for over 50 years. The Friends have funded all the special Children’s Programs and supplies, as well as funding events for all ages. Our semi-annual book sales provide a service to the community while raising funds for our programs.

We have resumed our popular Movie Nights, showing recent movies at no charge. We again fully funded the Children’s Summer Reading Program, and this year we funded the prizes for the Teen and Adult Summer Reading as well. As museum restrictions have been relaxed, we have helped to fund the Museum Pass Program, providing access to many area museums for Rutherford residents.

Our Library Mini-Golf fundraiser on March 4 and 5, was a great success. An 18-hole mini-golf course was set up in the library! Local businesses enthusiastically joined us by sponsoring title, holes and other aspects of the event. Other businesses donated food. We are happy to announce that we are holding Mini-Golf again on March 1 and 2, 2024.

To purchase Mini-Golf tickets or for more information about the Friends, visit RutherfordLibrary.org/Friends or follow Friends of the Library of Rutherford on Facebook.

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Summer Reading

In 2023, we expanded our Summer Reading offerings to include dedicated clubs for teens in grades 7-12 and adults! All three clubs had a blast following along with this year’s “All Together Now” theme. In total, 1,108 Rutherford residents across all three age groups joined our program. Children followed our traditional format of listing the books they read, while teens and adults had the opportunity to complete bingo cards with various reading prompts in order to earn prizes. We are so grateful to the Friends of the Library for funding these endeavors. They generously donated $4,500 to fund children’s events, as well as approximately $1,500 for teen and adult prizes.

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