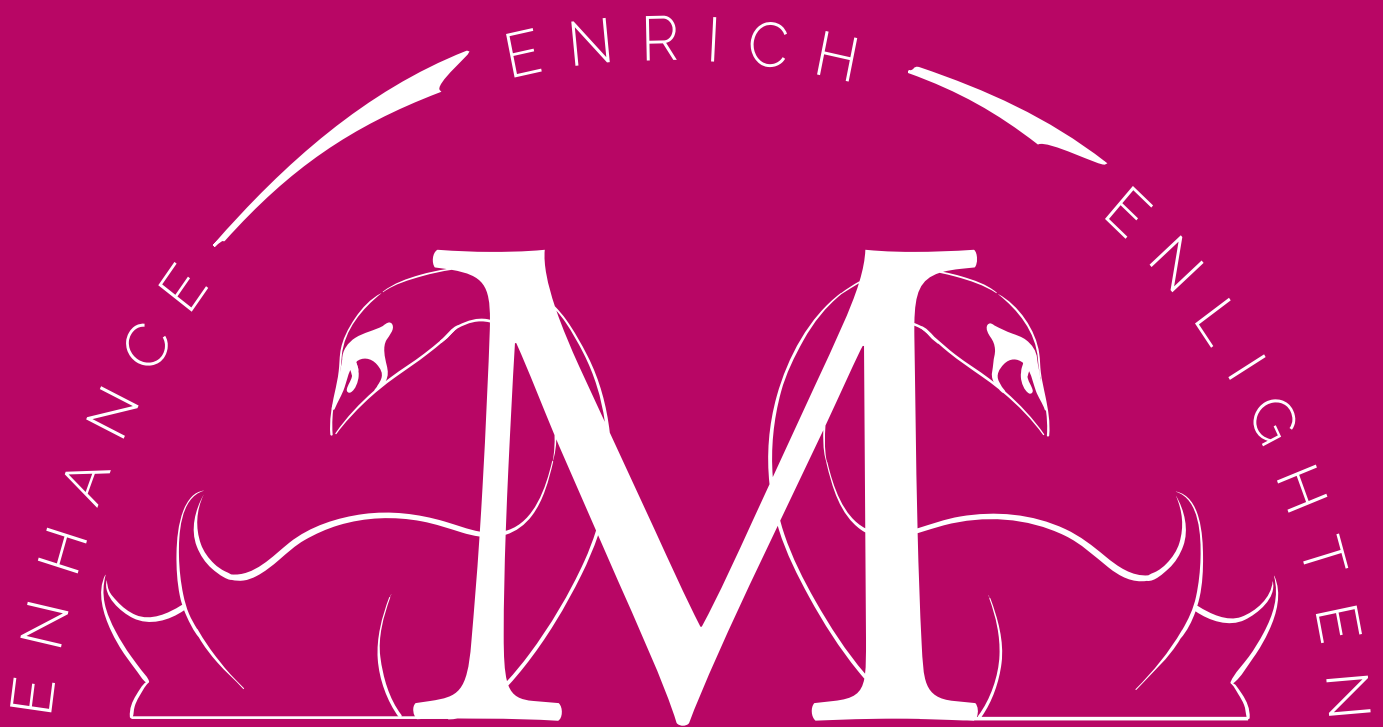

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2022

ANNUAL REPORT

2022 was a renaissance for programming at the Monroe Free Library. We returned to all in person programming and this year was an especially ambitious year. One common request from our Long-Range Plan Survey was to include more art programs and so we responded to your call by way of our Year of the Arts series. On top of our regular program offerings, in 12 months (July 2022-June 2023), we offered over 100 programs dedicated to the arts. This year our patrons learned to line dance, made cupcakes with the cake lady, participated in our photo contest, created musical instruments, contributed to a community cookbook, learned to self-publish and tried countless other arts. We hope to have enriched your hearts and mind with art and introduced you to the many artists and small businesses in Monroe that support the arts.

In July of 2022 the Monroe Free Library Board of Trustees unanimously voted to become a mostly fine free library! Going fine free has eliminated a barrier to access and ensures that all MFL patrons have free, equitable and unrestricted access to knowledge and cultural materials.

This past summer we were thrilled to bring back our all-in-person Summer Reading Program with the theme Oceans of Possibilities. For the upcoming summer we hope you join us for our full slate of programs as we focus on the theme of All Together Now. We will have cooking, magicians, crafts, storytelling, movies on the lawn and so much more.

We are currently in the second year of our Long-Range Plan, and we are pleased to share our progress with achieving those goals. To date, we have been able to bring more technology to MFL, such as lending laptops with Wi-Fi hotspots, and a host of technology that makes up our Pop-Up Creative Studio, such as a green screen, audio and video recording hardware and software. We continue to maintain and create new community partnerships and we have increased our tech help through programming and one on one services. We are also in the process of completely redesigning our website to ensure our community can easily be connected with the resources that they need from the library. One way we were able to accomplish these goals is with the communities' support by passing our budget increase in the 2022 General Election. We thank you for choosing the library, choosing access to resources, and choosing to invest in lifelong learning.

As for 2023, we have some exciting things coming your way. We continue our efforts to support the small business community with our unique business resources as well as offering more diverse programming. The Ramapo Catskills Library System will be launching a more modern and user-friendly public catalog and you can now learn a new language on the go with our new language learning app, Mango. With the latter part of 2023 ahead of us, we are once again collecting signatures to get on the 2023 general election ballot for an operating budget increase. We hope you will exercise your right to vote and flip the ballot. Lastly, we are excited to share that in the fall we will be launching The MFL Podcast: Only at the Library. We hope you will listen in as we provide updates, staff interviews and share the ins and outs of what goes on at the Monroe Free Library!

We hope to see you at the library!

Amanda Primiano
Executive Director
July 24, 2023

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MFL

by the numbers

2022

30,000
VISITS TO THE LIBRARY

8,569
CARDHOLDERS

104,357
CIRCULATED ITEMS

3,821
REFERENCE ASSISTS

4,156
WIFI SESSIONS

729 COMMUNITY ROOM BOOKINGS

4,156 PUBLIC PC SESSIONS

19,147
ELECTRONIC MATERIALS

148
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

181
ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

31,180
CHILDREN'S BOOKS

32,460
ADULT BOOKS

MFL
191,823
WEBSITE VISITS

19,705
INTER-LIBRARY MATERIALS RECEIVED

17,176
INTER-LIBRARY MATERIALS PROVIDED

2022 BUDGET

Line Items	Taxpayer Support
Building Fund Expenses	25,000
Salary	787,000
AudioVisual Collections	21,000
Professional Fees	15,000
Automation RCLS	45,500
Books	59,200
Building and Grounds	37,000
Employee Benefits	165,000
RCLS Membership Fee	3,000
Insurance	32,000
Library Supplies	17,000
Library Equipment	29,000
Other Expenses	2,500
Payroll Expense	14,000
Photocopies	1,000
Educational Development	4,500
Adult Programming	8,000
Teen Programming	4,000
Children's Programming	15,000
Publicity	5,000
Payroll Taxes	79,000
Utilities	35,589
Mortgage	95,000

Our mission statement:
The Monroe Free Library aims to provide, to the residents of the Town of Monroe, in a responsive and proficient manner, open, timely, and equal access to information and ideas for every level of interest and ability from a variety of perspectives and formats.

The mission of the library is to provide a common environment addressing the need of people to meet and interact with others in the community, to provide access to current topics and titles, fulfilling the desire for satisfying recreational experiences as well as providing information about popular cultural and social trends, and to ensure access to information literacy, helping to address the need to provide skills related to finding, evaluating, and using information effectively.

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