



Friends & Foundation *of the* Rochester Public Library

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Board overview

About FFRPL

FFRPL provides essential **funding and programming** for the **Rochester Public Library**, and serves as its **dedicated 501(c)(3) charity**.

FFRPL is the **primary way to support the Library**, through monetary [donations](#) (including grants and estate gifts), [donations of books](#), and [volunteer service](#).

We **expand Library resources** to best serve the community, and **help amplify Library messaging** about programs, services, collections, and technologies.

History and Community Impact

In **2013 the Friends of the Rochester Public Library** (est. 1953) and the **Rundel Library Foundation, Inc.** (est. 1989) **merged into FFRPL**, legally connecting the organization's fundraising and programming.

- The **Monroe County Library System is our focus**.
- Historically, we primarily served the **Rochester Public Library** (Central Library downtown and ten urban branches).
- In FY2021-22, we expanded our geographical reach. We now provide significant, supplemental materials support to 62 eligible libraries in **Monroe, Ontario, Wayne, Livingston, Orleans and Genesee counties** through restricted funds.

[Archived e-newsletters and Impact Stories](#)

Revenue

FFRPL generates revenue from **fundraising**, [planned gifts](#) (bequests, retirement plans and life insurance), **investment gains** from our \$30 million endowment, and **retail sales**.

- Our [Annual Campaign](#) includes solicitation throughout the year, as well as **fundraising campaigns** for ROC the Day, Library Giving Day, and other special projects.
- Our **retail operation** includes **on-site and online** sales.
 - We sell used books, DVDs, and CDs at Central's [store](#).
 - We offer special **on-site book sales** throughout the year.
 - Search "RPL Library Store" for FFRPL's extensive **online inventory** at AbeBooks.com, Alibris.com, and Biblio.com.



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Funding Support for the Library (highlights)

FFRPL provides [funding](#) to support select Library programming, special projects and exhibits; to help create specialized spaces; and to enable the Library to purchase supplemental materials & equipment not covered by municipal budgets.

Library programming

- We help fund and promote [author talks and special events](#).
- FFRPL is the Founding Sponsor of [RPL's Online Author Talks](#).
- FFRPL sponsors Central's [Anthony Mascioli Rainbow Dialogues](#).

Special Projects

- FFRPL supports RPL's new Aviation Station program, a 2-month intensive course designed for youth ages 13-17 years old, offered through the Sully Branch Library (Spring 2025).
- FFRPL supports Central's [Raising a Reader](#) literacy program.
- FFRPL is a Founding Sponsor of the after-school program [Safe to be Smart](#) (StbS) at Central and five City branches, along with the City of Rochester. We funded [StbS's trip to D.C.](#) (Summer 2024).
- FFRPL occasionally serves as a Fiscal Agent or Fiscal Sponsor (providing accounting and operational support) for Library initiatives and select non-profits that partner with the Library.

Exhibits

- FFRPL is a Founding Sponsor of Central's annual [Art of the Book & Paper](#) show and supports Central's historical/cultural exhibits.

Specialized spaces

- FFRPL helped support the new [Mobile Library, RPL Go!](#), part of Lyell Branch's hybrid services (launched Spring 2025).
- We helped fund Lincoln Branch's reconfiguration (Summer 2023).
- We helped fund Central's Secret Room upgrade (Summer 2022).
- FFRPL contributed \$125,000 towards the art installation for the [Rundel Terrace Revitalization Project](#) (Summer 2022).
- We helped fund the John Lovenheim Center for Technology and Innovation (redesigned Fall 2020; renamed Spring 2023)
- FFRPL raised \$1.4M of Central Library's *From Collections to Community Capital Campaign*/"FC2C" (2014-2018).

Supplemental materials & equipment

- FFRPL provides supplemental materials support to 62 eligible libraries across six counties, through restricted funds.
- We help fund unique circulating materials such as Ukuleles, sewing machines, Empire Passes, and Memory Care items.

Legacy Programs

- Our Legacy programs ([Books Sandwiched In](#); [Tuesday Topics](#); [Sokol High School Literary Awards](#)) bring patrons to the Library year-round; connect them with Library resources (in person and through online engagement); and support donor development.

Marketing

- We source/write all FFRPL marketing content and amplify Library messaging across print, digital, and social media platforms; email (weekly newsletters to 3,500 subscribers); FFRPL's web site; collateral materials and verbal event introductions.





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