2022 ANNUAL REPORT to the COMMUNITY for the year ending December 31, 2022
by the numbers

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<th>Circulation of Materials*</th>
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<td>338,799</td>
<td>33,898</td>
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**Library Cardholders**

TOTAL: 36,240

**New Cards Issued**

TOTAL: 3,490

**Cards Renewed:** 3,238

**Homebound Services**

Deliveries: 200
Items Delivered: 672

**Reserves & Interloans**

Filled: 60,639

**Library Programs**

*includes group classes and appointments, as well as STEM Lab events

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<th>Programs</th>
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<td>Adults</td>
<td>1,903</td>
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<td>Children’s</td>
<td>1,119</td>
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<td>Teens/Levels</td>
<td>711</td>
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<td>All Ages</td>
<td>271</td>
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<td><strong>ATTENDEES</strong></td>
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<td><strong>MAIN</strong></td>
<td>5,952</td>
<td>2,376</td>
<td>2,322</td>
<td>5,561</td>
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**Website Visits:**

267,150 (sessions only)

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**President’s Report**

As the year 2022 comes to a close, I want our Great Neck Library community to know I am so grateful for what we have accomplished this year, together.

Thinking back to the spring, the Library fully reopened all our services to our community as we emerged from the pandemic world. We inaugurated a late-fee amnesty program to welcome our patrons.

In May, we formed our Long Range Planning Committee, and months of collaboration resulted in a perspective on the future for our Library. In June, we completed our first-ever diversity audit to bring attention to it in our hiring, programming, and collections. In August, we renewed our contract with the staff union, for the first time in more than 10 years. This confirms that we value our professional and support staff and makes our library able to retain and attract talented and dedicated employees.

In October, we had an historic turnout in our annual election.

In December, after carefully re-evaluating the renovation project for the Parkville branch and the repair needs at the Main Library, we are preparing for these projects to take off next year.

The Library Board of Trustees is committed to making our spending reflect our community’s needs. We made significant investment in our state-of-the-art equipment in scanning, printing, and STEM labs. We reviewed and revised our policies. We put our imprimatur on innovations, beginning with our Library of Things.

Among our achievements this year, we are proud to be recognized by Blank Slate Media as the best Children’s Library of Nassau County. We are confident that the Great Neck Library will be a leader on Long Island. As we close out this demanding, but nonetheless eventful year, we are ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Liman Mimi Hu, President
from the **Director’s Desk**

Our vision is for the Great Neck Library to be a “cornerstone for connectivity, inspiration, culture, education, and recreation.” Thank you to all of those who contributed their time, talents, and resources to further this goal. Through the dedication of staff, trustees, and community members, we have had noteworthy accomplishments during 2022.

Our Long Range Planning Committee worked to develop our Great Neck Library Long Range Plan for 2022-2025. The plan, which was approved at the July board meeting, can be found on our website. It includes our mission, vision, values, priorities, and goals.

The Great Neck Library was named 2022 Best Children’s Library by Blank Slate Media. In our Children’s rooms, we have added family friendly areas with active play areas which encourage social interaction, collaboration, and critical language development — the precursors to early literacy. We developed and introduced a Tween section within the Children’s collection. This section, geared for children in fifth grade or older, contains items which are more linguistically complex, or which may contain more mature content. We expanded our Children’s collection to include Wonderbooks, printed books with a pre-loaded audiobook, and new books in world languages. We also added Level Reader Totes which contain three books at a designated reading level.

Our Amnesty program was well received and continues to be extended. We introduced an automatic renewal system for items which are eligible for renewal. The addition of self-checkout for holds with new privacy protocols allowed patrons to more easily retrieve requested items at all locations.

We are moving forward with the renovation plans for Parkville. MDA Designgroup, architects of the newly renovated Station Branch, had reimagined Parkville with a larger Children’s room, comfortable seating, and vibrant colors. We look forward to sharing the renovation timeline soon.

At Main, we have engaged H2M architects and engineers and plans are in the process to repair the front entryway and address other necessary repairs. The need for these repairs has its origin in unresolved problems emanating from the renovation of Main several years ago.

We are pleased once again to announce that the Lakeville Branch was nominated for the Bethpage Best of Long Island 2023 contest in the Best Public Library Category presented by Bethpage Federal Credit Union.

Looking forward, preparations are underway to launch our Library of Things in 2023. With this new service, patrons will be able to reserve and borrow non-traditional library materials such as telescopes, giant Jenga, hotspots, metal detectors, etc. The pick-up locations will be Main and Parkville for this service. We also anticipate our new wireless printers and new scanners with enhanced features to be delivered in 2023. These new printers will allow patrons to remotely schedule a print job and securely retrieve their documents at the print station at the library.

We look forward to continuing to work with our partners, patrons, and staff in order to continue to provide the best services for the community in 2023.

Respectfully yours,
Denise Corcoran, Director

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**Treasurer’s Report**

I am pleased to report that Great Neck Library finances remain on solid footing.

At the close of business, November 30, 2022, total general fund holdings were $2,066,937, of which $1,648,884 was on deposit at HSBC, $416,083 at US Bank (as Trustee for the DASNY bonds), and $1,970 in Petty Cash funds at Main and the Branches. This compares to a November 2021 balance of $1,957,361.

Additionally, the cash balance of the Main Building and Special Services fund was $1,467,160; the DASNY Construction fund was $416,231; the Restricted Gift fund was $301,495; the Landscaping fund was $1,726,301; the Branch and Special Services fund was $798,563; the Automated Library fund was $237,258; and the Bond Retirement fund was $4,013,000. These funds totaled $8,960,088 on November 30, 2022. The November 2021 total was $7,965,201.

2022 saw the following accomplishments:

- The fiscal year ending on June 30, 2022 resulted in a net operating overage of $14,430.
- Zero audit findings for the fifth year in a row.
- Continued review and renegotiation of expiring contracts and agreements have resulted in ongoing savings.

Copies of our audited financial statements as prepared by our auditors, Cullen & Danowski, LLP, are currently available at the Reference desks of the Main Library as well as the Branches.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Gold, Treasurer

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**2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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Kathleen Gold, *Treasurer*

Dr. Barry Smith, *Trustee*
Donald Panetta, *Trustee*
Creating macramé at the Station Branch

Lisa y Josue Guitar Duo performing at the Main Library

Getting ready for June’s Egg Drop Contest!

Gatsby Fest 2022

Tower of LEGO Giraffes

Creating macramé at the Station Branch

Beautiful paintings created during the Glow Paint Night with Lights program

Great Neck Library is nationally recognized as a 3-star 2021 Star Library!

The LJ star rating system is based on physical circulation, circulation of electronic materials, library visits, program attendance, public internet computer use and Wi-Fi sessions. Libraries throughout the United States are assessed on the data they submit, with only 262 libraries receiving star designations. The 2021 scores and ratings are based on FY19 data from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Public Library Survey. Learn more at libraryjournal.com/story/ljx211213StarsByNumbers#5M10M.

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We congratulate our Children’s Department staff on this accomplishment and for providing outstanding service to the community.

RETIREMENTS

Nicholas Camastro, Head of Circulation, retired after 39 years of service.

Children’s Librarians Lisa Wu Stowe and Judith Axler each retired after 31 years of service.