



May 23, 2022

Greetings to all our Newport friends, neighbors, supporters, and sponsors!

I am writing today to invite you to show your support for the Newport Public Library – an institution of culture, community, and lifelong learning now celebrating its 152<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of service.

“152<sup>nd</sup> anniversary,” you say? What happened to the more traditional celebration surrounding our sesquicentennial? That was fully set to go in May 2020 and then . . . well, then the world happened.

This year’s event will take place on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00-10:00 PM in the upper ballroom at the Wyndham Hotel. Save-the-date reminders will go out in mid-June and tickets will be available in mid-July. Tickets are \$125.00 apiece. There will be a special edition newsletter discussing the event in August. (Sign up at [150@newportlibraryri.org!](mailto:150@newportlibraryri.org))

Behind the scenes, staff and volunteers have been busy coordinating the event, making plans for decorations, and working with other community groups to bring together a special evening. Leading up to the date of the celebration, the Library will be soliciting support from local businesses and residents to help make the evening a grand success.

In the five years since I assumed the position of Library Director, I have taken great pride in seeing how the Newport community responds to efforts to support your Library. This year, as we embark on plans to expand programs and services, to dedicate more time and resources to reaching homebound patrons, and to open a Branch Library in the North End, we ask for your financial support.

The Newport Public Library spearheaded a movement that took root across the state to remove all fines from overdue materials. This was the first step in making the Library a first-stop source of information, assistance, and entertainment. Many Newport residents, however, remain isolated from the Library based on geography, medical status, or by transportation challenges. It is a perfect time for the Newport Public Library to begin service for people in their neighborhoods and become more immediately responsive.

On the back of this letter you’ll find many sponsorship opportunities. Being a “150(+2)” sponsor comes with a set of tickets and a tiered recognition in the evening’s program. Please feel free to avail yourself of this form, or call the Library at 401-847-8720, x101 and inquire about other opportunities.

Have a big ticket item you’d like to donate? A cruise, a car, a vacation home to let for us to auction? Let us know by filling out the accompanying Donors’ Sheet.

I send this with my sincere best wishes, and as always, invite you to stop in and say hello.



# Save the Date

The Newport Public Library 2022 Sponsorship Levels.

- In order to be included in the evening's program, please respond by July 31, 2022!

<u>Titanium Level</u>	<u>\$5,000+</u>	8 Tickets
<u>Platinum Level</u>	<u>\$4,000+</u>	6 Tickets
<u>Gold Level</u>	<u>\$2,500+</u>	4 Tickets
<u>Silver Level</u>	<u>\$1,000+</u>	2 Tickets
<u>Bronze Level</u>	<u>\$500+</u>	6 Book Plates in your honor

Donor(s) name as you would like to be recognized. \_\_\_\_\_

Address. \_\_\_\_\_

City, Town, and Zip Code. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name. \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone. \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address. \_\_\_\_\_

At this time I am not able to attend or sponsor the event, but I would like to support the Newport Public Library with my tax-deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the Newport Public Library or send donations **via Venmo: @NPL-Events**

The Newport Public Library is registered as a 501(c)(3); all donations and gifts are tax deductible.

All donors will receive acknowledgement of their gift.