

## Dear Neighbor,

Only 25 U.S. public libraries have been named "Star Libraries" all 15 years *Library Journal* has issued annual rankings based on measures like circulation, library visits and program attendance.

The Port Washington Public Library is one of them.



Please help the Friends of the Library (FOL) ensure our Library remains Port's shining star ... because an extraordinary community deserves an extraordinary library.

Why do we need your support? The tax-funded library budget does not cover all the programs and services available when you walk into the building or visit online. The FOL raises money to pay for many of these "extras" such as Museum Passes, Tutor. com online homework help, citizenship classes, free SAT/ACT prep, and many adult lectures. We underwrite the lending of 100 WiFi hotspots, fund all the tech in the "Lab" including 3D printers, and subsidize the public's use of printers and copiers, among other efforts to address the digital divide. And if you don't know about the fantastic Library of Games & Gadgets, see the enclosed bookmark! (Turn over this page to see a complete list of FOL-funded initiatives.)

By supporting the FOL, you help strengthen the ties between the Library and the community. In addition to crucial fundraising, the FOL advocates for passage of the Library budget, and produces its own special programs. **SAVE THESE DATES!**■ Paperback Swap on Oct. 21 ■ FOL University lecture featuring Pulitzer winner Stacy Schiff on Nov. 5 ■ Banned Books program on Nov. 19, and ...

■ Our signature Annual Book & Author Luncheon on Friday, May 10, 2024.

Please donate however you feel most comfortable: Mail a check in the enclosed reply envelope, visit us online at pwpl.org/fol/support, or scan the QR code above with your smartphone camera. The all-volunteer FOL is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Your gift is tax deductible.

Thank you for being a Friend to the Library!

Pamela O'Connell, FOL President

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