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**2023-2024 Annual Appeal**

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## From the Director

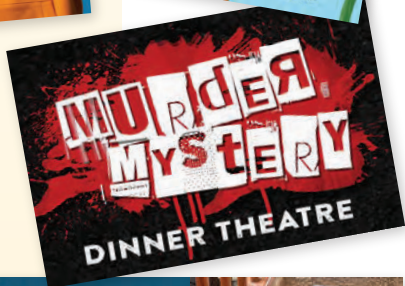
**2023 brought a whirlwind of activity to Albert Wisner Public Library.**

Highlights included:

- Fourteen concerts, all sponsored by Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes through generous donations to the AWPL Foundation
- An Earth Day celebration and collaboration with many community organizations, including Sustainable Warwick, the Repair Café, Wickham Works, and TACA [Total and Complete Amateurs] Robotics
- Virtual reality programs featuring the Library's new VR headsets
- Poetry readings and author talks (both in-person and virtual)
- Mini-golf through the main floor stacks, our summer programming swan song
- The Warwick Children's Book Festival, a perennial favorite
- A Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre
- The debut of the Library of Things, useful and non-traditional gadgets, games and equipment now available to check out

Most of this year's special moments sprung from the imaginations and generosity of community members, combined with the efforts of our wonderful staff and library volunteers. Seven years after being named Best Small Library in America, Albert Wisner Public Library strives to continue to earn that title and build upon past success. Thank you to all who have contributed to such a vibrant year at the Library, and welcome to the 1,312 new cardholders of the past year!

*Lisa Laico, Director*



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## *note from* Glenn & Susan

As we begin looking forward to the centennial of AWPL, we realize the library of today would have been unimaginable to the founders. The library of the past was a quiet place to read or check out books and periodicals. AWPL today offers the same, but also offers e-books and audiobooks as well as digital content, databases, movies, music and more. Our library also offers concerts, theatrical performances, art exhibits and programs of interest to patrons of all ages.

AWPL is the community's favorite place to meet, discover, learn, and connect. In that way, it continues as center of community and community center. The Foundation helps support all this with a contribution to the budget and targeted funding for areas of special interest.

We think it important to demonstrate commitment to our library and community. That is why we will again this year match, dollar for dollar, every gift made to the Annual Appeal.



*Please join us.  
Think hard,  
reach deep,  
be as generous  
as you can.*

Make your check payable to:

**Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation** and include your name and address if it is not printed on your check.

Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law. Questions? Contact **Siobhan O'Riordan 845 986-1047 Ext 6.**

If you participate in a corporate matching gift program, please enclose a completed application with your check.

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The Foundation also welcomes contributions to the Appeal by debit or credit card. Use the donate button at the upper right corner of the Library home page.




A copy of Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation's latest annual report may be obtained, upon request, from AWPLF, 1 McFarland Drive, Warwick, NY 10990 Telephone: 845-986-1047 Ext. 6 or accessed on the homepage of the Library's website under the "Support" link near the top of that page.

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## AWPL Foundation College Scholarship 2023 Winners

*The Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation is delighted to announce and congratulate the 2023 winners of its annual college scholarship essay competition.*

The students met recently with longtime sponsors Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes, who have sponsored two Foundation scholarships since 2007. Both students graduated this June from Warwick Valley High School.

Pictured from back left are Anika Simon, bound for SUNY Oswego, where she is studying Earth Sciences and Liliانا King, who is attending Northwestern University to study Communications. Both students wrote exceptional essays on the topic: *Tell us about a book that has affected you deeply and explain why.*

The topic for next year's college scholarship essay competition will be announced in January 2024.



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*All gift amounts are gratefully accepted.*

Gifts to the **AWPL FOUNDATION** make the difference between a good library and a truly great one. Funds in the past have made possible our popular outdoor concert and dramatic performances, the Warwick Children's Book Festival, museum passes, outdoor furniture for the patio and of course, expanded book and digital content among many other improvements. We intend to continue with these programs and collections but are excited to **EXPAND THE POSSIBILITIES!**

Please make your check out to: **AWPL Foundation**

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