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From the Director

2024 has been a year of expanding possibilities here at Albert Wisner Public Library.

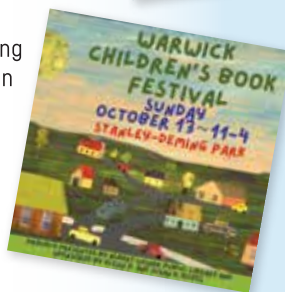
- We reimagined under-used space on the lower level, adding two popular new diner booths for study, remote work, and meetings. Assemblyman Karl Brabenec supported the initiative with a \$20,000 grant.
- We partnered with Wickham Works to bring arts programs for seniors to the Library.
- We introduced programs by the nationwide non-partisan organization Braver Angels for our community to learn how to bridge the partisan divide.
- We applied for and received a \$10,000 American Library Association grant to develop sustainable library outreach to home-bound patrons.
- We collaborated with the Town of Warwick's Friendly Visitors Program and hosted The Great Give Back food drive to support families who rely upon the Warwick Area Farmworker Organization.
- We expanded the Museum Pass program, generously underwritten by Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes, for patrons to continue lifelong learning beyond Warwick.
- We celebrated outdoors: at Arbor Day with the Warwick Valley Gardeners and Park Avenue School third graders, planting a native, red-flowering dogwood tree on library grounds. At Treecycle in April, the Library hosted an Earth Day-themed author event for children. In the StoryWalk, we debuted our first bilingual story for children.

Patrons' contributions to the Annual Appeal truly are what help us provide the inspiring, enriching resources and programs that make AWPL a special place to meet, discover, learn and connect.

I hope that if you have enjoyed using and exploring the Library this year, you'll consider a contribution to the Annual Appeal and be a part of helping the Library continue to thrive.

Thank you very much!

Lisa Laico, Director



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note from **Glenn & Susan**

Dear Reader:

Who would think a library could offer so much more than books and periodicals? Well, Reader, ours does. Go to the website and check it out (so to speak), especially the Quarterly Newsletter.

Much of that – music and dramatic performances, museum passes, children's book festival, library of things – is supported by AWPL Foundation. The foundation could not do all of that, and much more over the years, without support from all of us. AWPL Foundation also makes a meaningful contribution to the library's operating budget.

Who would have thought? We do and hope you, Reader, do too. 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.



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reach deep,
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as you can.*

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

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The Foundation also welcomes contributions to the Appeal by debit or credit card.




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AWPL Foundation College Scholarship 2024 Winners



Ava Gell



Katherine Finnerty



Samantha Brady

The Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation is delighted to announce and congratulate the 2024 winners of its annual college scholarship essay competition.

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

Pictured are Ava Gell, now at Brown University with plans to study Biology, Katherine Finnerty, attending Franklin and Marshall College to focus on Biomedical Science, and Samantha Brady, at SUNY Oswego to study Public Relations.

The topic for next year's college scholarship essay competition will be announced in January 2025.

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