

Happy New Year to our Ridgway Library Patrons,

As a new year begins, the library is happy to announce we have been working behind the scenes on a new website. If you have the library website saved on your computer or elsewhere, please update your information to <u>www.ridgwaycolibrary.org</u> A big thank you to staff and board members who helped with layout, design, and information. Our goal is to have easily accessible information about the library which we hope the new website can offer to our patrons and the public in general.

The library is pleased to announce an exciting new resource to our library card holders. Under the tab **Books & More** - click on **Newspapers** you will find information on access to *The New York Times* digital content. Follow the steps listed to redeem 24-hour online access at the library or off-site.

On another note, the library would like to look back on 2023 and celebrate a few milestones. Over the course of the year **55,000 library visitors** walked through our doors! We have been keeping statistics for a long time and this is a record. We also tracked more than **1,000 scheduled meetings** this past year. We are delighted the rooms are being used by the community. Feel free to call or stop by the library to schedule a room.

Our children and teen programs have now been back and running for almost 18 months. We are happy families and children have been enjoying the events and activities. We are pleased to announce that we will host an adult reading challenge in February and March. We will have adult reading bingo cards with prizes for participation! Keep your eye out for information on the website and at the library.

If you enjoyed reading a little update about the Ridgway Library, I am planning on creating future newsletters, approximately 4 times a year. You can receive these and other updates from the library by signing up on our website under the tab, **Get Updates**.

The library looks forward to serving the patrons and visitors of the Ridgway Library in 2024. We hope everyone continues to enjoy reading and listening to their favorite books and finding great movies to watch! Remember, we also offer magazines and newspapers to read and movies to watch on *Kanopy*.

All the Best,

Amy Baer Director