



WELLESLEY FREE
LIBRARY

Reach for Knowledge

Art! It engages the mind, feeds the soul, creates community and expands one's universe. Art is a natural extension of Wellesley Free Library's mission of "Connecting our community to each other and to the world." Art surrounds our library patrons! From the James E. Mahoney Foyer and the Wakelin Gallery to display cases and hand painted wall murals, art abounds at the WFL.

This year, internationally acclaimed sculptor Nancy Schön used WFL's mission as a starting point for developing a sculpture that embodies her vision of what "Library" means. *Reach for Knowledge* is an inspiring work that reminds us of the Library's vital role in offering everyone with the desire to learn, full access to resources that help them reach their goals.

Ms. Schön's engaging sculpture invites all ages to experience the joy, wonder and power of libraries. We are grateful to Katherine "Gig" Babson, Beth Hinchcliffe, Beth Sullivan Woods, the Wellesley Free Library Foundation and all its generous donors for the acquisition of this timeless piece of public art.



REPORT to the COMMUNITY 2024



MISSION

Connecting our community to each other and to the world

VISION

The vision of the Wellesley Free Library is to be the cultural and intellectual crossroads of the community.

OUR VALUES

We **SERVE** as a community gathering place, cultural destination, and gateway to ideas.

We **PLEDGE** to be welcoming and responsive to our patrons.

We **ENSURE** a culture of belonging and build equity within the community.

We **PROMOTE** universal access to knowledge and ideas.

We **INSPIRE** lifelong learning.

We **ENRICH** our community through diverse programs and offerings for all ages.

We **DEFEND** intellectual freedom and user privacy.

We **ACQUIRE** materials responsive to community needs and desires.

We **PRACTICE** ethically and fiscally responsible stewardship of public and private resources.

We **EMPOWER** our employees to create a culture of curiosity, creativity, and innovation.

We **INVEST** in our employees' professional development.

We **COMMIT** to excellence in our services, facilities, and collections.

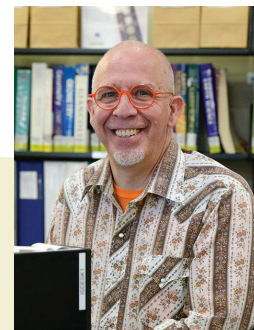
We **APPRECIATE** our support organizations whose generous gifts provide enhancements for all patrons.

We **COLLABORATE** with other Town organizations and institutions.

We **ENCOURAGE** staff, Trustees, and volunteers to be fearless, flexible, and fun.

We **ADAPT**, we **LEAD**, we **TRANSFORM**.

Reaching Our Community





Connecting you with resources to discover new interests and reach new horizons!



A MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES & DIRECTOR



Jamie Jurgensen
Director



Marla Robinson
Chair



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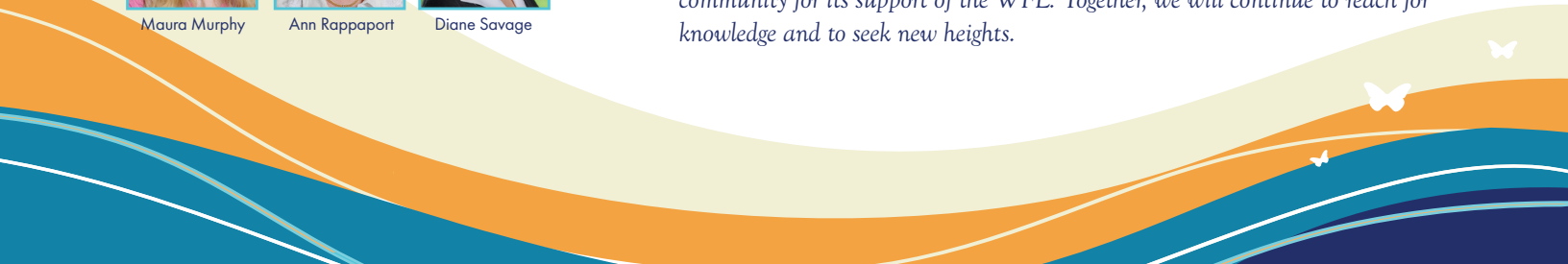
Ann Rappaport



Diane Savage

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This noble concept is beautifully visualized by Nancy Schön in her sculpture for the Wellesley Free Library. The Trustees support the Staff and Director in their work to bring these words to life for our community. WFL provides materials and services that support inclusion, innovation, and intellectual freedom, no matter how challenging the times. As journalist and author Annalee Newitz writes, "The patron's journey through the library is guided by their own quest for knowledge." We are proud to acknowledge our supporting organizations, the Wellesley Free Library Foundation and the Friends of the Wellesley Free Libraries for sharing this commitment, and we are grateful to our entire Wellesley community for its support of the WFL. Together, we will continue to reach for knowledge and to seek new heights.



WELLESLEY FREE LIBRARY

MAIN LIBRARY

530 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA 02482
781.235.1610

HILLS BRANCH LIBRARY

210 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA 02481
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FELLS BRANCH LIBRARY

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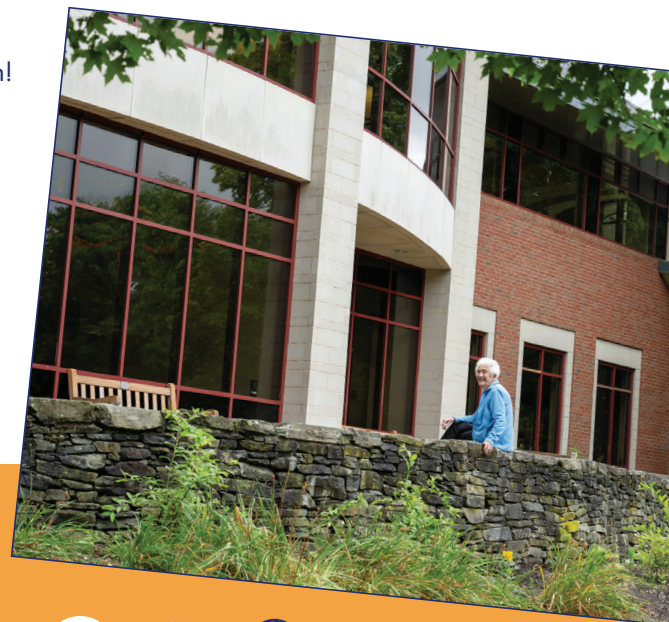
SPECIAL THANKS

The **Wellesley Free Library Foundation** and the **Friends of the Wellesley Free Libraries** work in concert to encourage private philanthropy on behalf of the Library. Creating new opportunities and enhancing the range of available services is vitally important and integral to our mission. We are thankful for all of the dedicated members of these supporting organizations, and also to the many other citizens who devote time and effort to help us achieve continuous improvements in library service to Wellesley. We gratefully appreciate your advocacy.

Reaching Outside!



An enhanced and beautiful outdoor space for Library patrons is coming soon! Our plans to create an outdoor terrace on the east side of the Main Library include a welcoming entrance, natural walkways, attractive plantings, outdoor art and comfortable furnishings. Overlooking the recently renovated Simons Park, the new terrace will provide a peaceful space for individual study, WIFI use and quiet relaxation.



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