



GPL&HS APPOINTS ROSE CHIOCCHI AS NEW DIRECTOR

Goshen, NY – April 8, 2025 - The Goshen Public Library & Historical Society (GPL&HS) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Rose Chiocchi will join the Library as its new director starting May 12. The Board made the formal appointment at a special meeting held on April 7 at the Library.

Chiocchi comes to the GPL&HS from the Pike County Public Library, where she has served as executive director since 2015. With a strong commitment to community outreach, Chiocchi is excited to help GPL&HS further its mission to make the library a centerpiece of the community.

“I am honored to bring my years of library leadership experience to the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society and to contribute to its tradition of learning, history and community engagement,” Chiocchi says.

In her position at the Pike County Public Library, Chiocchi helped spearhead efforts to expand community partnerships for the popular Milford Readers & Writers Festival, which helped boost library visibility and usage. She also led the creation and completion of a 3,000-square-foot children’s room at the library.

GPL&HS Board of Trustees President Emily Collado highlighted Chiocchi’s reputation for being skilled at managing library budgets and excelling at community fundraising as two strengths she brings to her new position. During her time at Pike County Library, Chiocchi secured \$240,000 through grant writing and fundraising campaigns for library upgrades.

“In addition to her accomplishments and skills, Rose brings a real warmth to her job. She’s going to fit in beautifully, and we’re so thrilled and lucky to have her,” Collado says.



The Library Board would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Library staff, as well as Joslyn Bowling Dixon, who served as interim library director during the transition period. Their efforts ensured that the community's needs were always met.

Chiocchi will be charged with overseeing the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society, located at 366 Main Street, Goshen. The Library serves more than 18,000 residents of the Goshen Central School District, which encompasses the Village of Goshen and sections of the towns of Goshen, Chester, Hamptonburgh, Wallkill and Wawayanda. In addition to the fiscal, personnel and building management of the GPL&HS, Chiocchi will oversee developing community partnerships within the greater Goshen area and guiding the strategic plan for the coming years.

Chiocchi holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, as well as a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Drexel University, also in Philadelphia.

The mission of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society is to provide and promote open and equal access to ideas and to the resources and services of the Library in order to meet the informational, educational, and cultural needs of the community. The Library strives to enrich reading and the use of technology for lifelong learning and the enhancement of the individual's quality of life.

Caption: Rose Chiocchi