

Our Mission

The Friends of the Rahway Public Library (“the Friends”) is a volunteer-led organization dedicated to providing support through special projects, educational and entertaining programs, community service and outreach to the community. Established in 2010, the Friends have secured significant funding via annual book sales, fundraising dinners, scavenger hunts, dodgeball events and other community activities in Rahway. These events help bring us together and shine light on the importance of our library as a crucial and essential community resource.



Join us at our next meeting!

The Friends meet in the library on the third Wednesday of each month at 7PM. Our fall meetings are on 9/16, 10/21 and 11/18. All are welcome to join!

Upcoming Events & Programs

- Get your ticket to our first **Night at the Library Scavenger Hunt** on October 24. We’re transforming the library completely for an evening of magic and adventure.
- Save the date! Our **Winter Book Sale** will be from December 7-12.
- We’re putting the finishing touches on our **Monopoly Board**. Interested in securing a spot? Reach out to us!

Friends of the Rahway Public Library Fall Updates! 📖

It’s hard to believe summer is over and fall has arrived. Don’t worry though, we’ve got plenty to keep you connected to the Library this season!

The Friends are excited to welcome the community to two special upcoming events, a “Night at the Library” Scavenger Hunt on October 24 and our first Winter Book Sale!

At Night at the Library we will transform the library into an interactive and magical evening where some of our favorite authors and stories come to life. This will be an evening of fun, mystery, and adventure, featuring a book-themed scavenger hunt, entertainment, food, and activities for guests to enjoy throughout the night. We welcome everyone 18+ to join us at this library after-hours event.

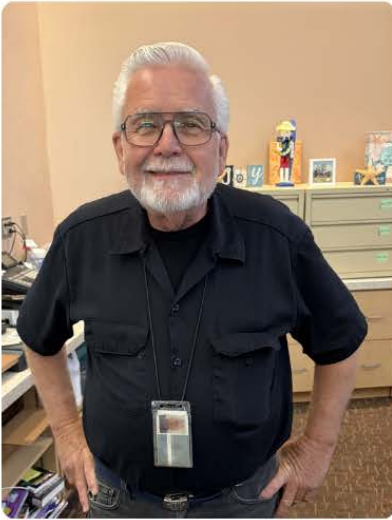
Then, in December, get ready to shop for a great cause at our Winter Book Sale, where you can discover some new favorites and give books a second life while supporting the Rahway Public Library. We hope you’ll join us for these exciting events and continue supporting the Friends and our library community!

Thank you for your continued support of the Friends of the Rahway Public Library. Together, we’re helping our library thrive and creating meaningful opportunities for our community.



Spotlight on Rahway Public Library Staff

Mark Strohm



Mark has been employed by the Rahway Public Library for 22 years and currently manages and oversees all aspects of the maintenance department. In this role, he is responsible for ensuring the safety and integrity of the building, the employees and “the customers.” According to Mark, his primary mission is to maintain a safe environment for all. When asked what the best part of his job is, Mark did not hesitate to say, the “diversity of it” and how each day is different. He can work on security one day, including fire systems and alarms and the next day on custodial care. He likes that the job isn’t predictable and it has its challenges. He welcomes them and sees everything through to the end. It’s never boring as he states. Mark is currently working on a major renovation to the library that is a joint project with the City of Rahway and their Department of Public Works (DPW). He is very proud of the work so far and hopes the public has noticed the improvements throughout the library. It has been ongoing for over a year and Mark emphasized the importance of his team and how hard they are working to improve the library’s interior and exterior.

He insisted that his team receive recognition and shared that working with his colleague Tim, Roy (the director of DPW), and Pedro (DPW), has been a pleasant experience. Lastly, Mark expressed how despite the long hours and hard work, it has truly been a pleasure to work for the library and serve the community. He is always willing to lend a hand and assist with “do whatever it takes to get the job done.” That includes helping the Friends of the Rahway Public Library with their annual book sale or helping the employees with other special projects. He makes sure the conference rooms are available and assists with set-up for events. Mark ended our talk by reiterating how essential his team is and together they get the work done, efficiently and proudly. To that end, the Friends want to say, thank you and keep up the good work! It is appreciated.



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Hold on to your books!
**The Friends will be hosting a
winter Book Sale this year.**

We will be accepting books,
as well as puzzles, games,
CDs and movies. Items in
good condition can be
dropped off at the library’s
circulation desk.

Congratulations

to our “Walk It Out Challenge”
winners Teddy and Samantha!

Teddy and his mom,
Samantha, visited the most
Union County Parks, taking a
photo with our “Friends of
the Library” sign!

“The park challenge was a
great opportunity for us to
spend time together out in the
world and without screens. I
hope more families will try the
challenge if you do it again in
the future.” ~ Samantha