

## Matthew Martin

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**From:** Felicia Block <f\_liss@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2016 6:29 AM  
**To:** Matthew Martin  
**Subject:** Block Family and the Library

Matt,

Below is a copy of the letter of support the Block Family sent to the Mayor in December. I am very involved with the library and consider this projects one of the highest priorities. That makes our family a "5".

Please let me know if there is anything else you need me to do.

Warmly,  
Felicia

**From:** Felicia Block <f\_liss@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 8, 2015 8:49 AM  
**To:** [mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)  
**Subject:** Block Family Support for the Library

Mayor Jonathan Mark and the Scarsdale Village Board of Trustees  
Scarsdale Village Hall  
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Mayor Mark,

I am writing to you and the Trustees to express my deepest support for the campaign to transform the Scarsdale Public Library.

I was honored to serve on the Scarsdale Bowl Committee with you last year, and you know from working with me that Scarsdale is at the center of my heart. I am pleased to serve this community through volunteerism and to support the places and organizations that are at the core of our community. Our library is exactly that place and is in need of our community funds.

I know you will hear from many that our library is an important educational and cultural asset in a community. In our family, other than our schools, it is THE places that we visit weekly and spend time. My children Sydney, eleven, and Maxwell, eight, HUG the librarians. Yes, I said hug them! Why? Because not only do they help them to find the right book to read at their level, or the latest technology that has come to the library to promote their education beyond the walls of our schools, or walk them to a program to help

them feel more confident in their reading and comprehension, or explore their excitement about building and creating, they see the librarians as an extension of our family. When our library is a safe space, filled with adults that nurture our children's minds and hearts, when it is a comfortable and welcoming place, then the library we are working hard to transform ALSO has the power to transform the community members that it serves.

I am aware that you were presented with some of the key reasons for the campaign: That the library has not been updated in several decades, and that improvements need to be made to ensure its continued use for coming generations, accessibility for people with special needs, environmental responsibility, expanded meeting and program spaces for children, adults and seniors, and flexibility to respond to patron uses as they continue to evolve.

On a very personal note, as my children become tweens and teens, this place needs to grow with them. Just like they are changing, the library space needs to change. I think about the library spaces we have seen in other towns only 10 to 15 minutes away. Their spaces are light and bright. Open and inviting. As a resident, I want the same for our library. A library that is used and loved by our community. A place that continues to see continued increase in usage - and continued and increased usage by my own family.

This is a thoughtful plan, and the deferred maintenance and infrastructure needs to be addressed even without this project. But this plan addresses all those items and more. We look to our schools to create our future...but a library is where our children meet and gather, where our volunteers plan and plot, where our programs lift up the hearts and minds of our adult community members.

I ask you and the Village Board to increase its financial support of the Library's physical revitalization. I am happy to speak with you via phone at any time to tell you more personal stories about the library and my family. I look forward to seeing this project more forward.

Warmly,  
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