



Westchester Library System Names Patricia Fontanella Board President

Tarrytown, NY (February 20, 2008) – The Westchester Library System (WLS) recently named North White Plains resident Patricia Fontanella as president of the organization’s Board of Trustees. Fontanella takes the place of Dave Donelson, who served as president from 2006-2007. The appointment was announced by Siobhan A. Reardon, director of the Westchester Library System.

“We look forward to the insight, experience, and leadership that Patricia will provide over the coming year,” said Siobhan A. Reardon, director of the Westchester Library System. “She has done a wonderful job as vice president and we anticipate her continued dedication, commitment, and success as president.”

Patricia Fontanella, executive sales administrator for McMichael Yacht Brokers Ltd. in Mamaroneck, has been on the Westchester Library System’s Board of Trustees for seven years, serving as vice president for the past two. She is past president and currently a trustee for the North Castle Public Library. Former board memberships include Westchester/Putnam School Boards Association Executive Committee, the Holy Name of Jesus Parish Council, the Junior League of Westchester on the Sound, and trustee and officer for the Valhalla Board of Education. Fontanella received a B.S. degree in Education from the State University of New York at Cortland. She resides in North White Plains with her husband, Joseph.

“I’m thrilled to be a part of such a vital organization in our community,” said Patricia Fontanella, president of Westchester Library System, Board of Trustees. “As president, I will seek to further the Westchester Library System’s mission to ensure that all residents have seamless access to excellent library service throughout Westchester.”

The Westchester Library System is located at 540 White Plains Road, Suite 200, Tarrytown, NY 10591. For a complete list of programs and events throughout the Westchester Library System, visit the WLS website at www.westchesterlibraries.org.

About the Westchester Library System

The Westchester Library System (WLS) includes 38 member public libraries located throughout the County and is one of New York State’s 23 public library systems. WLS and its member libraries have a total collection of 5.6 million items, including 4 million books, as well as audio recordings, videocassettes, DVDs, print serials, and other materials. Support from WLS helps expand and enhance the services and resources of local member libraries, enabling them to better serve the public. WLS also ensures that all county residents have excellent library service on-site and on-line. A sponsor of year-round events, WLS helps coordinate featured author events, the annual Book and Author Luncheon, and seasonal reading initiatives. The WLS Adult and Outreach Services Department offers improved access to library services for all residents, training and development of library personnel, services to disadvantaged youth, and the fee-based WEBS Career and Educational Counseling service. WLS celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2008.

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