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The Ossining Public Library is pleased to announce that *James Trapasso* has been named the **2017 Ossining Public Library Employee of the Year**. This recognition, an annual tradition sponsored by the Ossining Rotary Club, recognizes employees from Ossining agencies and organizations who embody the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

James Trapasso has been with the Ossining Public Library since 2006. He currently serves as the Library's Programs and Events Coordinator. Over the years, James has brought a variety of programs and events to the library, including the Young Artists Piano Series, the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series, the Summer Film Series, and many others, including art workshops, lectures, clubs, crafts programs, and many more. James has furthered the Library's many partnerships through collaborations with groups such as the Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Ossining Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, the Westchester Collaborative Theater, and the Ossining Arts Council, to name just a few. James also curates our library's art galleries and has brought the work of numerous local artists to the Ossining community.

In 2012, James was instrumental in leading the library in the John Cheever Centennial celebrations. This year James headed up the Library Initiative Committee, which brought the Ossining Public Library out into the community. James is currently Staff Co-Chair of the Ossining Public Library 125th Anniversary Committee and is working with committee members to plan for the library's 125th celebrations in 2018. James is the current President of the Westchester Library Association, an organization that plans continuing education and networking opportunities for the staff and trustees of libraries in Westchester County.

For all of his good work bringing programming and the arts to the Ossining community we congratulate James on his contributions to the Ossining Public Library and to the Ossining community.