

# *Matthew J. Weiss*

## Library Trustee Candidate Statement:

I have had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Trustees of the Ossining Public Library for the past three years. Now that my first term is ending, I am asking you to help me continue working as a Trustee and elect me to a new three-year term.

We have a terrific library in Ossining that provides programming and resources for our entire community. The Staff is experienced, professional, dedicated and very enthusiastic. These are some of the reasons I want to return to the Board for three more years.

As Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, I have tackled ongoing challenges including the repair of the retaining wall, maintenance of the roof, and upgrading the heating and air conditioning systems.

I believe in safety first — our Library should be the safest place you go to. As a result, I review safety procedures and building maintenance. This includes items from the repair of stairs to signage and window cleaning. The staff has now had intruder response training with the Police Department.

Our Library was chartered in 1893. I proposed a 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration ever since I joined the Board. I am working closely with the staff and Director to ensure we have a great commemoration.

On the Finance Committee, I have led the effort to have a fulltime Treasurer and have each Board member review bills that are paid to vendors. My background as a Financial Advisor gives me a clear understanding of the need for fiscal controls.

I will work to find additional funding for programs by developing a donor program going forward.

I hope you share my enthusiasm and pride for our Library.

Please cast your vote for the Library Trustees and the Library Budget on Tuesday May 16, 2017.

