



The Ossining Public Library Honored with The Sophia Abeles Education Award from ArtsWestchester

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The Ossining Public Library is proud to announce that it is one of ArtsWestchester's honorees for their 2020 Art Awards, and has been awarded the Sophia Abeles Education Award for its efforts in making diverse art and cultural programming accessible to all.

"It is a tremendous honor for the library to be receiving the Sophia Abeles Education Award," says Ossining Public Library Director Karen LaRocca-Fels. "Providing free and equal access to cultural and artistic programming is one of the library's core missions and I am so proud to see the hard work of library staff be recognized." Matthew Weiss, president of the library's board of trustees, agrees, saying "The Ossining Library Trustees are thrilled to have our library receive this recognition from ArtsWestchester. It underscores the need for continued programs in the arts and culture that are accessible to all. We thank ArtsWestchester for its support and thoughtfulness."

The library, which hosts daily programming for patrons of all ages, has a dedicated theater for performing arts programs and events, as well as an art gallery highlighting local artists, and hosts free concerts, dance performances, community crafting, and art workshops. "Patrons as young as weeks old and those in our vibrant and active senior community all have a space at the library to learn and participate in the arts", says library director Karen LaRocca-Fels, noting that attendance at the library's cultural programs continues to rise. "I'm pleased that the library is fulfilling such an important need in the community."

Receiving the award from ArtsWestchester is especially meaningful. "ArtsWestchester is a sterling example of an organization dedicated to enriching the lives of our county's residents," says LaRocca-Fels. "Being honored by such an important voice in Westchester is truly a great accolade for our library."

The library will be honored alongside the other 2020 Arts Award winners at this year's Arts Award luncheon, on Tuesday, April 7.

About the Ossining Public Library

The Ossining Public Library provides informational, educational, and cultural services to the residents of Ossining and enriches, connects, and inspires the Ossining community.

Open 7 days a week, the library's hours, programs, events, and services can be found at www.ossininglibrary.org.

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