

# West Orange Public Library: Your Voice—and Vote—Matters

On May 6, at the town council meeting West Orange voters have a critical opportunity to shape the future of our library—and our community.

Rooted at the heart of West Orange, our library is not just a building— it's a hub of learning, community engagement, and growth for people of all ages and walks of life. For decades, the library has played a vital role in supporting both the progress and the spirit of our town.

As a public service, the library is committed to meeting the educational, cultural, and accessibility needs of the West Orange community. The move to the library's new home at 10 Rooney was envisioned in line with our mission. While landscaping was not included in the library project, it was always understood that a fully welcoming and functional space would require outdoor enhancements. These critically important upgrades—especially those that support ADA compliance—are essential to ensuring safe, inclusive access for all members of the community.

We support the following key project elements to progress a shared vision:

- Safe, accessible walkways and ramps;
- ADA-compliant parking spots and sidewalk repairs;
- A fenced patio for safe community programming;
- A weather-protected book drop;
- Adequate parking areas for patrons and staff; and
- Thoughtfully designed landscaping that reflects the library's peaceful, educational mission and enhances the calm, welcoming atmosphere inside and out.

## Why It Matters

Libraries are dynamic spaces that grow and adapt alongside the communities they serve. The upcoming vote presents an opportunity to complete critically necessary upgrades, enhancing safety and accessibility, and creating a more welcoming environment for connection, education, inspiration, and innovation. By showing up on May 6, you contribute to shaping the next chapter of our library's story and the future of our community as a whole. This is our moment to move forward—together. Every voice matters—make yours heard on May 6.