It would be a true honor to serve on the board of the Mohawk Valley Library System. Since moving to Amsterdam in 2014, I have developed a deep appreciation for the vital role libraries play in our communities—not only as centers of learning, but as welcoming spaces that provide access, support, and opportunity for all.

With nearly two decades of experience as a registered nurse, I've had the privilege of serving people from all walks of life. That work has given me insight into the social and economic challenges many in our region face, and a strong belief in the importance of community-based resources like libraries in addressing them.

I see the library system as a cornerstone of equity, education, and empowerment. Serving on the board would allow me to give back to a region I care deeply about, advocate for accessible and inclusive library services, and bring a health- and community-focused perspective to the system's continued growth and outreach

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