

# **FOR RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNS OF MOUNT HOPE, GREENVILLE, MINISINK AND WAWAYANDA WHO PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED LIBRARY CARDS FROM THE PORT JERVIS FREE LIBRARY:**

✿ For the past several years, The Port Jervis Free Library Board entered into an agreement with the Supervisors of the Towns of Mount Hope, Minisink, Greenville, and Wawayanda to provide Library Service to Town residents on a contract basis. Previously, these cards provided borrowing privileges at all 47 member libraries.

✿ The Ramapo Catskill Library System has notified the Port Jervis Free Library Board of Trustees that this contract represents a violation of the New York State approved Direct Access Plan, which calls for Library funding to be calculated on a per capita rather than household basis. Negotiations between the Port Jervis Free Library Board of Trustees and the Ramapo Catskill Library System have failed to resolve this issue.

✿ AS OF JUNE 2025:

Unserved residents of the four towns should speak to their town supervisors about obtaining library service from Pike County, PA.

✿ PLEASE NOTE: The initiative to create a Minisink Valley Public Library, which would have provided library service to all residents of the four towns, was defeated by Minisink Valley area voters in October of 2022.

✿ These actions are occurring independently of any action taken by the Board of Trustees, Administration or staff of Middletown Thrall Library.

A list of relevant contact information if you would like to make your feelings known regarding the provision of library service:

Please contact your Town Supervisors for information regarding your library card.