

# The Rotary Club of Madison

DONATES AND INSTALLS A “LITTLE LIBRARY” IN

## Rose Garden Park



Madison, NJ

Thursday, September 19, 2024



Representatives from the Borough, from Friends of Madison Shade Trees, and from the Rotary Club of Madison gathered today to celebrate the Rotary's most recent gift to Rose Garden Park – a “little library” containing children's books (pre-school through elementary) for visitors to the park to read, to borrow, or to swap their own books into. The Rotary Book Box, now located near the

Green Avenue side of the park, has been designed to be moved once the hardscape portions of the planned renovations have been completed.

The Rotary Committee in charge of planning and maintaining the library box – Doug Willis, Nancy Adamczyk, Barbara Lucas-Chin, and Dave and Lisa MacNair – have organized this project with two of the Rotary's pri-

mary goals in mind: first, to help develop local youth, and second, to partner with other Madison organizations to make Madison a better place to live.

The Rotary Club's initial donation to Rose Garden Park was funding the Master Plan developed by local landscape designer, Beth Riley. Riley's firm, The Potted Garden, maintains Rose Garden Park and, in following the Master Plan approved by the Friends of Madison Shade Trees, works to restore the thirty-year-old, intragenerational garden and to replace the elements in decline with primarily native plants and more appropriately sized trees. The Master Plan further incorporates a hardscape that is both permeable and complies with current accessibility standards, as well as replacing the irrigation system with one that will be more water efficient. Overall, the intention is sustainability and eco-awareness for the pocket park that Rotarian David Duran calls, “our secret garden.” Please visit [www.madisonrotarynj.org](http://www.madisonrotarynj.org) for more information about Madison Rotary.



Back: Ray Codey, John Hogan, David Duran, Chris Schorr, Kathy McGrath, Doug Willis Front: Lois Bhatt, Nancy Adamczyk, Barbara Lucas-Chin