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SARAH HULL HALLOCK FREE LIBRARY ANNOUNCES \$25,000 NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AWARD

- Rural, Main Street Library Receives NYSCA's Support for Organizations Grant -

MILTON, NEW YORK: December 18, 2022 – The Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library (SHHFL) announced today a grant award totaling \$25,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the recovery of the nonprofit arts and culture sector. Incorporated in 1887, the Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library (SHHFL) is an anchor building on Main Street at the heart of the hamlet of Milton. For 135 years strong, the library has been a welcoming, public resource to the neighborhood, the Town of Marlborough, Ulster County and the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Governor Kathy Hochul said, “As a cultural capital of the world, New York State is strengthened by our expansive coverage of the arts across all 62 counties. This year's historic commitment to the arts sector will spur our continuing recovery from the pandemic and set the course for a stronger future.”

“We are delighted to receive funding that allows us to nurture performing and visual arts in our rural area,” stated Rosemary Wein, president of the library’s board of trustees.

“Community conversations conducted by the Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library found that area residents value artistic expression, and the grant funds will underwrite a rich schedule of multi-cultural special events and teaching-artist workshops arranged and hosted by our library.”

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Lois Heiser Skelly, library director, pointed out that all programs held by the SHHFL are free and open to the public. As an essential and integral part of the community, the Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library inspires lifelong learning, advances knowledge, encourages creative expression, and offers opportunities to explore new experiences and ideas. SHHFL's staff and board members are grateful to NYSCA for fueling the furthering of the library's mission.

About the New York State Council on the Arts

NYSCA preserves and advances the arts and culture that make New York State an exceptional place to live, work and visit. NYSCA upholds the right of all New Yorkers to experience the vital contributions the arts make to our communities, education, economic development, and quality of life. To support the ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, NYSCA will award record funding in FY 2023, providing support across the full breadth of the arts.

NYSCA further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, NYSCA is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit <http://www.arts.ny.gov>, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, Twitter @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.

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