



**Ocean House Celebrates and Supports the Local Community
with the Return of an Annual Gala in Watch Hill, Rhode Island**

***Black and White Ball, A Novel Celebration
In Celebration of the Westerly Library and Wilcox Park
Proceeds of February 10 to benefit the Memorial & Library Association***

WATCH HILL, R.I. – Ocean House, the Forbes triple Five-Star, Relais and Chateaux destination hotel perched high on the bluffs of scenic Watch Hill, Rhode Island, overlooking the Atlantic, today announced the date of its esteemed Black & White Ball for 2024.

The 2024 Black & White Ball “A Novel Celebration” will be held on Saturday, February 10. Proceeds of the event will benefit the Westerly Library and Wilcox Park.

“Ocean House’s Black & White Ball is a celebration of our commitment to the lasting relationships we have forged with our local community,” said Dant Hirsch, President and Group Managing Director of Ocean House Collection. “The Westerly Library and Wilcox Park, in support of our community has created an impressive reputation for providing access to literature, information, nature and the arts, and we are delighted to help support their mission,” added Hirsch.

According to Westerly Library & Wilcox Park’s Executive Director, Brigitte Hopkins, “We are so thrilled to be this year’s recipient of the Black and White Ball. The impact of this event on the library and park is beyond measure. We are so grateful for the opportunity to highlight our organization.”

The February 10 gala will be held at Ocean House as a property-wide celebration with live music, food, open bar, festive décor and a lively gathering of local residents and guests. Tickets can be purchased, starting December 1, 2023, through the Westerly Library online at www.westerlylibrary.org or by calling Stacey at 401-596-2877 x322.

Ocean House is one of only 12 triple Five-Star hotels in the world, as rated by Forbes Travel Guide. Guests can enjoy views of the Atlantic Ocean from the resort, which includes 49 spacious guestrooms and 20 signature suites. Other resort amenities include the Five-Star COAST fine-dining restaurant; lively programming such as the Veuve Clicquot Secret Garden and Gondola Village; the Five-Star Ocean & Harvest Spa; culinary and wine classes in the Center for Wine and Culinary Arts; a 250-piece original art collection including one of the largest collections of works by Ludwig Bemelmans; croquet classes, beach services, and art related events.

This year’s Black & White Ball “A Novel Celebration” will be underwritten by sponsors including Ocean House and the Ocean House Fund for Charitable Giving.

Westerly Library & Wilcox Park

Westerly Library and Wilcox Park is a private non-profit owned and operated by the Memorial and Library Association of Westerly. The Association was established in 1892 to commemorate the volunteer soldiers and sailors who fought in the Civil War. Designed by Longstaff & Hurd, architects from Bridgeport, Connecticut, Westerly Library opened its doors in 1894 through the initiative of local industrialist-inventor, Stephen Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox donated the land on which the library is situated, as well as \$25,000 to be matched by citizens of the

community. Today, the library is open 60 hours each week, and the collection includes books, audiobooks, magazines, CDs, and DVDs, and more totaling over 287,000 items. There are computers for public use throughout the building. The library, a participant in a statewide-automated network, offers access to online databases, e-books, and over four million items from library collections across the state of Rhode Island. For more information visit: [Westerly Library & Wilcox Park](#)

More about Ocean House

Nestled on the scenic Atlantic coast in Rhode Island, Ocean House has been named one of the “World’s Best Hotels and Resorts” by Travel + Leisure, Condé Nast, Fodor’s and other notable organizations. Originally constructed in 1866, Ocean House maintains a commanding position high on the bluffs in the charming seaside Watch Hill village. The property re-opened its doors in 2010 after a \$140 million historic rebuild. Today, guests enjoy waterfront views from the resort’s 49 guestrooms and 20 signature suites. A variety of casual and fine dining options plus the Ocean & Harvest Spa, complimentary resort activities including culinary classes, art experiences, complimentary croquet, movies and more make Ocean House a perfect destination for luxury escapes. Ocean House is a member of Relais & Châteaux and is one of only 12 hotels in the world to receive triple five stars from Forbes Travel Guide for accommodations, dining, and spa.

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