

Richard Hubbell

Richard Hubbell is a longtime Lowell resident and recently retired engineer with nearly five decades of experience in the field. Originally from upstate New York, he graduated from Cornell University before moving to Massachusetts with his late wife, Mary Lou. Since 1986, Richard has called Lowell's Belvidere Hill district home, where he and Mary Lou raised their three children in the James Abbott House (ca. 1868).

Deeply invested in his community, Richard fondly recalls working alongside neighbors—including the late Paul Tsongas—on early efforts to revitalize Kittredge Park. He coached the Expos and Blue Jays in the Lowell Little League and credits the Pollard Memorial Library with playing an important role in his family's life. With three active library cards in rotation, he jokes that overdue notices kept them closely connected to the library over the years.

A lifelong learner with a deep curiosity for history, culture, and language, Richard is an avid reader who enjoys exploring a wide range of topics. In recent years, he has taken a particular interest in Mandarin Chinese, maintaining a 1,580-day streak on Duolingo and completing two years of coursework at the Acton Chinese Language School.

Since retiring in early 2024, Richard divides his time between travel, skiing, golf, and cheering on his grandchildren at their many sporting events. He is proud to support the Pollard Memorial Library Foundation in its mission to strengthen the library that has meant so much to his family and to the broader Lowell community.