



Ossining Public Library
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Dear Ossining Community,

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The Board of Trustees of the Ossining Public Library is pleased to share the proposed Ossining Public Library 2017/2018 budget. Our goal and our challenge was to develop a budget that allows the library to continue to provide the level of library service that the Ossining community expects, while staying within the tax levy limit of 1.51 percent. We have prepared a budget proposal that accomplishes those goals and we are pleased that we are able to stay within the levy limit for the sixth consecutive year.

Our proposed budget for the next fiscal year is \$4,004,396, with \$3,921,396 to be raised by tax levy. Our budget proposal allows us to maintain our staffing levels and our public hours. In addition, the proposed budget includes an increase in the print and electronic book budget in order to allow us to develop our library's collections to better meet the needs of our community. We have not increased the book and materials lines in our budget for several years and we feel it is important to focus on this area of our service. Our budget proposal also allows us to expand our cultural arts, literacy, and educational programming for the community. We have seen growing interest by the community in programming opportunities and we feel that it is wise to respond to this demand. Both of these priorities — collections and programming — were identified by our community in our recent long range strategic planning process.

Our 2017/2018 budget prioritizes the service that our community has come to expect. If you have any questions about the library's budget proposal, please see the library's website at www.ossininglibrary.org or call the Library Director at 914-941-2416 ext. 333.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Alice Joselow'.

Alice Joselow
President, Board of Trustees

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Karen LaRocca-Fels
Library Director