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Dear Community,

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The Board of Trustees of the Ossining Public Library is pleased to share with you the proposed Ossining Public Library Operating Budget for fiscal year 2020/21. The budget we are presenting for your approval does not exceed our allowable tax levy limit (tax cap) of 1.91%, and it allows the library to maintain its operating hours and collections, as well as enhancing our programs and services.

The proposed budget for the next fiscal year is \$4,280,075, with \$4,163,175 to be raised by tax levy. Our proposed budget maintains our current public hours and will allow us to enhance library services to best serve the Ossining community. This includes our status as a virtual library while the physical library has been closed.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, the staff has been working to identify technology, training, and collection needs that would better the library's virtual presence. This allows for increased technology to help digitize programming, continuing education for staff, a larger eBook collection, and more databases for patrons to access. In addition, it allows for more robust, secure, and reliable technology inside of our building. This budget also prioritizes enhancing our book collections and supporting our on-site programs and services.

We thank you for the opportunity to maintain the tradition of serving the Ossining community.

Any questions about the Proposed Budget or the Budget Vote and Trustee Election should be directed to Karen LaRocca-Fels, Library Director, Ossining Public Library, at [klaroccafels@wlsmail.org](mailto:klaroccafels@wlsmail.org) or 914-941-2416 ext. 333.

The Budget Vote, as well as the Library Trustee Election, will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, by Absentee Ballot.

For further information please go to:  
[www.ossininglibrary.org/about-opl/budget](http://www.ossininglibrary.org/about-opl/budget)

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