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Dear Ossining Community,

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 2021/2022. The budget we are presenting for your approval does not exceed our allowable tax levy limit (tax cap) of 1.56%, and it allows the library to maintain its operating hours and collections, as well as enhance our programs and services.

The proposed budget for the next fiscal year is \$4,415,490, with \$4,228,290 to be raised by tax levy. Our proposed budget reflects our preparation for a post-COVID world, with the anticipation that our regular hours and services will resume. We are also cognizant of the ways in which COVID has changed our lives.

We will continue to offer and expand virtual programs, change library spaces to adapt to social distancing, and find ways to improve services to adapt to a post-COVID world. In addition, we will have onsite the supplies and equipment needed to provide a clean, safe environment. In response to patron demand, this budget allows the library to enhance its eBook collections while also allowing for a robust print collection.

Our proposed budget includes improvements to the library's technology which will allow the library to have a more reliable and functional technology infrastructure. The proposed budget also allows the library to maintain its building infrastructure, and budgets for increased maintenance and repairs.

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 or 914-941-2416 ext. 333.

The Budget Vote, as well as the Library Trustee Election, will be held on Tuesday, May 18 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Ossining High School Gymnasium.

For further information please go to:

www.ossininglibrary.org/about-opl/budget

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