

ABOUT THE PROPOSED BUDGET

OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY

A home in Ossining valued at \$395,000 will see an annual library tax increase of \$7.90 (1.56%).

Town of Ossining

2020-2021 tax rate per \$1,000: \$1.015329

2021-2022 tax rate per \$1,000: \$1.031119

Increase in tax rate per \$1,000: \$0.02

Estimated change in tax rate: 1.56%

Town of New Castle

2020-2021 tax rate per \$1,000: \$5.329810

2021-2022 tax rate per \$1,000: \$5.409856

Increase in tax rate per \$1,000: \$0.08

Estimated change in tax rate: 1.50%

Town of Yorktown

2020-2021 tax rate per \$1,000: \$45.327180

2021-2022 tax rate per \$1,000: \$46.238501

Increase in tax rate per \$1,000: \$0.91

Estimated change in tax rate: 2.01%

DIRECTOR

Karen LaRocca-Fels

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Ossining Public Library



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2021/2022 Proposed Operating Budget Information **VOTE**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

7am to 9pm

Ossining High School Gymnasium

A letter from the President of the Board of Trustees and the Director of the Ossining Public Library

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 klaroccafelsewlsmail.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/budget.

Matthew Weiss

President, Board of Trustees

Karen LaRocca-Fels

Library Director

2021-2022 Budget Proposal

DESCRIPTION	2021-2022 Proposed	2020-2021
Salaries	\$2,096,403	\$2,096,478
Benefits & Payroll Taxes	\$1,030,177	\$957,023
Library Materials (Books, E-Books, AV, etc.)	\$217,000	\$211,500
Library Supplies	\$20,000	\$25,000
Library Programs	\$74,000	\$74,000
Technology Services	\$168,727	\$175,000
Technology Equipment (Offset by \$40,000 Grant)	\$75,000	\$29,000
Library Development	\$38,000	\$53,000
Outside Services: <i>Building Consultant, Architectural Services, Piano Tuning, Legal Services, Collection Services, Auditing Services</i>	\$128,300	\$114,300
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$150,883	\$136,500
Grounds Maintenance & Snow Removal	\$50,000	\$55,000
Utilities	\$165,000	\$186,000
Office Supplies	\$13,000	\$12,000
Building Equipment & Supplies (Offset by \$50,000 Grant)	\$120,000	\$47,000
Other Library Costs	\$69,000	\$108,274
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,415,490	\$4,280,075
Income (Grants, Donations, Fines, Fees)	(\$187,200)	(\$116,900)
PROPOSED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX LEVY	\$4,228,290	\$4,163,175

The 2021-2022 Tax Levy increase is 1.56%, which is the allowed Tax Levy limit.

Further details about the budget can be found on our website at www.ossininglibrary.org/budget.