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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 2022/2023. The budget we are presenting, which represents a tax levy increase of 2.23%, is within the tax levy limit (tax cap), 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 \$4,543,107, with \$4,322,707 to be raised by tax levy. Our proposed budget allows us to continue to prepare for a post-COVID world. We will continue to offer and expand both in-person and virtual programs, build our book and materials collections in all formats, and expand our technology offerings for our community.

Our proposed budget includes improvements to the library's technology infrastructure—much of which will be offset by Federal E-rate Grant funding. The proposed budget also allows the library to plan and prepare for needed repairs to our HVAC system, our roof, and other infrastructure needs.

The proposed budget supports the library's Long Range Strategic Plan and will allow us to continue to meet the goals set forth in our plan.

The library has been able to leverage over \$140,000 in grant income for the coming fiscal year and continues to work with the Friends of the Ossining Public Library and the Ossining Library Foundation to pursue fundraising initiatives to provide a high level of library service for our community, while offsetting the impact on the taxpayer.

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 kfels@ossininglibrary.org or 914-941-2416 ext. 333.

The budget vote, as well as the library trustee election, will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 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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