

Dear Ossining Community,

Each year, the Board of Trustees of the Ossining Public Library presents an operating budget to the community that will allow us to provide library services during the next fiscal year. This operating budget allows the library to:

- Support programs, collections, and services for our entire community;
- Continue essential library services for our community during our construction project.

The Ossining Public Library Board of Trustees is pleased to share the proposed Ossining Public Library operating budget for fiscal year 2026/2027, which is \$4,959,357. Of this, \$4,734,757 would be raised by tax levy, an increase of 2.65%, which is within the tax cap.

We are grateful that the community passed the library bond in 2025. Construction-related costs will all be paid with bond proceeds and grant funding. The library’s 2026/2027 budget proposal covers the library’s operating costs only.

Ossining Public Library continues to work hard to offset the impact on the taxpayer. We anticipate bringing in \$224,000 in grants, interest, and other income to offset the tax levy. We also continue to partner with the Friends of the Ossining Public Library and the Ossining Library Foundation to pursue and support further significant fundraising initiatives.

The budget vote and the library trustee election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Ossining High School Gymnasium.

For additional information about the operating budget, please go to [www.ossininglibrary.org/about-opl/trustees/budget](http://www.ossininglibrary.org/about-opl/trustees/budget).

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](mailto:kfels@ossininglibrary.org) or 914-941-2416 ext. 333.

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

Meghan Huppuch President, Board of Trustees      Karen LaRocca-Fels Library Director

**ABOUT THE PROPOSED BUDGET**

	<i>2026-2027 Proposed</i>	<i>2025-2026</i>
<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$2,343,874</b>	<b>\$2,337,578</b>
<b>Benefits &amp; Payroll Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,372,880</b>	<b>\$1,226,580</b>
<b>Library Materials</b>	<b>\$264,500</b>	<b>\$245,614</b>
<b>Library Supplies</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Library Programs</b>	<b>\$87,000</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>
<i>(Offset by grant income)</i>		
<b>Technology Services</b>	<b>\$161,313</b>	<b>\$151,086</b>
<b>Technology Equipment</b>	<b>\$24,940</b>	<b>\$13,419</b>
<b>Library Development</b>	<b>\$34,000</b>	<b>\$33,100</b>
<b>Outside Services:</b>	<b>\$76,200</b>	<b>\$226,400</b>
<i>(Offset by Fund Balance)</i>		
<b>Building Repair &amp; Maintenance</b> <i>(Offset by Fund Balance)</i>	<b>\$134,900</b>	<b>\$310,000</b>
<b>Grounds Maintenance &amp; Snow Removal</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$223,250</b>	<b>\$200,250</b>
<b>Office Supplies</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>
<b>Building Equipment &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>
<b>Other Library Costs</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,959,357</b>	<b>\$5,071,027</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$224,600</b>	<b>\$458,628</b>
<i>(Grants, Donations, Fees, Capital Funds, Interest)</i>		
<b>PROPOSED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$4,734,757</b>	<b>\$4,612,399</b>

*The proposed 2026-2027 Tax Levy increase is 2.65% which is within the Tax Levy Limit.*

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*For further information, please visit [www.ossininglibrary.org/budget](http://www.ossininglibrary.org/budget)*

