

# Budget Message

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 - 2007

## Highlights from the Past Year

### Enriching Library Services

- We now provide wireless Internet connections and electronic books for your MP3.
- We introduced a new online calendar for community meetings and events.
- We formed new partnerships with Old Songs and the New Scotland Historical Association.
- We held conversations with residents about how we can best support our “small town feeling” and meet the need for better community space.
- We had a professional assessment of the condition of the building and the space options available for service and building changes.

### Something Special

- Suzanne Fisher named 2005 New York Times Librarian Award Winner
- Revolutionary War book discussion with a Saratoga field trip earned rave reviews
- Performance by Tony Trischka, banjoist extraordinaire
- Demonstration by Lori Lupe Pelish, quilt artist
- Bus trips to Boston and New York—sponsored by the Friends

### Just for Kids

- Lapsit Storyhours—for our youngest children
- American Girl Tea Party
- Kids Cook!
- Yellow 5 Teen Concert
- College information seminars with Sally Ten Eyck

## The Library’s Commitment to You

**This Year:** Library staff offered activities that promote reading for everyone—from newborns to those who are housebound. We launched an online community calendar as a one-stop resource for information about meetings and events held by area non-profits and clubs. And, thanks to Senator Neil Breslin, we purchased new furniture for our public computers.

Preparation for enhancing our programs and services and evaluating the building continued. Our efforts in this area included assessing community needs and identifying the legal and state resources available to us. We also met with an architect and engineer to discuss the current condition of the building and consider how to finance necessary building repairs and possible expansion.

**The Future:** We would like to increase the number of special programs we offer and to expand our efforts with both seniors and teens. We plan to maintain our collections while enhancing our electronic services. This year we hope to develop a building program and begin design and development activities. If you are interested in becoming part of this process please contact Jim Reilly at reillyj@uhls.lib.ny.us or 465-7581 during business hours.

**Budget:** The new budget adds both librarian and support staff while maintaining our collection size. As a consequence, it is 7% higher than last year’s, resulting in an estimated increase of \$0.12 for each \$1,000 of your assessment.

The budget reflects the trustees’ interest in containing costs while increasing services to our residents. Please feel free to contact any trustee if you have questions.

The library is an invaluable resource for our entire community. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Dick Ramsey  
*President*

Gail Alter Sacco  
*Library Director*



*Bob Kent*



*Bob Parmenter*



*Dick Ramsey*



*Rita Stein*

*Members of the current  
Board of Trustees*

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## VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Your Community Information Center

During the past year no money was spent from the South Main Street Building Fund.

### ESTIMATED REVENUES

SOURCES OF LIBRARY FUNDS	APPROVED 05-06	PROPOSED
STATE AID	\$4,500	\$5,464
INTEREST	5,150	8,000
DESK RECEIPTS	22,000	21,000
DONATIONS & GRANTS	2,000	2,000
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	10,000	10,000
LOCAL TAXES	777,850	834,416
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$821,500</b>	<b>\$880,880</b>

### ESTIMATED TAX RATE\*

NEW SCOTLAND	\$1.66
GUILDERLAND	\$1.22
BERNE	\$1.53

\*The tax rate is given per every \$1,000 of your assessment. New Scotland is presently revising its property assessments.

\*\*Library personnel expenses include 3% increase for staff salaries and 1.5 positions.

### POSITIVE OUTLOOK

#### Goals for 2006-2007

- To increase our film and audio book collection while maintaining the print collection.
- To support our special programs—such as the author in residence, increase our outreach to seniors and teens, and enrich personal information services.
- To continue our community conversations and develop a building design that allows us to provide the best library resources to our patrons.

#### Interesting Facts

- About 72,000 people came to the library in 2005—or every resident used the library 10 times.
- Library programs increased by 10% and attendance by 8%.
- Our shelves are full! For every book we add, we take one away.



### EXPENSES

LIBRARY MATERIALS	APPROVED 05-06	PROPOSED
BOOKS	\$62,220	\$60,000
SOFTWARE	1,500	1,500
AUDIOVISUAL	11,610	13,600
PERIODICALS	9,000	9,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$84,330</b>	<b>\$84,100</b>

BUILDING OP. & MAINT.	APPROVED 05-06	PROPOSED
FUEL AND ELECTRICITY	\$24,000	\$25,200
BUILDING REPAIR	4,000	6,300
INSURANCE	6,600	8,530
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	23,500	26,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,100</b>	<b>\$66,030</b>

PERSONNEL**	APPROVED 05-06	PROPOSED
SALARIES	\$482,000	\$507,700
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$107,370	\$126,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$589,370</b>	<b>\$634,200</b>

OTHER LIBRARY EXPENSES	APPROVED 05-06	PROPOSED
SUPPLIES	\$12,000	\$12,000
TELEPHONE	10,000	11,800
POSTAGE	3,000	3,800
EQUIPMENT	13,000	13,500
PUBLICITY AND PRINTING	6,000	6,250
TRAVEL AND CONFERENCES	1,000	2,000
AUTOMATED SERVICES	7,200	7,500
MEMBERSHIP	500	700
MISCELLANEOUS	0	500
RENTAL/MAINT. OFFICE EQUIP.	8,500	9,500
CONTRACTUAL	24,500	25,000
SPECIAL PROGRAMS	4,000	4,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$89,700</b>	<b>\$96,550</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>\$821,500</b>	<b>\$880,880</b>

# Photo Highlights

OF 2005 - 2006



(From left to right) Robert and Jeanne Knouse discuss the library with Patrick and Frances Arthur.



(From left to right) Michael Eck and Rosanne Raneri perform at the Together at Twilight concert.



Senator Neil Breslin (standing center) speaks with patrons Herbert and Patricia Leichman.



Youth Services Library Assistant Gail Brown works with young adults at Summer Reading Club.



Book discussion members go to Saratoga Battle Field as part of Revolutionary War book discussion.



Mothers and daughters participate in American Girl Tea Party.



Librarian Greg Bobish helps young patron Mason Wright with computer.



Librarian Suzanne Fisher receives 2005 New York Times Librarian Award.



Quilt artist Lori Pelish talks about her quilts with other quilters from the community.



Librarian Joyce Laiosa works with teachers from the Voorheesville Central School District.



Book discussion members enjoy a good book.

**Voorheesville Public Library**  
Your Community Information Center