

2012-2013 Statistics

Community residents kept us busy last year using our services in many ways.

BORROWERS took out 113,598 books, magazines and other materials—about 16 items per resident, which is 45% more than the national average for a library our size. The books alone would have cost \$770,000 if purchased directly.

READERS put novels, mysteries, nonfiction and picture books in their pockets by borrowing one of our 23 Nook eReader collections. Community members met with our staff and learned how to use Kindles, Nooks, iPads and Droids.

EXPLORERS and fun lovers attended 369 library programs including a personal history session, a guided tour of the Albany Rural Cemetery, a concert featuring the music of the Underground Railroad, our Summer Reading Program, pancakes and kite flying, and workshops with authors and illustrators. More than 8,000 people attended our programs, more than twice the per capita national average.* Eighty-six community groups—scout troops, artists, hobbyists, professionals and civic groups—used our community room.

RESEARCHERS made 38,813 visits to our website using their library cards to access our online information, learn any of 48 languages using Mango Languages, research school papers with our online encyclopedias and make informed medical decisions by going to the same reference site used by hospitals. They asked our librarians 12,730 questions, ranging from “I need information on the Rosenberg Trial” to “Can you direct me to good diabetes resources?” to “Can you recommend a good sports book for my fourth grader?” As they used to say at Home Depot, “You can do it. We can help.”

PARENTS provided their children with a foundation for a lifetime of reading and learning by coming to our early literacy programs—Babygarten, Toddler Town and Preschool Storytime. Their older children kept reading and exploring in our Kids Book Discussions and Teen Book Club.

Thank you for relying on us. This year, we look forward to serving you even more and in even better ways.

*Library Journal, November 8, 2012 and School Library Journal, March 2012

Library Budget

And Year in Review

Message from the Board of Trustees

Our library's doors open to much more than a building. They are an entrance to any topic of interest, the commons of our community and a place for people of all ages to grow. We offer an extraordinary array of resources and opportunities—ranging from eBooks and storytimes to informational databases and our expert librarians. Our collection of Nook eReaders, loaded with popular books are ready for you to borrow. And our “how-to” training program can help you with any reading device.

This year, local history buffs joined us for both walking tours and book discussions. Thanks to a NYS education grant, 4th through 8th graders participated in programs pairing science and technology with reading, such as the Crime Scene Camp and “Lights, Camera, Books,” which used podcasting that featured good books. Seniors gathered to sew, see films and use our computers.

Ultimately, we can't put a price on the answers to your questions or the skills you develop by using the library's services. What the library is worth depends on how you use the information and the education you can get here. As a platform for developing knowledge and community, a library doesn't depreciate. The more it is used, the more it is worth.

Our fiscal year 2013-2014 budget is well under the tax cap and includes setting aside funds to match a New York State grant toward a new roof and also includes funds to repair the driveway.

We continue to focus on the library's future and to support your reading and curiosity. Please contact us if you have questions about the budget or any library service.

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Tax Cap The formula for the tax cap is adjusted for expenses such as retirement costs and community growth. New York State sets these factors and gives a formula for their calculation. This year's library tax cap was 2.8%.

Revenues	APPROVED 2012-13	ESTIMATED 2013-14	Notes
Local Taxes	\$1,059,119	\$1,083,620	
Desk Receipts	21,000	20,000	Email reminders mean more items are on time
Interest Income	500	500	
Donations & Grants	4,500	4,500	
State Aid	5,000	5,000	
Appropriated Fund Balance	10,000	10,000	
Total Revenues	\$1,100,119	\$1,123,620	

Tax Rates	APPROVED 2012-13	ESTIMATED 2013-14
New Scotland	\$1.24	\$1.27
Guilderland	\$1.41	\$1.44
Berne	\$1.85	\$1.89

The tax rate is given per every \$1,000 of your assessment. The budget increase is 2.1%. The estimated tax increase for New Scotland residents is 2.3%.

You've Got to Have Friends

Thanks to Our Many Friends

The Friends of the Voorheesville Public Library provide ongoing support to the library's mission. Without their efforts, we would not be able to provide the wide variety and richness we have in our programming.

Many thanks go to this year's board members: Darcy Morrison, Acting President; Jen Hampston, Secretary; Margery Zucker, Treasurer; Betsy Bates, Fundraising Chair; Laura Smith, Membership Chair, and Judy Strauss, Volunteer Coordinator.

Also, a very special thank you goes to Dennis Sullivan, volunteer extraordinaire. Over the years, he has shared his expertise—leading historic walking tours, helping to write grants, and teaching writing programs, to name just a few endeavors. Dennis has spent many hours donating his talents to help the library and the community. His efforts are deeply appreciated!



Babygarten

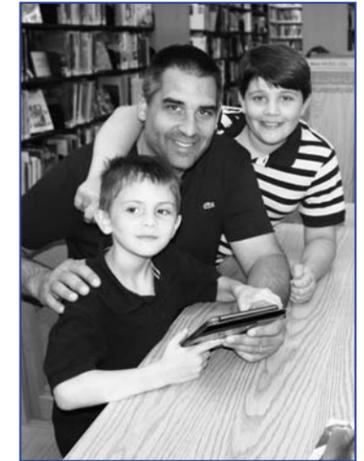


Walking tour of historic Voorheesville



"Let's Sing and Dance!"
Musical Storytime

Expenses	APPROVED 2012-13	ESTIMATED 2013-14	Notes
Library Materials			
Books	\$69,000	\$69,000	
Software	1,500	1,500	
Films and Music	16,500	16,500	
Periodicals	8,000	8,000	
Building Op. & Maint.			
Fuel and Electricity	25,200	25,200	
Building Repairs & Maint.	17,300	17,300	
Insurance	11,500	11,500	
Capital Projects	30,000	30,000	Driveway repair, money toward new roof and storage shed
Personnel			
Salaries	629,000	629,000	Staff retirements contained costs
Employee Benefits	191,819	203,320	17% retirement increase
Other Expenses			
Supplies	15,000	15,000	
Telephone & Internet	6,000	5,000	Renegotiated contract
Postage	3,000	3,500	Increase in postage costs
Equipment	10,000	10,000	
Publicity and Printing	5,000	6,000	Increase in printing costs
Travel and Conferences	1,000	1,500	Increase in travel costs
Automated Services	9,000	10,500	Based on circulation and items owned
Membership	800	800	
Miscellaneous	500	500	
Rental/Maint. Office Equip	2,500	2,500	
Contractual	40,500	50,000	Addition of a part-time contractual position
Special Programs	7,000	7,000	
Total Proposed Budget	\$1,100,119	\$1,123,620	



Checking out an eReader

"The Voorheesville Public Library is a public institution which serves as the community's information center. The library strives to act as a center of lifelong learning for all citizens, and particularly as an educational support for the community's greatest resource: its young people. It seeks to inform, educate, entertain, and culturally enrich."