

Library Hours

Mon. - Thu., 9:30 am - 9:00 pm
 Fri., 9:30 am - 6:00 pm
 Sat., 10:00 am - 5:00 pm (Year-round)
 Sun., 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Sept. - June)

CLOSED

Memorial Weekend, May 27 - 29

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Open to the public, 7:00 pm
 Mon., May 15 (Budget Hearing)

BUDGET VOTE

Tue., May 16, 2:00 - 9:00 pm
 Voorheesville Middle School

Budget Message

Budget and Year in Review

Message from the Board of Trustees

val•ue (val'yōō), *n., v., -ued. -u•ing. -n.* **1.** prize, treasure, cherish. **2.** to hold in high estimation. **3.** value implies rating a thing highly for its intrinsic worth.

Our community is in transition, with new housing and parks. With the Rail Trail our reputation as an outdoor destination has increased. The Library continues to meet the challenges these changes pose. We take part in community conversations and convene the Voorheesville Roundtable. Participants share project news, discuss future community needs, and explore the impact of increasing diversity.

This year, we continued to provide value with expanded and cost-effective programs and services. We added a midday adult book discussion. Library members made kimchi and stews, and learned about tea at our Foodie Series programs. We began offering computer classes for adults and are making online courses available in members' homes through Lynda.com. Our Summer Reading Program was presented in partnership with the NYS Assembly Summer Reading Challenge, brought to us by Pat Fahy. Teen volunteers assisted at programs, developing job skills, and the One Thousand Books Before Kindergarten initiative supports early literacy development.

The Future: We will continue to provide diversified, innovative and quality programs and services both inside and outside the library walls. We will continue to look for ways to improve our members' experiences at the Library and strengthen our community outreach by participating in events such as the Voorheesville Family Bicycling Day. Additionally, the Board will explore options for meeting the high demand for our limited space by creating a building committee. Lastly, we will be replacing the parking lot, a much needed improvement, with the cost to be supplemented by a grant.

The Budget: The proposed budget is slightly higher than last year's budget but remains well below the tax cap. It provides increased program support, particularly for our young people. Trustees have worked together to present voters with a small increase—the first in three years—while supporting much needed improvements at the Library such as a roof, increased lighting and security, and sidewalk replacement.

We greatly appreciate the value you place on your Library and strive to support your aspirations. Please contact us if you have questions about the budget or any library service.

Janna Shillinglaw, President, Board of Trustees

Gail Alter Sacco, Director

Find all of our programs and services on the Library website.



BUDGET MESSAGE

Keep Informed, Stay Connected

Year in Review



Steve Roslonek of Steve Songs® kicked off our Summer Reading Program, thanks to the support of the Friends of the Library.



At our first Ugly Sweater Cookie Swap Party, members shared cookies and enjoyed fun activities.

Teacher/Author Matthew Rozell described the student interview process that led to his book, *The Things Our Fathers Saw*.



Member Judy Mysliborski displayed her vast Kaleidoscope collection, and gave children a chance to see the colorful beauty inside.



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 the method for their calculation. This year's budget is \$5,150 more than last year and is \$24,963 under the tax cap.

	BUDGET 2016-17	ESTIMATED 2017-18
Revenues		
Local Taxes	\$1,115,550	\$1,129,300
Desk Receipts	20,000	15,000
Interest Income	150	1,200
Donations & Grants	5,000	6,000
State Aid	5,000	5,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	20,650	15,000
Total Revenues	\$1,166,350	\$1,171,500

	APPROVED 2016-17	ESTIMATED 2017-18
Tax Rates		
New Scotland	\$1.29	\$1.30
Guilderland	\$1.46	\$1.47
Berne	\$2.01	\$2.02

The tax rate is estimated per every \$1,000 for your assessment.

Highlights

Number of people who visited the Library: 59,985
 Total program attendance: 10,495
 Attendance of children and teens at Summer Reading events: 2,628
 Holdings: 95,844 total (41,248 print, 47,490 digital materials)
 Circulation: 108,741 grand total (total collection use)
 Reference questions answered: 18,807



Using our new Ozobots, students of all ages can explore computer coding.



Tim O'Shea brought us the traditional folk music of Ireland, playing with the duo Drank the Gold, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



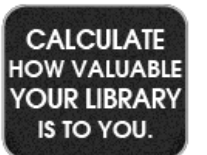
Author John David Anderson visited with our Family Book Discussion Group via Skype.



Moving and Grooving storytime for preschool children and their caregivers brought big smiles.

	BUDGET 2016-17	ESTIMATED 2017-18	Notes
Expenses			
Library Materials			
Books	\$74,000	\$74,000	
Software	3,100	4,000	Addition of remote printing
Movies and Music	19,000	19,000	
Periodicals	7,000	7,000	
Building Operations and Maintenance			
Fuel and Electricity	24,000	17,000	Based on two years' costs
Building Repairs & Maint.	21,000	24,000	Security, fire, HVAC, etc.
Insurance	12,000	12,000	
Capital Projects	42,000	42,000	
Personnel			
Salaries	646,000	655,000	Support for youth and teen services
Employee Benefits	201,400	195,100	Decrease in NYS retirement
Other Expenses			
Supplies	12,750	12,000	Cost savings
Telephone and Internet	5,700	5,700	
Postage	1,800	3,000	
Equipment	10,000	10,000	
Publicity and Printing	3,000	4,500	Printing newsletters
Travel and Conferences	4,000	6,000	Webinars and staff development
Automated Services	10,500	10,500	
Membership	1,000	1,000	
Miscellaneous	500	500	
Rental/Maint. Office Equip.	4,400	6,000	Additional contracts
Contractual	50,500	50,500	
Special Programs	12,700	12,700	
Total Expenses	\$1,166,350	\$1,171,500	

Check our website.



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