

Voorheesville Public Library

Community Message

Budget Overview
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

Greetings from the Voorheesville Public Library!

The greatest joy of working in a library is watching someone discover a new book, program, or service we offer for free.

- “You loan snowshoes?”
- “I can read the Times Union and the New York Times online?”
- “You have jewelry making classes?”



This family saved \$1,838 by using the library.

We love to surprise our community with all the ways we can enrich people’s lives and improve the value of the library. Of course, we still lend books, but did you know we also lend tool sets, metal detectors, and a telescope? Those are just a few of the items available in our Library of Things. E-books and downloadable audiobooks are very popular, but have you used CreativeBug to learn a new craft or Kanopy to stream an Oscar-winning movie? We host children’s storytimes and multiple book discussions for people of all ages each month, but have you gone on a local history walk or tried a family yoga class?

We like to think the Voorheesville Public Library (VPL) is the best deal around, and we love to see our patrons get the most value from their library card. Over the last few months, we have asked some of you to participate in our Library Value Calculator challenge (see photos). If you have borrowed any materials since April, you may have noticed your estimated savings on the bottom of your check-out receipt. We hope you are impressed with the results and inspired to make the most of your own membership.

One way we have been able to provide such a range of services while being fiscally responsible is through seeking grants. Over the past year, we have received funding from the Northeast Wellness and Fitness Initiative to host hiking and walking programs and purchase new items, like our snowshoes. The Albany Musicians’ Association has partially funded a number of our concerts. In October, Assemblymember Patricia Fahy presented us with a check from the New York State Library Construction Aid fund to help us bring some much-needed improvements to our building. Our new private study room/small meeting room, which was completed this winter, was partially funded by state aid as well. In the next year, we will be improving and expanding the vestibule at the School Road entrance and creating new quiet reading areas with more natural light. We are also planning improvements to the children’s area and service desks, all without having to ask for capital funds from you, our taxpayers.

The next time you visit VPL, whether it is for the first time or five-hundredth time, we look forward to surprising you with something new!

Belinda Heckler, President, Board of Trustees

Sarah Clark, Director



The new study room/
small meeting room

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



REMARKABLE PROGRAMS!
IN THE PAST YEAR...

326 PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

6,204 PEOPLE ATTENDED



REMARKABLE CONCERTS



REMARKABLE STATS!
IN THE PAST YEAR...

- **33,658** VISITS
- **73,263** PHYSICAL ITEMS LOANED
- **24,177** EBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS, AND VIDEOS DOWNLOADED



REMARKABLE FRIENDS

Congratulations to Dennis Ulion, Upper Hudson Library System Volunteer of the Year 2022.

This family saved \$9,300 by using the library.

FISCAL YEAR • 2023-2024

The 2023-2024 budget was approved by our Board of Trustees on March 27, 2023.
The library's budget is under the tax cap by \$14,013.

**Library Budget
& Trustee Vote**
Tuesday, May 16
In-person & via
absentee ballot
by request

	BUDGET 2022-23	PROPOSED 2023-24
Revenues		
Real Property Taxes	\$1,197,802	\$1,251,703
Library Charges	2,000	2,000
Interest and Earnings	800	6000
Donations	12,220	12,220
Library System Grants	4,500	4,700
Reimbursement for Healthcare	2,500	3,650
Total Revenues	\$1,219,822	\$1,280,273

→ The Friends of the Voorheesville Public Library fully funds our all-ages Summer Reading Program, provides books for our book discussions (free for kids), and pays for special events throughout the year. Their support allows us to offer and expand these important and popular services. Please consider becoming a Friend!

	2022-23	2023-24
Expenses		
Books, Materials, E-Resources, and Software	\$124,550	\$122,100
Library Programs	25,100	25,150
Salaries	670,351	668,842
Employee Benefits	201,950	249,072
Contractual Services	75,696	74,619
Memberships	1,375	1,500
Postage	2,000	2,000
Public Relations and Printing	5,000	5,000
Office Equipment Rental	4,500	3,500
Travel and Training	6,000	6,000
Supplies	10,800	10,190
Building Repairs & Maint.	29,500	38,300
Fuel and Electricity	14,500	25,000
Building Insurance	13,000	13,500
Telephone and Internet	7,500	7,500
Equipment	28,000	28,000
Total	\$1,219,822	\$1,280,273

→ A reconfiguration of our staffing model allows for savings.

→ This reflects an increase in mandatory New York State Retirement contributions, and greater health insurance premiums.

→ Building maintenance and utility costs have steadily increased over the last few years.

	ACTUAL 2022-23	ESTIMATED 2023-24*
Tax Rates		
New Scotland	\$1.23	\$1.29
Guilderland	\$1.09	\$1.14
Berne	\$1.99	\$2.08

Estimated Library Tax Bill Increase for a Home Assessed at \$300,000

New Scotland	\$17
Guilderland	\$15
Berne	\$27

*Our community is growing, which means the cost of the library is shared among more taxpayers. The tax rate is estimated using last year's tax base, and the actual tax rate is expected to be lower, due to this growth. The tax rate is estimated per every \$1,000 for your home's assessment.



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Library Budget & Trustee Vote

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

2:00 - 9:00 pm at VCSD

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SUMMER READING IS FOR ADULTS TOO! IT ALL BEGINS JUNE 1.



Summer Adventure at the Voorheesville Public Library

The Voorheesville Public Library is excited to keep our community reading, learning and exploring with the Summer Adventure @ the Voorpl. Please visit our website to make an account to track reading progress beginning on June 1. The READSquared software has sections for preschoolers, children, teens and adults.

There will be prize incentives to keep participants recording their progress through our end date – Friday, August 11. We're planning a variety of summer activities for all ages in the library and out in the community too.

Check our online calendar for details and registration.

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off with Illusionist Leon Etienne

[Tuesday, June 27 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm](#)

Leon Etienne rocks venues around the world with his jaw-dropping, critically acclaimed hit show, Magic Rocks! Witness this family-friendly immersive experience featuring illusions, sleight of hand, and comedy.

All ages - no registration required.

