



## Budget Overview • FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

As you read this message, we anticipate being in the beginning stages of our mezzanine and work room construction project. This project includes improving the HVAC system to allow for climate control in the area that houses our local history collection. Most of this project will take place behind the scenes, but the outcome will support exciting new ways for you to interact with Voorheesville's past! When completed, we'll start planning the next phase of renovations: the kitchen and the community room. Each of these projects is funded with New York State Library Construction Aid.

Not listed in this year's budget breakdown (page 3) is funding to permanently address the library's recurring plumbing issues. We are currently working with engineers to identify the best way to proceed, and we will be using reserve funds to cover the cost of the project rather than exceed the tax cap. Closing partial days because our bathrooms are out of order is not sustainable and it's not good service. We are looking forward to having this problem solved.

Now that we've shared our facilities updates, we want to remind you that this is **your** library, and we strive to provide the most comfortable, safe space that's fully accessible to you! Over the past year, staff have learned from the leaders of Bring on the Spectrum, the Capital District Center for Independence, the Talking Books and Braille Library, and more, about how we can work together toward equity in services. We invite you to attend our regularly scheduled programs like Games for All, Crafts for All, Timeless Era Adaptive Dance, and the Saturday Sensory Storytime to build new friendships and have fun in an inclusive environment.

In addition to providing a community space with free events for all ages, our collection continues to grow, both on the library shelves and online. With your library card, you now have access to the digital versions of the Times Union, the New York Times (Games and Cooking included!), and the Wall Street Journal. The paper version of the Times Union (Thu. & Sun.) returned to our shelves for the first time since 2020. We added over 3,000 new items to our print collection in 2025, and for those of you who enjoy digital content, we added two new resources, Comics Plus and Virtual Author Talks. Our website's Digital Borrowing page highlights all the ways you can access the library remotely.

Our budget proposal for 2026-2027 allows us to continue to offer the services and programs you enjoy while staying within the tax cap. Whether you're a daily, weekly, or occasional library user, we appreciate your visit and welcome your input for how you can get the most out of your library. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sarah Brunt, President, Board of Trustees

Sarah Clark, Director

# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Concerts, lectures, storytimes, yoga, games - there's something for everyone at the Voorheesville Public Library!



- **41,873**  
VISITS TO  
THE LIBRARY
- **3,676**  
CARD  
HOLDERS



- **9,886**  
PROGRAM  
ATTENDEES AT
  - **444**  
PROGRAMS
- FOR ALL AGES**

## LOCAL HISTORY

- **9** HISTORY PROGRAMS
- **4** EXHIBITS
- **ACADEMIC RESEARCH**



- **103,280**  
TOTAL CHECKOUTS
- **35,464**  
E-BOOKS, E-AUDIO  
CHECK OUTS



- **UHLS TEEN PROGRAM  
OF THE YEAR WINNER!**

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The 2026-2027 budget was approved by our Board of Trustees on March 14, 2026. The library's budget is under the tax cap by \$961.



Link to [Friends Webpage](#)

	BUDGET	
	2025-26	2026-27
<b>Revenues</b>		
<b>Real Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,329,231</b>	<b>\$1,383,729</b>
Library Charges	2,000	2,000
Interest and Earnings	15,000	15,000
Donations	15,000	23,000
Library System Grants	4,700	5,200
Reimbursement for Healthcare	1,200	7,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,367,131</b>	<b>\$1,435,929</b>

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. For the 2026-2027 budget, the Friends are funding our popular museum pass program. Encore Books, their beloved used book store, opens in May, and a selection of books from Encore is now available year-round in our new vestibule. Please consider becoming a Friend!

<b>Expenses</b>		
	2025-26	2026-27
Books, Materials, E-Resources, and Software	\$108,400	\$113,100
Library Programs	28,350	31,450
Salaries	775,155	798,995
Employee Benefits	253,292	283,123
Contractual Services	55,934	59,261
Memberships	2,000	2,500
Postage	2,000	2,000
Public Relations and Printing	5,000	6,000
Travel and Training	6,000	6,000
Supplies	14,000	12,000
Building Repairs & Maintenance	58,000	61,000
Fuel and Electricity	15,000	17,000
Building Insurance	14,000	16,000
Telephone and Internet	7,000	13,000
Equipment	23,000	14,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,367,131</b>	<b>\$1,435,929</b>

A lot of you love e-books and e-audiobooks, and we want to continue to offer you a wide selection of titles and formats. We're adding funds to our materials budget to support your e-reading habits! Also, we've heard many of you mention that you've canceled one or more streaming services. We're doubling our DVD budget to keep you entertained. And don't worry, we're not clearing off our shelves. We will always be your place for books for all ages!

The front entrance vestibule houses our Local History display case, which is updated regularly with treasures from Voorheesville's past. Our 2026-2027 budget for printing includes funds for the museum-quality placards that enhance these exhibits.

## Library Budget & Trustee Vote

**Tuesday, May 19**  
In-person & via absentee ballot by request

<b>Tax Rates</b>	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED
	2025-26	2026-27*
New Scotland	\$1.34	\$1.39
Guilderland	\$1.16	\$1.21
Berne	\$2.30	\$2.39

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

New Scotland	\$15
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

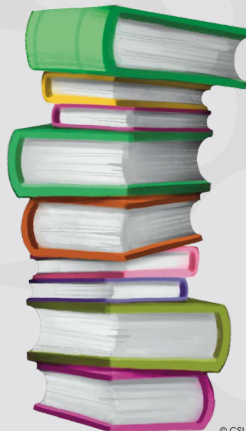
Tuesday, May 19, 2026

2:30 - 9:00 pm • Middle School Foyer

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# This SUMMER @ the VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## UNEARTH A STORY™



We're planning a variety of summer activities for all ages, from babies to adults, in the library and out in the community. Check our online calendar for details and registration information.

Please visit our [website](#) for info on tracking reading progress beginning on June 1. There will be incentives to keep participants recording progress through Friday, August 21.

### Summer Reading Kick-Off: Jeff Boyer's Big Bubble Bonanza

Tuesday, [June 30](#)

6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Location:**  
**First United  
Methodist Church**

See the spectacular performance from world-famous, Guinness Book of World Records-holding, master bubble wrangler Jeff Boyer, as he takes bubbles to the max with big bubble flair! A bubble extravaganza for the whole family. All ages. No registration required.

