



**BUTTERFIELD  
LIBRARY**

1925 - 2025

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# 2025 Budget Proposition

**Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library**

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## Who Uses Libraries Anymore? Our Community



# Who Uses the Library?

The library is a community center. Just a few examples of local organizations and community members who have used the space:

- Haldane class visits/tutors/study groups
- Haldane Debate Club
- Haldane Habitat Revival Club
- Chamber of Commerce
- Philipstown Scout Troops
- Philipstown Aging At Home seniors group
- Community Nursery School
- Foundry Montessori
- Protect the Highlands
- Hudson Highlands Land Trust
- Climate Smart Philipstown
- Community members to hold Celebrations of Life for loved ones who have passed

# 2024 Statistics



## Cardholders

**3,019** (@68% of registered school voters have at least one card per household)



## Catalogued Books Circulated

26,074



## Electronic Material Borrowed

**19,845** (2015: 2, 176 - **812%** increase)



## Other Items Circulated (Library of Things)

5,046



**Over 50,000 total items  
circulated**



# Sample Cost Increases

- In 2015, **minimum wage** was \$9. In 2025, \$15.50. It will increase to **\$16** in 2026, a **78% increase**, and in 2027 will increase yearly based on the CPI-W. All staff salaries need to be adjusted accordingly.
- Our Yearly **Cost of eBooks** for 2025 will be approx. **\$8,442**, an almost **200% increase** over just last year when we spent \$2,827. As a part of the 66-member library consortia we are now responsible to pay for our share of our patron's ebook holds which have increased dramatically. (And costs of ebooks have increased exponentially for libraries.)
- Our **Insurance** costs alone have increased **10%** over last year along with **subscriptions, supplies, legal, property maintenance, etc.**

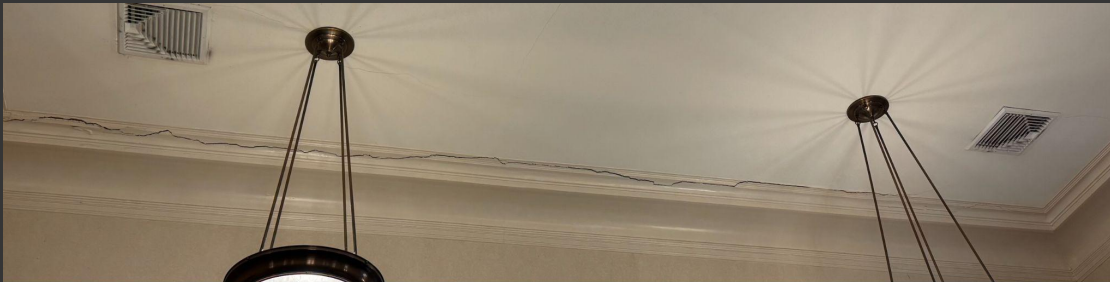
# Building Maintenance Needs

The library building celebrates its Centennial this year.

Being 100 is not easy! It is our responsibility as stewards of this community treasure left to all of us by Cold Spring's greatest philanthropist to not let it fall into disrepair or worse, to close altogether.

- Roof & Fascia (last new roof was in the 70s)
- Accessibility - ADA door openers, new pathways, parking lot
- Exterior Doors - refinishing/replacement
- Ceiling damage/cracks

Established project costs due to increase mid-April.



# 2025 Tax Levy:

## Why Now & What It Means

- The Library Board is proposing a **\$25,000 increase** for a total tax levy of **\$98,150**.
- The Library Board has not requested to increase the original tax levy in **ten years** and will not be able to keep up with costs.
- Note: the amount requested reflects approximately the same total amount had the library requested the annual allowable tax levy (ATL) since 2015: ex. \$25,000 averaged over 10 years is 3.4% per year: this year's ATL is 3.38%.

# 2025 Tax Levy:

## Why Now & What It Means

- Home valued at **\$300,000**:  
approximate increase of  
**\$5.04/yr (42 cents/month)**
- Home valued at **\$500,000**:  
approximate increase of  
**\$8.40/yr (70 cents/month)**
- Home valued at **\$750,000**:  
approximate increase of  
**\$12.60/yr (\$1.05/month)**

*A thriving library increases property values and enhances community well-being, which benefits **everyone***



What Will the \$25,000  
Proposed Budget Increase  
Be Used For

**\$20,000** - part-time **tech help** / part-time **maintenance** / staff pay to keep pace with the rise in minimum wage

**\$5,000** - Overdrive **eBooks** and expanded **Hoopla** and **Kanopy** access (popular e-material platforms)

## How We May Need to Address No Increase

- **Hours** - Cut hours/days of operation. Currently we are open 7 days a week, including two evenings in order to serve needs of all in the community.
  - Ex. - cut evening and Sunday hours
- **Programs** - Eliminate/charge for programs. Currently the library does not charge for any programs.
  - Ex. - Eliminate summer camp / charge for chair yoga

## How We May Need to Address No Increase

- **Materials** - Reduce or eliminate popular services.
  - Ex. - Further reduce Hoopla/eliminate Kanopy
- **Maintenance** - further defer interior/exterior needs causing increased costs in the future
  - Ex. - Windows / exterior doors need to be weather-proofed/replaced
  - Carpet cleaning/replacing/painting

## Butterfield Memorial Library

2025 Budget	
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
DONATION INCOME	\$ 5,000
GOVERNMENT	\$ 379,392
MISCELLANEOUS including REPLACEMENT MATERIALS	\$ 1,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 385,392</b>
Expense	
BUILDING OPERATIONS	\$ 35,000
LIBRARY OPERATIONS	\$ 50,000
MATERIALS (includes books)	\$ 35,000
PAYROLL	\$ 260,360
PAYROLL TAXES & EXPENSES	\$ 27,350
PROGRAMS	\$ 5,000
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 412,710</b>
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (27,318)
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Fundraising	\$ 14,568
Passports	\$ 11,000
Restricted	\$ 3,000
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 28,568</b>
Other Expense	
Fundraising & Grant Expense	\$ 750
Restricted Expense	\$ 500
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,250</b>
Net Other Income	\$ 27,318
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>



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# Questions?

## **Q&A Sessions @ the Library:**

Sunday, March 30 @ 1 pm

Wednesday, April 23 @ 6 pm

Friday, May 16 @ 3 pm

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