

LIBERTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

2023 Year-in-Review

Programs for all ages

In addition to checking out lots of books, dvds and digital items, the library was busy with tons of programs for all ages- babies, toddlers, school age youth, teens, adults & seniors. Check out the photos of all the great learning opportunities and fun...



Kids and families were invited to "Explore the Possibilities" at the library this summer! *StoryFaces* brought their unique blend of storytelling and facepainting to our library. (left) *Hudson Valley Reptile and Rescue* enthralled a large crowd with a variety of live reptiles. (right) StoryTime youth enjoy a Teddy Bear Picnic with Miss Laura (below-left) & "Meet a Local Hero Day" with a visit from the Liberty Police Department (below-right)





Adult Events: In addition to our regular events like Book Club, Mahjong, Knitters/Crocheters and Senior Coffee Club, this year adults enjoyed the Liberty Museum & Arts Center Poetry Festival (left), as well as bimonthly movie matinees, (Barbie pictured below-right). Watercolor painting and jewelry making workshops (below-left), as well as chair yoga! (bottom)

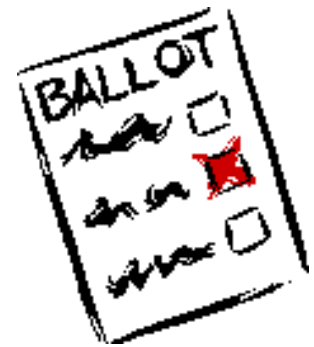


Teen favorites: Board game days, art events & a taste-test challenge! We also had over 30 teens volunteer with us doing everything from setting up events to helping younger children at our youth events. *(more teen photos on p.4)*



2024-25 BUDGET INFO

	Actual <u>2022-23</u>	Act. & Est. <u>2023-24</u>	Proposed <u>2024-25</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes-Oper. Fund	\$ 366,779	\$ 382,184	\$ 397,471
-Debt Offset	55,000	55,000	55,000
-Debt Service	99,200	96,050	97,900
Other Income	<u>37,505</u>	<u>33,041</u>	<u>26,137</u>
Total Revenues	558,484	566,275	576,508
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries & Benefits	202,574	221,355	247,258
Materials & Supplies	20,409	24,599	29,800
Capital & Debt Service	160,267	155,529	156,900
Miscellaneous	44,640	40,128	75,050
Overhead	<u>44,422</u>	<u>47,223</u>	<u>68,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>558,484</u>	<u>566,275</u>	<u>576,508</u>
Net Rev. & Expend.	\$ <u>86,173</u>	\$ <u>77,441</u>	\$ <u>0</u>



\$3.33 PER YEAR...

The Library Board of Trustees is asking for an operating fund increase this year of approximately \$3.33 more per year for a house assessed at \$100,000.

Key 2023 STATISTICS

MATERIALS OWNED		CIRCULATION		LIBRARY CARDS
Print Items	20,899	Print	22,113	2954
Dvds & Cds	<u>3382</u>	Dvds & electronic	<u>13,663</u>	COMPUTER USE
Total	24,281	Total	35,776	2569

2024-2025 BUDGET VOTE INFORMATION

BUDGET PROPOSITION

“Shall the Board of Education of the Liberty Central School District be authorized to levy a tax, pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law, in the amount of \$452,471 for the operation and support of the Liberty Public Library?”

COME OUT AND VOTE!

Tues. April 16th 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Vote will be held at the Liberty Public Library.

Need an absentee ballot?

Ask us for an application.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE ELECTION

There are two openings on the Board of Trustees this year. Beth Mastro and Larry Steiger are on running for election for these volunteer positions.

HOW TO VOTE

Any resident of the Liberty Central School District, 18 years old or older, who is registered and/or has voted in any school or general election during the last 4 years, is eligible to vote in the Library election. Qualified individuals may register to vote at the Liberty Central School Business Office, 115 Buckley St., Liberty, NY, Mon.-Fri. 9 am to 4 pm, up to and including April 11th. If you are interested in an application for an absentee ballot, ask at the library or call (845)292-6070.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The library also wishes to inform voters that there will be an additional tax levy to pay the annual debt service on the bonds issued to finance the capital construction approved by the voters on Aug. 9, 2016. While the total amount of the debt service for the 2024-25 fiscal year is \$152,900, the library is offsetting this amount by transferring \$55,000 from the capital fund line, so that the debt service tax will be \$97,900. Thus, the total operating and debt service tax levy for Library purposes will be \$550,371.

