

LIBERTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

2021 Year-in-Review

Pandemic Reopening

2021 was a year of transition moving from curbside only services to library services by appointment and, finally, to full reopening in May of 2021. We also moved from online programming to in-person and hybrid programming. Thanks to the addition of the library's program room we had plenty of space to social distance program attendees and use the new state of the art audiovisual capabilities to project Zoom attendees on our large screen.



2021 Programming Highlights



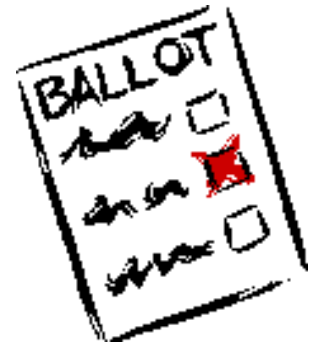
As the COVID-19 pandemic continued, 2021 began with Zoom only story times, and online programs such as, "The History of Chocolate" and "Eureka: the Invention Show". In late spring and summer we were able to host children's programs in-house again with attendees socially distanced and wearing masks. Programming included: first grade orientations, toddler and preschool story times, summer reading club programs, and a teen 'Battle of the Books'. We added more teen programming in the fall with a Teen Advisory Group, Books and Beyond Book Club with Mrs. Lieberman, and monthly afterschool activities like board games, art events, and service programs.



Key 2021 STATISTICS

MATERIALS OWNED		CIRCULATION		LIBRARY CARDS
Print Items	21,103	Print	9879	3510
Dvds & Cds	<u>3261</u>	Dvds & electronic	<u>5994</u>	PROGRAM ATTENDANCE
Total	24,369	Total	15,873	976

2022-23 BUDGET INFO



	Actual	Budget	Proposed
	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes-Oper. Fund	\$ 343,970	\$ 352,516	\$ 366,779
-Debt Offset	55,000	55,000	55,000
-Debt Service	97,900	97,200	99,200
Other Income	<u>84,478</u>	<u>9550</u>	<u>10,550</u>
Total Revenues	581,348	514,266	531,529
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries & Benefits	181,521	223,961	232,227
Materials & Supplies	12,022	28,800	29,300
Capital & Debt Service	167,500	159,200	161,200
Miscellaneous	31,983	43,305	49,802
Overhead	<u>35,279</u>	<u>59,000</u>	<u>59,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>428,305</u>	<u>514,266</u>	<u>531,529</u>
Net Rev. & Expend.	<u>\$ 153,043</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

\$3.19 PER YEAR...

The Library Board of Trustees is asking for an operating fund increase this year of approximately \$3.19 more per year for a house assessed at \$100,000.

2022-2023 BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION 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 \$421,779 for the operation and support of the Liberty Public Library?”

LIBRARY TRUSTEE ELECTION

There are two openings on the Board of Trustees this year. Kathy Sauchuk and Sherry Silver are both running for 5-year term.

COME OUT AND VOTE!

Tues. April 12th 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Vote will be held at the Liberty Public Library. Absentee ballots are available, as well. If interested in an absentee ballot, call the library at (845)292-6070 and for more information.



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 7th. 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 2021-22 fiscal year is \$154,200, the library is offsetting this amount by transferring \$55,000 from the capital fund line, so that the debt service tax will be \$99,200. Thus the total operating and debt service tax levy for Library purposes will be \$520,979.



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