

# LIBERTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Annual Report 2024 & 2025-26 Budget Vote Info

### Programs for all ages

330 programs – 4632 in attendance



**Youth Events** This year we offered a new summer series for littles ones called Music & Movement! (above left) Afterschool Bookworm Club youth enjoy stories, crafts & games! (above right) Kids & family members laughed along with our Dinosaur Adventure explorer (below left) and were wowed by the amazing animals brought by Repco Wildlife (below right)!







**Adult Events** In addition to our regular events like Book Club, Mahjong, Knitters/Crocheters, Alchemy Poets, Movie Matinees, craft programs and Senior Coffee Club, this year adults enjoyed two new monthly writer's groups, new live musical concerts, and movement programs, such as chair yoga and Senior Swing! We also offered an ESL class in the fall (left).

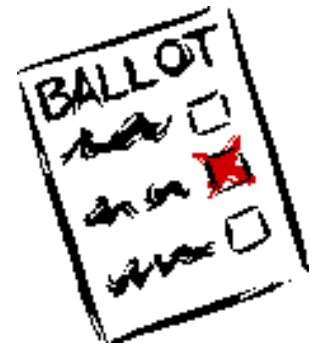


**Teen favorites:** Board game days, art events & an Escape Room challenge! We also had over 30 teens volunteer with us doing everything from setting up events to helping younger children at our youth events.



# 2025-26 BUDGET INFO

	Actual	Act. & Est.	Proposed
	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes-Oper. Fund	\$ 382,184	\$397,141	\$ 411,382
-Debt Offset	55,000	55,000	55,000
-Debt Service	96,050	97,900	99,600
Other Income	<u>50,533</u>	<u>45,508</u>	<u>33,877</u>
Total Revenues	<b>583,767</b>	<b>595,549</b>	<b>599,859</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries & Benefits	199,316	217,684	252,853
Materials & Supplies	21,298	24,524	30,300
Capital & Debt Service	153,400	158,378	159,600
Miscellaneous	46,985	67,464	87,106
Overhead	<u>49,365</u>	<u>50,058</u>	<u>70,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>470,394</u>	<u>518,108</u>	<u>599,859</u>
Net Rev. & Expend.	<u>\$ 113,373</u>	<u>\$ 77,441</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>



## \$3.42 PER YEAR...

The Library Board of Trustees is asking for an operating fund increase this year of approximately \$3.42 more per year for a house assessed at \$100,000.

# 2025-2026 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 \$466,382 for the operation and support of the Liberty Public Library?”

### COME OUT AND VOTE!

**Tues. April 8    11:00 am to 8:00 pm**

Vote will be held at the Liberty Public Library,  
189 North Main St., Liberty, NY 12754

### Need an absentee or Early Mail Ballot?

Applications for absentee and early mail ballots are available. For more information, please ask at the circulation desk or call the library at 845-292-6070.

## 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. 8 am to 4 pm, up to and including April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in an application for an absentee or early mail 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 2025-26 fiscal year is \$154,600, the library is offsetting this amount by transferring \$55,000 from the capital fund line, so that the debt service tax will be \$99,600. Thus, the total operating and debt service tax levy for Library purposes will be \$565,982.

## 2024 Annual Report Statistics

Materials Owned		Circulation		Library Cards
Print Items	20,361	Print	13,399	2874
Dvds & Cds	<u>3432</u>	Dvds & electronic	<u>14,910</u>	<b>Computer Use</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,793</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>28,309</b>	2868

## 2022 -2027 Plan of Service Updates

### Goal 1: Provide Literacy Programs and Materials for Children and Young Adults

The following objectives have been met: Upgraded one of the children's computers; offered early literacy backpacks including STEM themed ones and obtained grants for summer family fun performances.

### Goal 2. Provide Resources and Services to Promote Life-long Learning

The following objectives have been met: Weeding unused -outdated materials in the adult fiction and children's collections this year. Streaming video through Kanopy was added as well. The Books by Mail program was discontinued countywide due to a lack of usage.

### Goal 3: Maintain and Upgrade Library Building to Meet the Needs of the Community

The following objectives have been met: New outdoor book drop was added. The front railings were sanded and painted. Picture railings were installed for art shows, and quilt displays.

### Goal 4: Promote and Increase Community Awareness and Use of the Library's Services, Resources and Programs

The following objectives have been met: New Instagram account was created. Also, Friends of Liberty Library (FOLL) has been reformed, and new members have had some successful new ideas for fundraising events.

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