

LIBERTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Report 2025 & 2026-27 Budget Vote Info

Programs for all ages

310 programs – 3531 in attendance



Youth Events Music & Movement was back for a second year! (above left) Storytime kids coloring with sidewalk chalk! (above right) Kids & family members laughed along with our Comic Mime Show (below- left) and were amazed by two live animal shows. (Brian Bunce's owls and falcon show is picture below right.)





Adult Events Monthly Book Club, Mahjong, Kindred Stitchers group, Alchemy Poetry, Movie Matinees, craft programs, card making, Senior Coffee Club, two monthly writer's groups (memoir & creative), live musical concerts, quilting workshops and movement programs, such as chair yoga and Senior Swing! We also brought back our rotating art exhibits last year!

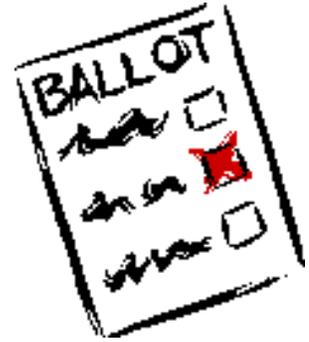


Teen favorites: Board game days, art events & Chocolate Tasting! We also had over 30 teens volunteer with us doing everything from setting up events to helping younger children at our youth events, including Bookworm Club.



2026-27 BUDGET INFO

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2024-25</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2025-26</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2026-27</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes-Oper. Fund	\$ 397,471	\$411,382	\$ 425,780
-Debt Offset	55,000	55,000	55,000
-Debt Service	97,050	99,600	96,550
Other Income	<u>68,015</u>	<u>33,877</u>	<u>27,048</u>
Total Revenues	617,536	599,859	604,378
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries & Benefits	207,504	252,853	266,965
Materials & Supplies	20,010	30,300	31,200
Capital & Debt Service	158,568	159,600	157,550
Miscellaneous	70,830	87,106	50,323
Overhead	<u>41,953</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>98,340</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>498,865</u>	<u>599,859</u>	<u>604,378</u>
Net Rev. & Expend.	<u>\$ 118,671</u>	<u>\$ _____ 0</u>	<u>\$ _____ 0</u>



\$3.04 PER YEAR...

The Library Board of Trustees is asking for an operating fund increase this year of approximately \$3.04 more per year for a house assessed at \$100,000.

2026-2027 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 \$480,780 for the operation and support of the Liberty Public Library?”

<p style="text-align: center;">COME OUT AND VOTE!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tues. April 7</u> <u>11:00 am to 8:00 pm</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote will be held at the Liberty Public Library 189 North Main St., Liberty, NY 12754</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Need an absentee or Early Mail Ballot?</p> <p>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.</p>
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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 2. 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 2026-27 fiscal year is \$151,550, the library is offsetting this amount by transferring \$55,000 from the capital fund line, so that the debt service tax will be \$96,550. Thus, the total operating and debt service tax levy for Library purposes will be \$632,330.

2024 Annual Report Statistics

Materials Owned		Circulation		Library Cards
Print Items	21,311	Print	13,399	2874
Dvds & Cds	<u>3327</u>	Dvd & electronic	<u>14,910</u>	Computer Use
Total	23,793	Total	28,309	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. Reestablished annual art exhibits and photography show of Liberty Central School District youth. (2026). Began offering a bilingual Storytime in partnership with SC Public Health (2026)

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 DVDs this year. Streaming video through Kanopy continues. The Books by Mail program was discontinued countywide due to a lack of usage. Added Jewish Traditional Collection for youth & adults (2025)

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 new fundraising events.

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