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# SAUGERTIES PUBLIC LIBRARY

## 2021 Proposed Budget

INCOME	2020	2021 Proposed
Real Property Taxes	\$617,796	\$617,796
Fines, Fees, Printing, FAX	\$18,212	\$7,500
Interest	\$2,000	\$500
Gifts & Donations	\$14,000	\$10,000
New York State Aid	\$4,500	\$0
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$18,850	\$22,815
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$675,358</b>	<b>\$658,611</b>

IMPORTANT DATES	
Trustee Candidate Petitions Due	Monday, August 17 by 5pm.
Budget Public Hearing	Thursday, August 13, 6pm at regular board meeting
Trustee Election & Budget Vote	Tuesday, September 15, 10am -- 8pm at the Library

EXPENSE	2020	2021 PROPOSED	
Salaries	\$358,734	\$365,909	Includes four full-time and 16 part-time staff
Employee Benefits	\$111,925	\$133,400	Retirement, Social Security, Workers Comp., Disability, Health Insurance (for 4 full-time staff, library pays 70%). Employees pay their own retirement.
Library Materials	\$53,000	\$33,100	In 2019 we added 3,365 new books, DVDs, ebooks etc. to our collection of approximately 72,000 items.
Programs, Local History, Art & Exhibits	\$13,850	\$7,000	Includes summer reading, museum passes, local history, and grant funded programs such as English classes.
Operation of Building	\$92,404	\$81,002	Utilities, Insurance, Maintenance, Lawn & Grounds, Snow Removal, Geothermal, Equipment, Custodial Services.
Equipment Maintenance & Supplies	\$13,170	\$10,200	Copier, Office Supplies, Postage, Public Printing Supplies
Automation & Library System Fees	\$19,000	\$19,000	Mandatory Fees to the Mid-Hudson Library System
Professional Services	\$12,775	\$8,500	Accounting, Legal, IT Consulting, Staff Development
Budget Vote & Elections	\$500	\$500	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$675,358</b>	<b>\$658,611</b>	

TAX LEVY/TAX RATE	2020	2021
Total Taxable Assessed Value	\$1,905,667,251	\$2,029,751,272
Tax Levy	\$617,796	\$617,796
Tax Rate per Thousand \$ of Assessed Value	\$.3241	\$.3043
<b>Total Increase for 2021</b>	<b>\$.0198</b>	<b>A decrease of almost 2 cents per \$1000 of assessed value from the previous year</b>

## 2021 Proposed Budget Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the Library's Proposed Budget for 2021?**

The total proposed budget is \$658,611. The portion of the budget raised from taxes is \$617,796. The rest comes from gifts and donations, an appropriated fund balance, late fees, photocopy and computer printing fees, and FAX fees.

- **What is the impact on tax rates and individual taxpayers?**

The Saugerties Public Library District is comprised of the Town and Village of Saugerties. The tax rate is decreasing by .0198 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value from .3241 to .3043 (about 2 cents). A property with an assessed value of \$200,000 would see a decrease of around \$3.96 per year from \$64.85 per year to \$60.89 per year.

- **Will the library's budget exceed the Tax-Cap?**

No. The budget is DOWN 2.48% from the previous year.

- **Does the community use the Library?**

Yes! In 2019 the Saugerties Public Library offered 1,005 programs which were attended by 12,628 people, 13,674 adults used our library computers, and the Library's Wi-Fi had 121,127 wireless sessions. During the state mandated Covid-19 building closure we continued online with programs and resources! We purchased additional ebooks and audiobooks for Overdrive, plus we kept ordering new materials for when we could once again provide our patrons with physical items.

- **How many trustees are being elected this year?**

Three five-year terms are up for election.

- **When is the Library Budget Vote and where is it held?**

The Annual Library Budget Vote will be held at the library on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 per NYS Executive Order 202.26. Polls are open between 10am and 8pm. Registered voters, both renters and property owners, living in the Saugerties Public Library District are eligible to vote. Absentee ballots will be available at the Library beginning Monday, August 31.

- **How do I get more information?**

The proposed 2021 budget is available at the Library and on our website. You may also attend the public budget hearing at the Library on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 6pm or contact Tiffany Lydecker, Assistant Director, at 845-246-4317 ext 306

