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# SAUGERTIES PUBLIC LIBRARY

## 2022 Proposed Budget

INCOME	2021	2022 Proposed
Real Property Taxes	\$617,796	\$617,796
Fines, Fees, Printing, FAX	\$7,500	\$6,500
Interest	\$500	\$500
Gifts & Donations	\$3,000	\$1,000
New York State Aid	\$4,500	\$5,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$22,815	\$55,714
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$663,111</b>	<b>\$690,510</b>

IMPORTANT DATES	
Trustee Candidate Petitions Due	Wednesday, August 4th by 5pm.
Budget Public Hearing	Thursday, August 12, 6pm at regular board meeting
Trustee Election & Budget Vote	Thursday, September 2nd, 10am -- 8pm at the Library

EXPENSE	2021	2022 PROPOSED	
Salaries	\$365,909	\$377,100	Includes 5 full-time and 10 part-time staff
Employee Benefits	\$133,400	\$137,910	Retirement, Social Security, Workers Comp., Disability, Health Insurance (for full-time staff, library pays 70%). Employees pay their own retirement.
Library Materials	\$33,100	\$39,200	In 2020 we added 2,603 new books, DVDs, ebooks etc. to our collection. We focused on digital books, digital audio and movie streaming for remote reading and viewing.
Programs, Local History, Art & Exhibits	\$7,000	\$7,000	Includes summer reading, museum passes, local history, outdoor and virtual programs.
Operation of Building	\$72,950	\$78,580	Utilities, Insurance, Maintenance, Lawn & Grounds, Snow Removal, Geothermal, Equipment, internet, etc.
Equipment Maintenance & Supplies	\$9,200	\$9,200	Copier, Office Supplies, Postage, Public Printing Supplies
Automation & Library System Fees	\$19,000	\$21,000	Mandatory Fees to the Mid-Hudson Library System
Professional Services	\$8,500	\$20,020	Professional Audit, Accounting, Legal, IT Consulting, Staff Development
Budget Vote & Elections	\$500	\$500	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$649,559</b>	<b>\$690,510</b>	

TAX LEVY/TAX RATE	2021	2022
Total Taxable Assessed Value	\$2,029,751,272	\$2,137,710,399
Tax Levy	\$617,796	\$617,796
Tax Rate per Thousand \$ of Assessed Value	\$.3043	\$.2890
<b>Total Decrease for 2022</b>	<b>\$.0153</b>	<b>A decrease of almost 1.5 cents per \$1000 of assessed value from the previous year</b>



## 2022 Proposed Budget Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the Library's Proposed Budget for 2022?**

The total proposed budget is \$690,510. The portion of the budget raised from taxes is \$617,796. The rest comes from gifts and donations, an appropriated fund balance, lost item 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 .0153 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value from .3043 to .2890 (about 1.5 cents). A property with an assessed value of \$200,000 would see a decrease of around \$3.09 per year from \$60.89 per year to \$57.80 per year.

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

No.

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

**Yes!** Even during a pandemic, the community used the library, borrowing digital books, audio books and streaming movies. 5,151 people joined our virtual programming and summer outdoor events and 40,033 people visited our website. People took advantage of curbside pickup and take home crafts. Library staff circulated 17,590 items from other libraries and SPL shared 17,466 library items to other communities in the entire Mid-Hudson Library System.

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

Two five-year terms and one one-year term 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 Thursday, September 2nd, 2021. 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 Tuesday, August 17th.

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

The proposed 2022 budget is available at the Library and on our website. You may also attend the public budget hearing at the Library on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6pm or contact Jennifer Russell, Library Director, at 845-246-4317 ext 300.

