

2023 Proposed Budget

INCOME	2022	2023 Proposed
Real Property Taxes	\$617,796	\$630,152
Fines, Fees, Printing, FAX	\$6,500	\$6,500
Interest	\$500	\$500
Friends of the Library	\$4,000	\$8,000
General Donations	\$1,000	\$4,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$55,714	\$12,198
TOTAL INCOME	\$663,111	\$661,350

IMPORTANT DATES	
Trustee Candidate Petitions Due	Wednesday, August 4th by 5pm.
Budget Public Hearing	Thursday, August 11th, 6pm at regular board meeting.
Trustee Election & Budget Vote	Thursday, September 1st, 10am -- 8pm at the Library.

EXPENSE	2022	2023 PROPOSED	
Salaries	\$377,100	\$331,356	Includes 5 full-time and 10 part-time staff
Employee Benefits	\$133,910	\$111,439	Retirement, which is less \$ in 2023. Social Security, Workers Comp., Disability, Health Insurance (for full-time staff, library pays 80%).
Library Materials	\$39,200	\$45,300	In 2021 we added 7,639 items including new books, DVDs, audiobooks, music, ebooks, digital audio books, streaming services etc. to our collection.
Programs, Local History, Art & Exhibits	\$7,000	\$12,000	Includes local history- all library programming.
Operation of Building	\$78,580	\$94,950	Utilities (esp. electricity), Insurance, Maintenance, Lawn & Grounds, Snow Removal, Geothermal, internet, etc.
Equipment Maintenance & Supplies	\$9,200	\$31,965	Copier, Office Supplies, Postage, Public Printing Supplies, Technology upgrades
Automation & Library System Fees	\$21,00	\$19,919	Mandatory Fees to the Mid-Hudson Library System
Professional Services	\$20,020	\$13,798	No Audit in 2023, Accounting, Legal, IT Consulting, Staff Development
Budget Vote & Elections	\$500	\$600	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$690,510	\$661,350	

TAX LEVY/TAX RATE	2022	2023
Total Taxable Assessed Value	\$2,137,710,399	\$2,522,665,821
Tax Levy	\$617,796	\$630,152
Tax Rate per Thousand \$ of Assessed Value	\$.2890	\$.2498
Total Decrease for 2022	\$.0392	A decrease of almost 3.9 cents per \$1000 of assessed value from the previous year

2023 Proposed Budget Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the Library's Proposed Budget for 2023?**

The total proposed budget is \$661,350. The portion of the budget raised from taxes is \$630,152. The rest comes from the Friends of the Library, 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 .0392 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value from .2890 to .2498 (about 3.9 cents). A property with an assessed value of \$200,000 would see a decrease of around \$7.84 per year from \$57.80 per year to \$49.96 per year.

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

No, according to the NYS comptroller's tax cap data as of July 14.

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

Yes! In 2021 the library circulated 79,546 items! The library has been *fully* open since June 2021. We are holding a full roster of library programs and outside organizations are using the Community and Study rooms. For example: when St. Mary of the Snow's daycare flooded, the library was able to offer use of the Community Room in between already scheduled programs.

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

Two five-year terms and one three-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 1st, 2022. 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 16th and must be handed in by September 1st.

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

The proposed 2023 budget is available at the Library and on our website. You may also attend the public budget hearing at the Library on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6pm or contact Jennifer Russell, Library Director, at 845-246-4317 ext 300.

