

RED JACKET COMMUNITY LIBRARY



2023-24 Budget Vote and Trustee Election

The Red Jacket Community Library budget vote and trustee election will be held **Tuesday, June 6, 2023** from **12:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the library**, 89 South Main Street in Manchester, NY.

Applications for absentee ballots are available at the library. See the application forms for due dates. Absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 pm on June 6.

PROPOSED LIBRARY BUDGET

| Income | | Expenditures | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Manchester-Shortsville CSD tax levy | \$ 259,763 | Personnel | \$ 179,741 |
| Grants, gifts and memorials | 4,313 | Operations and supplies | 23,350 |
| Fines, interest and other | 0 | Library materials and programs | 15,530 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 264,076 | Automation contracts | 6,980 |
| | | Insurance and building expense | 38,475 |
| | | TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 264,076 |

Notes and details

The proposed 2023-24 budget is an increase of \$11,542 (4.57%) over the 2022-23 budget. The tax levy increase is \$11,578 (4.67%) over the 2022-23 budget. The proposed budget allows the public library to sustain use in its current building and location while seeking a permanent facility, and improve public access to its services.

Significantly increased budget items include adjusting the professional services expense from \$4,700 to \$9,700 for expected fees relating to investigating and obtaining a permanent building for the library. Personnel expenses have slightly increased to allocate minimum wage increases and adequate coverage for benefits. These items are offset in part by a significant reduction of an automation contract by 77% (reduced subscriptions required for online programs now that programs are fully in person again), and a reduction in equipment leasing. Building expenses have remained the same to allow for flexibility due to the current unknown future location and/or building changes in the upcoming fiscal year.

What will you pay?

The current Library tax rates per \$1000 of total assessed value are 0.798 for the Town of Farmington, 0.780 for the Town of Hopewell, and 0.755 for the Town of Manchester. Library tax rates for the 2023-24 assessment year are not available at this time. The table below shows estimates of the tax you would pay, with the current tax rates, if the proposed 2023-24 Library Budget is passed.

| Total Assessed Value | \$50,000 | \$100,000 | \$150,000 | \$200,000 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Current 2022-23 Library Tax | \$38 - \$40 | \$75 - \$80 | \$113 - \$120 | \$151 - \$160 |
| Estimated 2023-24 Library Tax | \$39 - \$42 | \$79 - \$84 | \$118 - \$125 | \$158 - \$167 |

What do you get for your money?

Your public library offers you unlimited audiobooks and ebooks 24/7. Come in for print books and DVDs, use the public computers. Take a class. Send your children to summer programs. If you purchased items or services like these, you would pay approximately:

| Service | Cost per year |
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| Audiobook: One per month (\$15.99/month at audible.com) | \$192 |
| One new bestselling book per month (\$25 on amazon.com) | \$300 |
| One eBook per month (about \$6 to \$15 each) | \$120 |
| Two movie rentals per month (about \$6 each) | \$144 |
| Six craft lessons or other programs per year (\$30 each) | \$180 |
| Total: | \$926 |

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| Red Jacket Community Library (Based on the median home value in Manchester and Shortsville: \$101,550) | Cost per year \$80 |
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=\$846 savings

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

There are two candidates running for two vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Trustees serve a five-year term.

Nancy Johnsen

Heather Baxter

QUESTIONS?

Email redjacketlibrarydirector@owwl.org, or join us for our Budget Information Session at the library. A full detailed copy of the budget is available for review at the library during our regular hours.

Budget Information Sessions

Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 pm

