

## About the 2020 Library Budget Vote

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, NOPL taxpayers will have the opportunity to vote on the 2020 library budget. Residents of Brewerton, Cicero and North Syracuse consistently show support for their libraries, and the trustees, administration and staff would like to take this opportunity to say thank you. A small tax increase will make it possible for us to maintain the quality library services and programs you have come to expect.

### Questions and Answers about the Budget Vote

- **Where can I vote?** Voting takes place at the NOPL libraries from noon until 7 p.m. on **Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>**. You must go to the library in your voting district to vote. Each library has a large map on display that will help you to determine which NOPL library is your voting location. You can also find a PDF of the map at [nopl.org/budgetvote](http://nopl.org/budgetvote). You can request an absentee ballot at any of the three libraries. Please note that you must be registered with the Onondaga County Board of Elections.
- **What is the tax request for 2020?** \$2,567,491
- **Is this a tax increase?** Yes, it is an increase of 2% which is within New York State's property tax cap. For homeowners with a house valued at \$100,000, their library tax will equal \$63.71 or \$44.60 based on STAR exemption.
- **Why is an increase needed?** In 2020, we will need to upgrade 21 computers throughout the three libraries. We will also be upgrading our firewalls for better network security. The North Syracuse Library will be renovating their adult reading area and public bathrooms.

### Return on Investment (What do NOPL Libraries offer?)

- NOPL libraries are open a total of 176 hours per week. Last year **668,237 books, magazines, DVD's, music CD's, digital materials and audiobooks** were checked out or downloaded. **19,115 people attended 1,738 library programs**. We provide access to homework help, test preparation, general research and language databases. **Librarians answered 10,550 questions**. A total of **205,239 people visited** NOPL in 2018.
- Our **mobile Pop-Up Library** and **Senior Book Delivery** make books available in more locations and during hours when the libraries are closed. We also offer **Curbside Holds Pickup** at our Cicero branch for patrons' convenience.
- Our libraries offer **high speed Internet, wireless Internet access and printing**. There are **60 computers and laptops** available for use, and the Brewerton Library's **Preservation Studio** provides digitization technology to convert VHS tapes to DVD and save photos, negatives and slides as digital copies.
- NOPL's **Summer Reading Program** helps students maintain reading skills and enriches their lives and their vocabularies. This year **3,556 kids, teens and parents** attended **189 programs**, and **827 children & teens** read **11,034 books**.
- We offer **experiences and learning opportunities for adults**. Among the possibilities...get help with a resume or job application, get help with a mobile device, attend a lecture, take a yoga class, listen to a concert, join a book club or a knitting group, or grow vegetables and learn from other gardeners through our **LibraryFarm** project.
- We offer **enrichment opportunities for children** of all ages: eight weekly story hours, craft programs, Lego Club, Spark! Programs in the Discovery Den, Nature Camp, and special events throughout the year.

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<b>REVENUES</b>				
Tax Allocation	\$2,567,491		Interest Income est.	\$3,000
Fines & Fees est.	\$35,000		State funding	\$16,470
Donations est.	\$3,000		State Construction grant funds	\$134,470
			<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$2,759,431
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>MATERIALS</b>			Facility Supplies	\$7,000
Materials	\$275,536		Insurance	\$41,211
Supplies, Processing & Shipping	\$11,700		Security	\$4,812
total materials	\$287,236		Taxes/Governmental Services	\$2,036
<b>LIBRARY PROGRAMMING</b>			total facilities	\$515,118
Programs - Adult and Teen	\$10,000			
Programs - Children	\$9,350		<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	\$105,312
Additional Program Expenses	\$2,626			
total programming	\$21,976		<b>OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
<b>PERSONNEL AND BENEFITS</b>			Marketing/Community Information	\$23,459
Payroll	\$1,223,456		Office Supplies	\$13,000
Payroll Taxes	\$103,994		OCPL Charge	\$40,458
Payroll Fees	\$5,000		Board Expenses	\$6,500
Insurance Medical	\$190,063		Mileage Pop Up Library	\$1,800
Employee Assistance Program	\$1,120		Legal Services	\$2,000
Pension	\$124,894		Audit and Accountant Services	\$17,500
total personnel & benefits	\$1,648,527		Bookkeeping Services	\$19,200
<b>FACILITIES</b>			Staff Development, Conference & Travel	\$12,000
Capital Improvement	\$148,002		Dues/Subscriptions	\$2,059
Telephone	\$6,000		Pop Up Library vehicle	\$2,000
Utilities	\$42,000		Miscellaneous	\$2,500
Maintenance - Building	\$70,000		Security Contract	\$38,787
Maintenance - Contract	\$194,057		total other	\$181,263
			<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$2,759,431