

BUDGET INFORMATION

Voting for an increase in funding for the 2016 Sloatsburg Library budget will be held on **Tuesday, March 24, 2015**. The proposition would provide an increase in the amount of **\$5,549 for the Sloatsburg Library** and \$46,937 for the Suffern Library. The two libraries serve the residents of the Ramapo Central School District. **Sloatsburg Library's budget represents a 1.5% increase** and Suffern Library's amount represents a 1.26% increase to be raised by taxes. This is the first budget vote for Sloatsburg and Suffern in two years.

With the library now under new management, we will be striving to improve and increase community programming, services and make necessary repairs needed to maintain the wonderful library that brings our community together. In addition, the library is also providing services and materials to our children due to the school budget cuts where all elementary school librarians' jobs were eliminated. Because of these cuts, we have to provide more books and services, such as free homework help to all children led by a NYS Certified Teacher.

More than 21,000 people visited the library in 2014 to borrow 53,500 items, attend one of the 310 library programs or participate in a meeting conducted by a community group. During the summer, 103 children took part in the summer reading program by attending at least one or more of the programs and reading 1700 books. The Friends of Sloatsburg Library, who are all volunteers, conducted a Spring book sale and a holiday vendor fair that raised approximately \$1,500 in 2014 to help support programming and special purchases for the library.

One of Sloatsburg Library's biggest achievements in 2014 was the launching of our new website! We realized that we needed to have a more user-friendly, updated website in order to keep up with "the times". We had an open house so that patrons could come in and "see" what the library now has to offer. We had demos of our databases, how to download e-books, how to navigate the new site and a survey to find out what our patrons would like to see at our library. We are now able to have patrons sign-up for programs electronically and we also send out emails announcing our different programs! Attendance to our programs has increased because of this new option!

We strongly encourage our residents to offer their input as to what they would like to see in the future at your library.

We thank you for your continued support!

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	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Income		
Library Tax	\$371,030	\$375,450
County and Library System Grants	\$2,600	\$2,639
Interest	\$500	\$500
Fines/Fees	\$10,400	\$10,400
Grants and Donations	\$20,270	\$21,360
	<u>\$404,800</u>	<u>\$410,349</u>
Expenses		
Salaries	\$158,400	\$158,400
Employee Benefits	\$59,700	\$59,700
Materials (books, cds, periodicals, DVDs, etc.)	\$56,300	\$58,749
Furniture & Equipment	\$20,000	\$20,000
Building maintenance, Utilities, Cleaning, etc.	\$28,600	\$29,200
Computer & Network Maintenance	\$26,000	\$26,500
Office Maintenance/Supplies	\$ 8,300	\$ 6,500
Professional Services	\$8,600	\$9,000
Programs/PR	\$20,400	\$22,000
Other (budget election, postage, staff development, etc.)	\$18,500	\$18,500
	<u>\$404,800</u>	<u>\$410,349</u>

GREAT THINGS ARE COMING TO THE SLOATSBURG LIBRARY!

Voting on the Library Budget this year will be on Tuesday, March 24 at the Sloatsburg Public Library, 1 Liberty Rock Road & the Suffern Free Library at 210 Lafayette Avenue.



Library Budget Vote- Tuesday, March 24, 2015

VOTER INFORMATION:

WHEN: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

WHERE: SLOATSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHO: Residents of the Ramapo Central School District who are registered to vote in any general election or School District election.

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BALLOTS:** Call for an application (357-7783 ext.224)

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