

About the 2019 Library Budget Proposition

What are the Library's Sources of Funding?

- More than 95% of our funding comes directly from taxpayers.
- Additional income is from fines/fees, gifts, grants, and fundraising events and activities.

What is the tax request for 2019?

- The proposition on the May 21 ballot – **our first increase since 2016 - is for an additional \$42,530 over the 2018 budget. This equals an increase of 3%.**
- If approved, the increase would mean that a family with a home valued at \$100,000 would pay a library tax rate of approximately \$86.43 or about \$2.52 more than last year.

Why is a tax increase needed?

- The **NYS minimum wage will increase to \$11.10 in 2019 and to \$11.80 in 2020.** This means a payroll increase is required to comply with the law and maintain wage equity for affected employees over the next two years.
- In addition, the proposed budget will support expanded programming in the areas of literacy, STEM education, teen life skills, the arts, and outreach services to the community.

Return on your investment. What does the CLD&J have to offer?

- In 2018, patrons **checked out or downloaded 316,793 items, a 20% increase** from 2017.
- **Library programs attracted 12,507 people, 9% more** than 2017.
- We added **new evening early literacy and family-focused learning programs** to accommodate busy schedules.
- **Unique learning opportunities** helped patrons to improve their quality of life, with new workshops on: sustainable making, creative arts and crafting, digital design & 3D printing, and outdoor programs on nature and the environment (the "Living Library").
- Our **Summer Reading Program** helps students to retain and grow reading skills and fosters a lifelong love of reading. Last year, we had 401 children and teens in the program, **a 167% increase from 2017.**
- **The library 'outside of the walls'** brings early literacy programs to area schools, community centers and pre-schools. In 2018, we relaunched our home delivery services and offered monthly visits, including book clubs, at area adult residences.

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