

## About the 2020 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.
- **In 2019, the CLD&J increased revenue by \$32,224 through grants, gifts and fundraising activities.**

### What is the tax request for 2020?

- **The library is asking for an increase of 2% - the 2020 NYS Tax Cap. The proposition on the May 19 ballot is for an additional \$29,204 over the 2019 tax levy.**
- If approved, the increase would mean that a family with a home valued at \$100,000 would pay a library tax rate of **less than \$2.00 more than last year.**

### Why is a tax increase needed?

- The proposed budget will **support increasing operating expenses, including costs for facility maintenance now that warranties have expired, and improved cybersecurity measures.**
- The budget increase will also **help us to expand services to area residents**, including: ensuring outreach and access to library services and collections for all, including older adults, those with disabilities and those unable to visit the physical library; expanding adult literacy services and collections, and; developing life skills and career-building workshops for teens and adults

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

- In 2019, patrons **checked out 324,594 items and streamed or downloaded more than 45,000 items through free services** such as Hoopla, Overdrive, Hulu and Amazon Prime.
- Learning opportunities abounded last year, with more than **double the number of programs offered in 2018 and a 7% increase in program attendance.**
- **Our 2019 Summer Reading Program**, which supports reading skills and fosters a lifelong love of learning, **broke records for registration** and added a new adult component.
- **Community organizations and groups found a free place to meet and share**, with 1462 library meeting room reservations in 2019.
- **We continue to improve the quality of residents' lives through partnerships with more than 50 community organizations**, offering programs such as: free AARP tax service, League of Women Voters registration drives, Red Cross blood drives, Rescue Mission collection drive and the Great Giveback in support of the Jamesville Food Pantry.

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