

To Our Patrons of the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville service area:

This May 16th there will be a proposition on the Jamesville DeWitt Board of Education ballot to increase Library tax levy funding for the 2023 year. There are some compelling and necessary reasons we are asking for this increase. Inflation for the past year is over 5% - for the Library, some of our fixed expenses (utilities, etc.) have gone up 10% or more. Although it is something we support, the New York state requirements in minimum wage increases went up by approximately 7%. Our expenses for health insurance for our employees, and other contracted professional services, also increased by more than 8%.

We are doing what we can to reduce expenses, but we do need financial support.

With all the percentage increases mentioned, our proposed increase is much less and is the allowed 2%. It comes to only about \$3.00 for each \$100,000 of assessed value for each property if approved.

For that \$3 increase, your library provides so much for everyone - children, parents, young adults, adults, and seniors. Our vision is that the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville is an essential asset to the DeWitt and Jamesville communities and serves as a center of community life; The Library provides and promotes free access to high-quality resources to meet the information, educational, and cultural needs of the community.

Please give us your support, as we keep moving forward. Thank you!