

2018 Proposed Budget

INCOME	2017	2018 Proposed
Real Property Taxes	\$527,183	\$544,343
Fines, Fees, Printing, FAX	\$25,000	\$25,000
Interest	\$500	\$1,500
Gifts & Donations	\$500	\$3,000
New York State Aid	\$4,500	\$4,500
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$52,247	\$80,659
TOTAL INCOME	\$609,930	\$659,002

IMPORTANT DATES	
Trustee Candidate Petitions Due	Wednesday, August 9 by 5pm.
Budget Public Hearing	Tuesday, August 8, 6pm. at the Library
Trustee Election & Budget Vote	Thursday, September 7, 10am -- 8pm at the Library

EXPENSE	2017	2018 PROPOSED
Salaries	\$296,424	\$339,823
Employee Benefits	\$91,967	\$98,296
Library Materials	\$64,400	\$63,375
Programs, Local History, Art & Exhibits	\$10,500	\$8,200
Operation of Building	\$91,600	\$91,700
Equipment Maintenance & Supplies	\$12,460	\$15,800
Automation & Library System Fees	\$17,929	\$17,583
Professional Services	\$23,875	\$23,675
Budget Vote & Elections	\$775	\$550
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$609,930	\$659,002

TAX LEVY/TAX RATE	2017	2018
Total Taxable Assessed Value	\$1,757,726,816	\$1,774,339,317
Tax Levy	\$527,183	\$544,343
Tax Rate per Thousand \$ of Assessed Value	\$0.2999	\$.306780
Total Increase for 2018	\$.00688 = less than one penny	

2018 Proposed Budget Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the Library's Proposed Budget for 2018?**

The total proposed budget is \$659,002. The portion of the budget raised from taxes is \$544,343. The rest comes from an appropriated fund balance, late fees, photocopy and computer printing fees, FAX fees, gifts and donations, and New York State Library Aid.

- **What is the impact on tax rates and individual taxpayers?**

The Saugerties Public Library District is comprised of the Town and Village of Saugerties. The 2018 budget proposal calls for a **1.002% tax levy increase**. The tax rate is increasing by .006757 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value from .2999 to .3067. (Less than 1 penny). **A property with a market value of \$250,000 would see an increase of less than two dollars per year from \$74.98 to \$76.69.**

- **Will the library's budget exceed the Tax-Cap?**

No. The library's 2018 budget does not exceed the NY State Tax Cap. The Library budget is subject to the tax cap legislation that sets a limit on tax levy increases, and that increase is generally well under 2%. The library will use an appropriated fund balance to offset a higher increase to the community. Rising minimum wage and insurance premium increases are some of the major forces responsible for growth in the library budget. The library is also investing in up-to-date computers and technology, as well as increasing outreach to the community.

- **How many trustees are being elected this year?**

Two five-year terms are up for election.

- **Does the community use the Library?**

Yes! The Saugerties Public Library currently has the highest circulation activity in Ulster County. Active card-carrying patrons now total 9,268 (48% of all Saugerties residents). Library cards continue to be issued at an average of 42 per month. Our records also show 100,919 people came through our doors in 2016, our website was visited of 53,600 times, and over 11,675 people of all ages attended 806 library programs in 2016. In 2016, 17,872 people used the Library computers, and the Library's Wi-Fi had 73,775 wireless sessions!

- **When is the Library Budget Vote and where is it held?**

The Annual Library Budget Vote will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2017 as prescribed in our legislated charter. It will be held at the Library, 91 Washington Ave. between 10am and 8pm. Registered voters, both renters and property owners, living in the Saugerties Public Library District are eligible to vote. Absentee ballots will be available at the Library beginning August 22.

- **How do I get more information?**

The proposed 2018 budget is available at the Library and on our website (<http://saugertiespubliclibrary.org>). You may also attend the Budget Public Hearing at the Library on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6pm or contact Katie Scott-Childress, Library Director, at 246-4317 ext 300.