

LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE - TUESDAY, MAY 1

You will be asked to vote upon one proposition for 2019:

“Shall the Board of Education of the Olean City School District be authorized to raise by tax levy upon the taxable property thereof, an additional \$20,398 for the Olean Public Library to increase its annual appropriation from \$1,019,888 to \$1,040,286?”

Additional funds are needed to:

- Purchase books, e-books, DVD's, audio-books & other library materials.
- Support high-quality library programs & classes for all ages
- Pay for increases in the minimum wage
- Maintain and improve the facility
- Upgrade technology including public computers and high-speed Internet access

Tax Rate Increase of Only 2% for City of Olean

The estimated impact on the tax rate for school district residents will be:

City of Olean, an additional 11¢ per \$1,000 of assessed property value
Town of Olean an additional 3¢ per \$1,000 of assessed property value
Town of Portville an additional 9¢ per \$1,000 of assessed property value

Proposed 2019 Library Operating Budget

INCOME	
Real property tax	\$1,040,286
Earnings from investments	1,000
Local Sponsor Incentive Aid	7,200
Library System Grant	250
Gifts and donations	22,500
Sale of used books	100
Copy machine receipts and other miscellaneous income	9,100
NYS CLD Grant	32,740
Other CCLS Grants	14,100
Library charges	12,000
Appropriated fund balance	0
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$1,139,276</u>
APPROPRIATIONS	
Salaries and benefits	\$722,498
Library materials	154,500
Building operation & maintenance	137,278
Administrative expenses	125,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$1,139,276</u>

Philosophy -- Not Numbers

It's important that you understand our philosophy before you vote.

EACH YEAR WE, AS TRUSTEES, go through the same agonizing decision-making process, whether to present a budget that *we think* voters will approve of, or to present a budget which reflects our perception of the community's needs.

WE TRADITIONALLY SELECT THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE: this budget is one which will enable us to continue providing you with all the things to which you have become accustomed and which make the library the truly outstanding center of the community that it is.

IN THE PAST YOU HAVE SHOWN FAITH IN OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE MATERIALS, services, and surroundings which are consistent with your needs and desires. We cannot, in good faith, limit our proposed budget to an amount we think you will approve. That would be unfair to you. What we must do is carefully decide how many tax dollars it will take to run the Library in a way that will both please you and serve you. This, we think, is what Trustees are supposed to do, and it is what we have done.

IF OUR PERCEPTION IS ACCURATE AND YOU AGREE WITH OUR PHILOSOPHY, it is important that you tell us that at the polls. If, on the other hand, we have misjudged your desires, you must tell us so at the polls. We hope that we have your support.

WE ASK THIS OF YOU: CAREFULLY CONSIDER OUR IDEAS and don't make your decision based simply upon numbers. Consider the actual cost to you; see what a small portion it is of your total tax. Compare your share of the cost of the Library to other family expenses you routinely pay without a second thought.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE LIBRARY IS THE BEST BUY FOR YOUR TAX DOLLAR, something you can use and enjoy! You can see how it's run and you can see the quality and diversity of the materials and programs we offer. We think you like what you see, and we think you'd like to keep it that way.

Please vote on May 1st

The Library Trustees