

A Report To The Community

From The Board Of Trustees
of The New Rochelle Public Library

The Library Board of Trustees has scheduled a Library Election/Budget Vote on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023**, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Board of Education polling places.

The vote will be:

1. To elect **two** members of the Board of Trustees to serve at large for the following terms:
 - **July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2028** (5-year term)
2. To adopt an annual budget for the Library for the fiscal year **July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

	Current Year 2022-2023 Budget	Proposed 2023-2024 Budget
EXPENSES		
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,534,861.81	\$4,851,923.49
Library Materials (books, magazines, audio/visuals)	\$ 292,000.00	\$ 310,865.17
Operating Funds (utilities, insurance, building repairs & maintenance, etc.)	\$1,405,817.89	\$1,487,615.73
Total Budget	\$6,232,679.70	\$6,650,404.39
INCOME		
Library Revenue (fines, room rental, state aid)	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Fund Balance	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Existing Tax Levy	\$5,838,170.77	\$6,082,679.70
Total Income	\$5,988,170.77	\$6,232,679.70
Tax Levy Increase	\$ 244,508.93	\$ 417,724.69
TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNT	\$6,232,679.70	\$6,650,404.39
Tax Levy % Increase	4.19%	6.87%

SUMMARY

The proposed increase of **6.87%** in the tax levy translates to an increase of **\$417,724** to the current levy amount, or an annual increase of **\$24.07 per household for the “average” taxpayer** (estimate furnished by the New Rochelle City Finance Department.) This increase constitutes **one penny of every property tax dollar** paid by New Rochelle property taxpayers.

Areas of growth in the proposed 2023/2024 budget relate primarily to mandated contractual increases tied to salary enhancements and benefits, utility costs and modest increases for materials, and the addition of one new full-time position, a Children’s Librarian I (School-Age Outreach Coordinator.) This new position is aligned with our 2022 -2026 strategic goal to increase engagement of our school-aged children and teens.



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New Rochelle Public Library Highlights

- New Rochelle Public Library (NRPL) ranks in the top 4 among the 38 Westchester Library System (WLS) libraries in number of card holders, e-book circulation, total hours open and attendance at library sponsored programs.
- NRPL ranks in the bottom third of WLS libraries in expenditure on library materials and personnel, as a percentage of total operating expenses.
- 725,000 people visited our libraries in 2022 to access materials, attend programs, use study rooms, computers and WiFi.
- Over 600 children signed up for our 2022 Summer Reading Challenge recording over 152,00 minutes of reading.
- Over 2,000 teens were engaged in 426 programs in 2022 - from 3D printing workshops to candy sushi making, video game tournaments, chess, board game nights, ukulele instruction and more.
- Through our Museum Pass program, over 800 patrons checked out free passes for admission to over 25 area museums and cultural institutions.