

Budget Vote

2023-2024

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There are two trustee seats open this year. Trustees serve a five-year term and are elected by the residents of the Liverpool Central School District.

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 3 in the Liverpool Public Library's Carman Community Room.

Liverpool Public Library
310 Tulip St,
Liverpool, NY
13088

LPL.org
315-457-0310

A Message From the Liverpool Public Library Board President

I was recently lucky enough to have the chance to spend a morning working from the Liverpool Public Library's main room. I took a moment to look around and take in everything that was happening. Throughout the LPL, I saw people. Parents with young children playing in the Children's Room. Elementary school children building with Legos and imagining elaborate backstories for their creations. Adults of all ages talking, working, and attending programs. I saw my community. The Liverpool community is at the heart of the LPL.

Author Neil Gaiman wrote, "A library is a place that is a repository of information and gives every citizen equal access to it." This is incredibly true for the LPL. The LPL staff and Board of Trustees are always looking for new and innovative ways to reach and serve our community, while promoting all forms of literacy and equitable access for all. From our children's programs to our expanding technology catalog and digital access, we work to provide the highest level of service to our community at the most efficient cost. To maintain our level of service, while continuing to meet the needs of our evolving community, this year there was a need for a 3.4 percent increase in the LPL budget. The budget increase is within the New York State property tax cap guidelines and will allow for the LPL to continue to offer and expand our wide variety of programs, books, electronic materials, technology, databases and more. This budget decision was made with careful consideration to our taxpayers. We are so grateful to you, our community, for your continued support of our efforts.

The LPL is a place for growth and learning. In a time where people feel more disconnected from each other, LPL is a place for our community to come together, where we can connect with one another. If you have not used the library recently, we invite you to visit us in person or online at LPL.org to explore all the resources and programs we have. Thank you for your continued support of the library. And remember: your voice is important, so please vote on May 16!

Ashley Gouger, President, Liverpool Public Library Board of Trustees



HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2022

- The LPL2Go Van launched, bringing WiFi and library services right to our community
- The Charlie Cart, a self contained mobile kitchen, arrived at the LPL! The Charlie Cart was made possible by funding from the NYS Assembly, with a special thanks to Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter.
- LPL teens and tweens celebrated STEM Education with Micron
- Since July 2022, 182 children signed up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Hearing Loops were installed in the library to further increase accessibility at the LPL
- The LPL offers a full complement of early literacy programs, along with robust programs for tweens and teens.
- Did you hear that? Live music returned to the LPL, thanks to the CNY Arts grant

Voter Information

What are you voting for?

The proposed 2023-2024 LPL Budget and two trustee seats.

Where will the voting be held?

In the gymnasium of the former Wetzel Road Elementary, 4246 Wetzel Road. This is the same time and place as the Liverpool Central School District vote, but the library is an independent entity and has a separate line on the ballot.

Who is a qualified voter?

A qualified voter is someone who is a citizen of the United States; 18 years of age or older; resident of the Liverpool CSD for at least 30 days before May 16, 2023, either as a renter or property owner; and registered with the Board of Voter Registration or the Onondaga County Board of Elections.

How do you know if you are registered to vote?

If you are already registered with the Onondaga County Board of Elections to vote in the general election; or you have been previously placed on the register and voted in the last four years; or you registered to vote on May 13 at the District Office. Absentee ballot applications are available at the School District Office at 195 Blackberry Road, approximately two weeks before the vote.

Where is there more information? What does the budget provide?

Budget information can be found in this pamphlet, at the library or online at LPL.org.

3.4%
Tax Impact

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 • 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

Former Wetzel Road Elementary Gymnasium • 4246 Wetzel Road

2023-2024 Proposed Library Budget

BUDGET OVERVIEW

	Adopted 22/23	Proposed 23/24
Expenses	\$864,300	\$860,000
Salaries	\$2,241,500	\$2,346,000
Benefits	\$1,155,000	\$1,155,000
Total Budget	\$4,260,800	\$4,361,000
Tax Impact	2.49%	3.4%

REVENUES

	Adopted 22/23	Proposed 23/24
Property Taxes	\$3,987,365	\$4,122,744
Contribution in Lieu of Tax	\$65,000	\$55,000
Library Charges	\$15,000	\$15,000
Interest Earnings	\$2,000	\$2,000
Gifts and Donations	\$18,000	\$18,000
Other than LLIA Grants		
System Cash Grant	\$39,000	\$39,000
State Aid for Libraries	\$1,000	\$1,000
Other Unclassified	\$48,000	\$48,000
App from Fund Balance	\$85,435	\$60,256
Sub-total	\$273,435	\$238,256
Total Revenue	\$4,260,800	\$4,361,000

PATRON SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

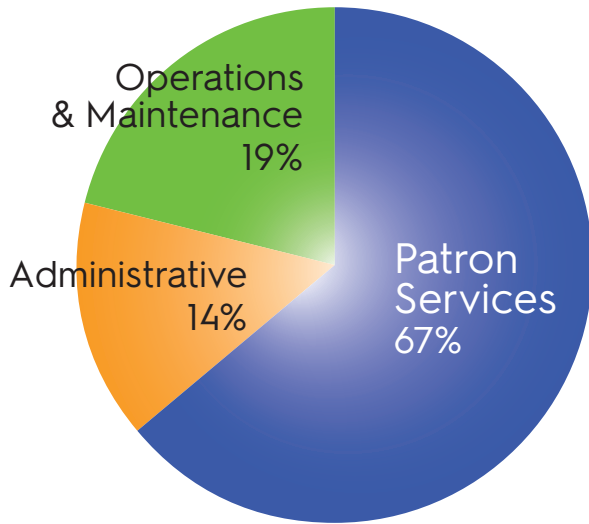
	Adopted 22/23	Proposed 23/24
Audio and Video Media	\$90,000	\$90,000
Audio Visual Supplies	\$4,000	\$4,000
Computer Hardware	\$25,000	\$25,000
Computer Software	\$15,000	\$10,000
Conference	\$10,000	\$8,000
Consultant and Professional Fees	\$23,000	\$24,000
Continuing Education	\$3,000	\$3,000
Database/Software Maintenance	\$59,000	\$60,000
Data Processing Supplies	\$10,000	\$8,000
Electronic Databases	\$45,000	\$40,000
General Supplies	\$7,000	\$6,000
Library Books, eBooks	\$135,000	\$135,000
Library Supplies	\$35,000	\$35,000
Mileage and Travel	\$3,800	\$3,800
Postage	\$12,000	\$5,000
Selected Projects	\$11,000	\$11,000
Subscriptions	\$13,000	\$12,000
Tuition Reimbursement	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Patron Expenses	\$501,800	\$480,800
Salaries/Social Security/Medicare	\$1,430,040	\$1,638,920
Benefits	\$739,200	\$807,617
Patron Services Total	\$2,671,040	\$2,927,337

ADMINISTRATIVE

	Adopted 22/23	Proposed 23/24
Board Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000
Consultant and Professional fees	\$13,000	\$16,000
Database/Software Maintenance	\$6,000	\$7,000
Election Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000
Fees	\$4,000	\$4,000
Insurance Director's & Officers	\$3,000	\$3,000
Memberships	\$800	\$800
Mileage and Travel	\$200	\$200
Total Administrative Expenses	\$30,000	\$34,000
Salaries/Social Security/Medicare	\$399,480	\$393,540
Benefits	\$207,900	\$193,559
Administrative Total	\$637,380	\$621,099

OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE

	Adopted 22/23	Proposed 23/24
Cloud Service Hardware	\$9,000	\$9,000
Computer Software	\$5,000	\$5,000
Computer Hardware	\$25,000	\$25,000
Custodial Supplies	\$22,000	\$22,000
Database/Software Maintenance Fees	\$28,000	\$29,000
Electric and Gas	\$37,000	\$48,700
Fees	\$28,000	\$28,000
Insurance	\$25,000	\$28,000
Maintenance and Large Equipment Repair	\$28,000	\$28,000
Network Software	\$22,000	\$17,000
Other Equipment Repair	\$22,000	\$22,000
Rentals	\$27,000	\$28,000
Telecommunication Service	\$22,000	\$22,000
Water	\$2,500	\$3,500
Workers Compensation	\$25,000	\$25,000
Unemployment Insurance	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Operations Expenses	\$332,500	\$345,200
Salaries/Social Security/Medicare	\$411,980	\$313,540
Benefits	\$207,900	\$153,824
Operations Total	\$952,380	\$812,564



BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Patron Services and Programs at 67% represents a major portion of the 2023-2024 budget. This includes expenses related to books, DVDs, CDs, program presenter fees, computer database and software programs and patron service staff.

Administrative represents 14% of the 2023-2024 budget. Administrative costs include legal, consultation and insurance expenses along with office and administration staff.

Operations/Maintenance represents 19% of the 2023-2024 budget. Included in this portion of the budget are building and equipment maintenance and rental fees, service contracts, computer hardware, network software, support staff, maintenance supplies and equipment.

LIBRARY USAGE AT LPL IN 2022

Items Checked Out (Physical & Electronic)	362,903
"Let's Read, Liverpool!" Summer Participants	505
Reference Questions	11,514
Children's Programs Offered	628
Adult Programs and Outreach Visits Offered	823
Total Live Program Attendance	21,380
Community Partnerships	120 (and growing!)
One-on-One Support (Tech Help & Deliveries)	895
WiFi Use	11,794 Sessions
Website Sessions	184,119 Visitors
Library Visits	151,416

