LIVERPOOL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Budget Vote 2024-2025

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LIVERPOOL PUBLIC LIBRARY
Where the Community Connects

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 in the Liverpool Public Library's Carman Community Room.

Liverpool Public Library

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A Message From the Liverpool Public Library Board President

The Liverpool Public Library (LPL) exists to empower and enrich the lives of our residents. We believe in fostering a vibrant community space where everyone has the opportunity to learn, grow, and connect. Your continued support allows us to fulfill this mission. Over the past few years, libraries worldwide have faced unprecedented challenges. Through these times, the LPL remained a constant source of support, adapting our services to meet your evolving needs. We're deeply grateful for your unwavering partnership, and we look forward to continuing this strong bond.

From our engaging children's programs to our ever-evolving technology collection and digital resources, we strive to provide the highest quality services to our community in the most efficient manner possible.

To maintain this level of service and cater to the ever-changing needs of our community, the LPL budget requires a 2.84% increase for 2024. This increase falls within the New York State property tax cap guidelines and ensures the LPL can continue to offer and expand the vast array of programs, books, e-materials, technology, databases, and more that you rely on. This decision was made with careful consideration for our taxpayers and their ability to contribute. We extend a heartfelt thank you for your unwavering support of the LPL. We look forward to serving you in the years to come. If you are not currently utilizing all that the LPL has to offer, we invite you to visit us in person or online (LPL.org), to see the many resources we have to share.

Your voice is important, please vote!

Ashley Gouger, *President, Liverpool Public Library Board of Trustees*

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2023

- **Let's Read Liverpool Engages 374 Children During Summer Months—** Our summer program offered more than 250 events and activities.
- **Sparking Imagination with Stories—** Story Times captivated children and enhanced early literacy skills, as well as kindergarten readiness. Teen and tween programming drew impressive participation.
- **Spooktacular Fun at Haunted Garage—** Donned in costume, hundreds of children and their families walked through the garage for the fourth annual event.
- **Giving Back to the Community—** We held multiple collection drives and coordinated volunteer trips to area non-profit organizations.

Voter Information

2.84%
Tax Impact

What are you voting for?
The proposed 2024-2025 Liverpool Public Library Budget

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 21, 2024, 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?
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. For more information, go to liverpool.k12.ny.us/budget/index.

Where is there more information? What does the budget provide?
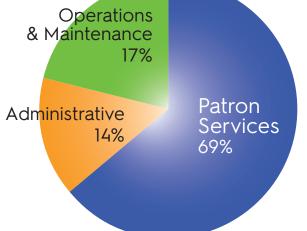Budget information can be found in this pamphlet, at the library or online at **LPL.org**.

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 • 6 a.m.–9 p.m.
Former Wetzel Road Elementary Gymnasium • 4246 Wetzel Road

2024-2025 Proposed Library Budget

BUDGET OVERVIEW

	Adopted 23/24	Proposed 24/25
Expenses	$860,000	$824,000
Salaries	$2,346,000	$2,449,000
Benefits	$1,155,000	$1,205,000
Total Budget	**$4,361,000**	**$4,478,000**
Tax Impact	**3.4%**	**2.84%**

REVENUES

	Adopted 23/24	Proposed 24/25
Property Taxes	$4,122,744	$4,239,802
Contribution in Lieu of Tax	$55,000	$40,000
Library Charges	$15,000	$5,000
Interest Earnings	$2,000	$28,198
Gifts and Donations	$18,000	$21,000
Other than LLIA Grants		
System Cash Grant	$39,000	$40,000
State Aid for Libraries	$1,000	$1,000
Other Unclassified	$48,000	$48,000
App from Fund Balance	$60,256	$55,000
Sub-total	$238,256	$238,198
Total Revenue	**$4,361,000**	**$4,478,000**

PATRON SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

	Adopted 23/24	Proposed 24/25
Audio and Video Media	$90,000	$92,000
Audio Visual Supplies	$4,000	$4,000
Computer Hardware	$25,000	$20,000
Computer Software	$10,000	$10,000
Conference	$8,000	$8,000
Consultant and Professional Fees	$24,000	$24,000
Continuing Education	$3,000	$3,000
Database/Software Maintenance	$60,000	$60,000
Data Processing Supplies	$8,000	$4,000
Electronic Databases	$40,000	$30,000
General Supplies	$6,000	$6,000
Library Books, eBooks	$135,000	$140,000
Library Supplies	$35,000	$40,700
Mileage and Travel	$3,800	$3,800
Postage	$5,000	$2,500
Selected Projects	$11,000	$12,000
Subscriptions	$12,000	$12,000
Tuition Reimbursement	$1,000	$1,000
Total Patron Expenses	**$480,800**	**$473,000**
Salaries/Social Security/Medicare	$1,638,920	$1,746,839
Benefits	$807,617	$859,511
Patron Services Total	**$2,927,337**	**$3,079,350**

ADMINISTRATIVE

	Adopted 23/24	Proposed 24/25
Board Expenses	$2,000	$2,000
Consultant and Professional fees	$16,000	$16,000
Database/Software Maintenance	$7,000	$7,000
Election Expenses	$1,000	$1,000
Fees	$4,000	$4,000
Insurance Director's & Officers	$3,000	$4,000
Memberships	$800	$800
Mileage and Travel	$200	$200
Total Administrative Expenses	**$34,000**	**$35,000**
Salaries/Social Security/Medicare	$393,540	$400,317
Benefits	$193,559	$196,971
Administrative Total	**$621,099**	**$632,288**

OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE

	Adopted 23/24	Proposed 24/25
Cloud Service Hardware	$9,000	$10,000
Computer Software	$5,000	$5,000
Computer Hardware	$25,000	$20,000
Custodial Supplies	$22,000	$19,000
Database/Software Maintenance Fees	$29,000	$29,000
Electric and Gas	$48,700	$50,000
Fees	$28,000	$28,000
Insurance	$28,000	$31,000
Maintenance and Large Equipment Repair	$28,000	$10,000
Network Software	$17,000	$15,000
Other Equipment Repair	$22,000	$15,000
Rentals	$28,000	$28,000
Telecommunication Service	$22,000	$24,000
Water	$3,500	$2,000
Workers Compensation	$25,000	$25,000
Unemployment Insurance	$5,000	$5,000
Total Operations Expenses	**$345,200**	**$316,000**
Salaries/Social Security/Medicare	$313,540	$301,844
Benefits	$153,824	$148,518
Operations Total	**$812,564**	**$766,362**

BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Patron Services and Programs at 69% represents a major portion of the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 budget. Administrative costs include legal, consultation and insurance expenses along with office and administration staff.

Operations/Maintenance represents 17% of the 2024-2025 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 2023

Items Checked Out (Physical & Electronic)	427,485
Participants for "Let's Read, Liverpool!" Summer Reading	374
Reference Questions	13,655
Children's Programs Offered	640
Total Children's Program Attendance	15,428
Adult Programs	462
Adult Program Attendance	10,617
One-on-One Programs	995
WiFi Use	16,592 Sessions
Website Sessions	228,411 Visitors