

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 15, 2018**, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Board of Education polling places.

The vote will be:

- To elect **four** members of the Board of Trustees to serve at large for the following terms:
 - July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023** (5-year term): **2 vacancies**
 - July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019** (1-year term): **2 vacancies**
- To adopt an annual budget for the Library for the fiscal year **July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019**

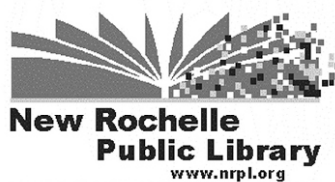
	Current Year 2017-2018 Budget	Proposed 2018-2019 Budget
EXPENSES		
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,902,817.52	\$3,991,842.50
Library Materials (books, magazines, audio/visuals)	\$ 217,000.00	\$ 267,000.00
Operating Funds (utilities, insurance, building repairs & maintenance, etc.)	\$1,291,693.94	\$1,358,266.08
Total Budget	\$5,411,511.00	\$5,617,068.58
INCOME		
Library Revenue (fines, room rental, state aid)	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Fund Balance	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Existing Tax Levy	\$4,939,483.00	\$5,261,511.46
Total Income	\$5,089,483.46	\$5,411,511.46
Tax Levy Increase	\$ 322,028.46	\$ 205,557.00
TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNT	\$5,411,511.46	\$5,617,068.58
Tax Levy \$ Increase	\$ 322,028.00	\$ 205,557.00
Tax Levy % Increase	6.52%	3.91%
Average Homeowner Annual Tax	\$ 314.99	\$ 328.85
Average Homeowner Increase %	6.40%	4.40%

SUMMARY

The proposed increase of **3.91%** in the tax levy translates to an increase of **\$205,557**, to the current levy amount, or an annual increase of **\$13.86 per household for the "average" taxpayer** (estimate furnished by the New Rochelle City Finance Department.)

This constitutes less than **one penny of every property dollar tax dollar** paid by New Rochelle property taxpayers.

Areas of growth in the proposed 2018/19 budget relate to contractual salary increases (as well as health care costs) debt service and the ongoing need to maintain the infrastructure of our facilities. The increase also includes the additional funds devoted towards library materials as well as programming support, broadband speed enhancement, workforce development assistance and additional hours for part-time Archivist and Teen Assistant positions.



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New Rochelle Public Library Highlights of 2017

- 2,205 cultural programs were conducted at the Main Library and at Huguenot Children's Library, attended by 32,786 people
- 1,058 children made class visits to the library
- Our computers were used in 88,262 sessions
- 267 individuals received one-on-one tutoring to gain high school equivalency diplomas and 256 individuals were assisted by our job readiness coach
- Over 1,100 tax returns were prepared (at no charge) by trained AARP volunteers

According to the 2016 New York Comparative Attendance Statistics

The following statistics illustrates the extraordinary activity of your library:

- Patron visits are the highest in Westchester County
- Number of library cardholders is the 3rd highest in Westchester County
- Hours open are 3rd highest in Westchester County
- Reference questions answered are 2nd highest in Westchester County

Despite our success, our tax support is modest:

- Local public support per capita is 9th lowest in Westchester County
- Number of library paid staff per each 2,000 of population served is the lowest in Westchester County