



Port Jefferson Free Library 2017-18 Library Operating

March 2017

BUDGET

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, April 4th

10:00 AM-9:00 PM

100 Thompson Street • Port Jefferson, NY 11777

BUDGET INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, March 27th

6:30 PM



What an exciting and fun year this has been!

From the Dickens Cottage, to the Children's Summer Reading Carnival, to the Local Author Fair, your library has held wonderful and engaging events and programs. You have been with us every step of the way, making it possible for the Library to provide the materials and resources you most want and use.

The "Summer Bridge"

Substantial research teaches us that when a child reads as few as eight books during summer break, there is no loss of reading or math skills. The 1,043 children who participated in the Library's Summer Reading Program enjoyed 379 programs, for a total attendance of 7,790. They had fun, but they also went back to school ready for new learning. Over the rest of the year, 18,368 children attended an additional 862 programs and checked out 91,879 items—a real tribute to our incredible Children's Department.

Our "Tween Space" is a designated section of the Library where 8-12 year olds can explore their world. This new service has really hit its stride, as day after day the space is filled with happy excited tweens learning and exploring their world in a setting designed just for them.

The Teen Center continues to thrive and is bursting at the seams! Its annual Community Service Fair attracted 174 attendees. When students can't come into the Teen Center, they can still access Homework Help, SAT prep, and other valuable services

on our new website. Our award winning robotics team is once again competing at top levels! Kudos to them!

The main library: a favorite destination and active community participant

Over the course of the last year, visitors walked through our doors over 178,500 times and borrowed 270,000 items. Library staff answered over 62,700 questions and conducted 2,302 program sessions, hosting 38,331 individuals. That's a lot of chairs!

When we weren't welcoming visitors through our doors, we attended open school nights, PTA events, book clubs, and teen recreation nights. This year we pioneered a teen garden, where all summer our children and teens grew vegetables for local soup kitchens. We partnered with after-school programs and local nursery schools and participated in Village events—Maker, Go Green, Greenfest, Health and Wellness and Maritime Festivals, as well as Heritage Day, and one of our favorites, the Dragon Boat Races.

The Dickens Festival is always a community highlight, and this year the Friends of the Library and Library staff once again decorated the "Dickens Cottage", which welcomed over 3000 people throughout the 2 day festival. Meanwhile at the Village Center, we brought Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and the Abominable Snowman to life!

A virtual branch with real assets

To make the Library's vast resources readily available 24/7, we launched a new easy-to-navigate website this past year, doubling the number of visitors and page views. Our new "digital portal" is chock full, with almost a million items catalogued, databases of information you can't find anywhere else, direct access to your account, discounted travel opportunities, free museum passes, in-house access to Westlaw, and much more. With services such as Flipster and Hoopla, we now offer over 700,000 movies, e-books, e-magazines, and music for you to download anytime from anywhere, even from your mobile device.

What's going to happen to the Cottage?

We recognize the Library's important role in sustaining a vibrant Village economy with dynamic programs and services that bring residents to visit the Village. We also know how important the Village streetscape is to all of us. Working with the Mayor, the Historical Society, and the Friends of the Library, our Board is now in the process of vetting design ideas, keeping everyone informed through each step along the way. We have held 2 wonderfully attended public forums and are now in the process of finalizing details to present to you. Keep an eye on our website for announcements!

You have voted with your feet.

Now, we ask that you support us with your vote. This year, we are faced with a 1.26% tax cap which means that even while Library use increases, we cannot increase our operating budget. Your Library constantly strives to deliver the valuable services our Village deserves, but we need your help. On April 4th, we ask that you vote yes. For pennies more a week, you can ensure the Library will continue to be a vital contributor to the Village's quality of life. Please support us with a yes vote.

And, next time you're in the neighborhood, please stop by and visit!

Voter Qualifications

School District policy does not require pre-registration to vote. New voters may register immediately prior to casting their votes.

To vote you must be:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. At least 18 years of age.
3. A Resident of the Port Jefferson School District for at least thirty days prior to the day of the vote.

Absentee Ballots available through April 3. Call 473-0022.

Port Jefferson Free Library

2017-2018

Operating Budget Proposal

	Fiscal Year 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Materials & Programs		
Books	168,000	174,000
Programs	137,930	152,170
Audio-Visuals	84,425	84,425
Periodicals / Print and Non-print	38,425	22,500
Automated Shared Services	117,561	117,561
Bindery	500	0
AV Licenses	360	150
Personnel		
Salaries	1,878,315	2,030,337
Retirement	270,439	280,069
Payroll Taxes	143,241	155,321
Insurance Benefits	431,078	477,747
Post Retirement Health Benefit	196,745	207,698
Library Operations & Services		
Library Supplies	58,750	58,750
Telecommunications	11,112	15,000
Postage	15,500	16,500
Printing and Publicity	35,557	28,000
Conference and Travel	8,608	10,000
Professional Fees	82,100	65,000
Library Insurance	34,500	34,500
Building & Grounds		
Building Maintenance	25,490	29,000
Utilities	104,337	98,000
Equipment Rental and Repair	15,528	15,500
Building Improvements	33,396	35,000
Service Contracts	19,875	19,875
Equipment	62,714	52,000
Facilities Rental	41,614	44,000
Transfer to Capital Fund	95,392	0
Transfer to Debt. Services Fund	80,000	0
Operating Budget	4,191,492	4,223,103
Minus LIPA/PILOT	-115,252	-116,446
Minus Contract Districts & Revenue	-1,075,430	-1,068,038
Operating Budget Expense	3,000,810	3,038,619
Total Tax Appropriation	3,000,810	3,038,619
Assessed Valuation (Est.)	23,926,880	23,968,055
Tax Rate Per \$100	\$12.54	\$12.68

Proposed Budget Increase of 1.2%

The proposed tax amounts to an estimated total monthly increase of \$.49 for the average household.

The typical house is assessed at \$4,300.

Your vote is for the proposed appropriation.

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Library Hours

Main Library	473-0022
Monday - Friday	9:30 AM-9:00 PM
Saturday	9:30 AM-5:00 PM
Sunday	1:00-5:00 PM
Teen Center	509-5707
Monday - Friday	10:00 AM-8:00 PM
Saturday	9:30 AM-5:00 PM
Sunday	1:00-5:00 PM