



**Budget Vote
Trustee
Election
Thursday
April 18, 2024
9am—9pm
In the Library
Community
Room**



MISSION:

To nurture love of learning, creativity and collaboration within the community.



EXPENDITURES

	2024-2025	2023-2024
Salaries	1,092,568	1,028,914
Benefits	347,531	371,568
Building & Equipment	221,300	218,400
Library Materials & Programs	241,500	232,000
Total	1,902,899	1,850,882

It is anticipated that the proposed budget will result in a change in the tax rate of not more than 1 cent per thousand of assessed value.

REVENUES

	2024-2025	2023-2024
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	72,205	65,000
Fines & Lost Materials	1,500	1,500
Interest From Investments	12,000	4,000
Cash Grants	12,000	20,000
Local Revenues	30,000	25,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	100,357	108,742
Total Revenues Before Property Taxes	228,062	224,242
Property Tax Levy	1,674,837	1,626,640
Total:	1,902,899	1,850,882

**Library Board: Craig Maguire, President; Linda Clarkson, Vice-President; Mary Lou Carpinella, Pamela Fallesen, Mary Schmutz, Frank Valchine, Mary Anne Williams
Library Director, Meg Van Patten**



159,197 Library Visits
 174,500 Website Visits
 3,239 Hours Open
 23,867 Active Library Card Users
 341,687 Items Checked Out
 151,803 Uses of Electronic Resources
 187,686 Collection Size
 88,000 WiFi Sessions
 6,945 Patrons Attended Programs
 12,425 Questions Were Answered
 7,468 Public Computer Users



The library continues to be a busy and growing place..

We have seen the Friends of the Library revitalized. Several folks stepped up to take leadership roles in the Friends Group. They are off to a great start helping with the book sale, creating a newsletter, and planning excellent programs.

After much planning and hard work on behalf of many people, the Maryella and Elizabeth Children's Corner has become a reality. K.C. VerHage, the new children's services librarian started his first job as a librarian by coming into the job while the children's room was under construction and the collections were spread all over the library. His first action was to purchase miniature shopping carts for kids to use while they picked out their books. He has planned many interesting and fun programs. All with the bonus of having a wonderful space that has been designed to make children feel welcome. We are grateful to Tom and Maureen Annal for creating a beautiful legacy in memory of their daughters Maryella and Elizabeth. It is a space that will delight many children for years to come as they enjoy the kid friendly space while they read, work on the computers, and use their imagination with the toys.



We are grateful to Assemblyman Magnarelli and the estate of Barbara Aitken for the funding that made the long held dream of a canal boat for the children to explore a reality. Thank you also to local residents, and designers of the Bville Library, Bruce and Terri King, who created the boat.

Retired Art Teacher Mike Conway volunteered a countless number of hours to design and install a mural around the canal boat. He researched the canal era to create a true representation. He also meticulously spent many hours creating a beautiful depiction of Maryella and Elizabeth and their beloved dog.



Little did I know when I walked in the door of the Oswego St location back in 1979 to interview for the position of assistant and reference librarian that it was the start of an awesome 45 years. Looking back, it is wonderful to see how the library has grown from a collection of books, magazines and record albums to a collection that encompasses many formats that meet the needs of the library patrons. Our first computer was an Apple IIe with a green screen and text only. Then one day, I was at a meeting in Albany and I came back and said we need to look at this Internet thing. I ended up obtaining a grant that paid for our first Internet connection back when most folks said Interwhat? We have come a long way from the text only, 9600 baud dialup connection.

Over the last 45 years I have had many amazing opportunities as a result of my work at Bville Library, made many friends and great community connections. Baldwinsville is a great community in so many ways and I am proud to have been a part of it. However, after 45 years, it is time to step back and make way for new folks to explore ways to have the library continue to be an important asset and connection to the Baldwinsville community.



I will miss many things about being a staff member of the library. I know that the library will be in great hands, as the staff is an awesome group of people who are committed to the role of the library. They are truly a great team of folks who work well together and are interested in providing great service to the community. I wish them well as they move forward.

Thank you to the community for the opportunity to serve you. Baldwinsville will always have a special place in my heart.

*Meg Van Patten,
 Library Director*

