

2026/2027 Budget Information for Voters

Tax levy increase from 2025/26: \$42,533
Total request from tax levy: \$1,772,211
Total budget from all sources: \$1,986,611
Total budget increase from all sources: \$47,533

The proposed increase is \$42,533 from property tax support over the 2025/2026 appropriation.

The proposed increase, if approved by voters, will be applied to increased operating costs, maintaining library collections and services, computer access, library programs, access to collections, and services via our web site.

How is the money used?

To sustain library operations and provide services.

In 2025– 86,584 people visited the library.
20,825 people have library cards.
211,329 items were borrowed (physical & digital)
20,586 reference questions were answered.
9273 adults, children, teens and families attended 343 library programs.
179,374 WiFi Sessions

Library services include:

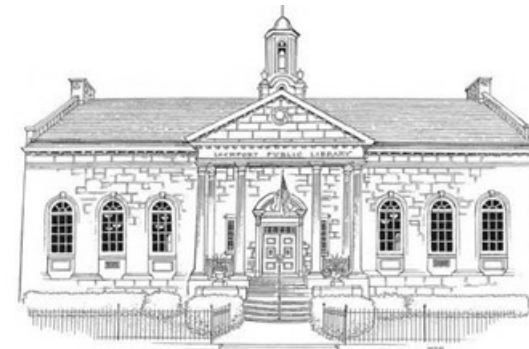
- A broad collection of materials including a variety of formats: books, large print books, CDs, DVDs & BluRays, audio books, magazines, and downloadable e-books, magazines, music and audio books, as well as personalized service to help you find information.
- Access to the Internet and online databases, including a wireless connection for people with electronic devices.
- A community meeting room that serves over 80 organizations at no cost.
- An offering of programs at no cost for children, teens and adults.
- A community gathering place to read, think, create and communicate.

**Lockport Public Library
Budget Vote**

April 9, 2026 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
2026/27 proposed budget

Public Information Meeting
March 26, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
Community Meeting Room

**You must be a registered voter in the
Lockport City School District to vote.**



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	2025/2026 Approved	2026/2027 Proposed	Yr to Yr Change
Income:			
Property Tax	1,729,678	1,772,211	42,533
Other Gov't Revenue	73,000	73,000	0
Library Charges	10,000	10,000	0
Other Revenue	126,400	131,400	5,000
Total Revenue (incr/(decr))	\$1,939,078	\$1,986,611	\$47,533

Expenses:			
Public Service Staff	860,000	880,000	20,000
Custodial Staff	130,000	130,000	0
Personnel Benefits	369,000	377,000	8,000
Materials Expense	205,078	210,611	5,533
Library Program Supplies	2,500	2,500	0
Online Circulation/Catalog	33,000	33,000	0
Computer Expense incl. Maint	49,000	49,000	0
Utilities	61,900	64,900	3,000
Bldg. Repairs & Maint	76,000	79,000	3,000
Furniture & Equipment	4,000	4,000	0
Office & Library Supplies	14,500	14,500	0
Telephone & Communications	9,000	9,000	0
Insurances	31,000	37,000	6,000
Freight & Postage	6,000	6,000	0

	2025/2026 Approved	2026/2027 Proposed	Yr to Yr Change
Expenses:			
Printing & Publicity	4,000	4,000	0
Security Costs	34,000	36,000	2,000
Professional Fees	39,000	39,000	0
Other Operating Expenses	11,100	11,100	0
	\$1,939,078	\$1,986,611	\$47,533

ABOUT THE VOTE:

The Small Cities School District law allows you to vote on any increase in the annual appropriation from tax levy for the Lockport Public Library. The vote is held every year. **This is not a new tax.** The library has always received most of its funding from taxes.

THE LIBRARY BUDGET PROPOSITION:

The Lockport Public Library is a school district library, which means that it is chartered to serve the same geographic location as the school district. It receives most of its funding from taxes raised by the tax levy. The Library Board of Trustees has proposed an increase of \$42,533 in the tax levy to support the library's operating budget for fiscal year 2026/2027. This is the amount allowable under the Tax Cap. **You are voting "yes" or "no" on the proposed increase.**