

# 2025 Budget Vote and Trustee Election Tuesday, August 20, 2024

## Voter Registration:

You must be registered to vote in the Town of Mamakating by **August 6th** in order to vote in this election.

## Absentee Ballots:

Absentee ballots will be available at the library circulation desk beginning **August 8th**. Ballots must be received by **August 20th** to be counted.

## Budget Information Meeting:

**August 6th**, 5:00pm at the Mamakating Library

## Budget Vote & Trustee Election:

Tuesday, August 20th 2024, 12:00pm-9:00pm at the Mamakating Library



# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2023 2024



## Proposed 2025 Mamakating Library Budget Summary

The library is committed to providing excellent service to our community, now & in the future. The 2025 Proposed Budget reflects this commitment by allocating funding to maintain our building, collections, & programs, increasing the budget for digital materials & technology, & increasing our capital reserve funding to prepare for the future. The addition of a part-time media/marketing manager, general inflation, rising insurance premiums, & increased utilities costs have the most impact on the proposed budget.

Anticipated Expenditures	2024	2025
Staffing Expenses	223,900	253,720
Library Materials	48,800	50,900
Insurance	22,340	23,150
Programming	2,650	3,010
Professional Services	15,860	16,900
Utilities	9,250	10,000
Building & Grounds	14,140	14,000
Mortgage	26,200	29,220
Capital Reserve	5,000	6,000
Misc. Operating Expenses	11,300	18,400
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>379,440</b>	<b>425,300</b>

Anticipated Revenues	2024	2025
Interest & Earnings	100	12,000
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,900
Grants & Donations		
State Aid	3,340	3,100
Fund Balance Use		15,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7,440</b>	<b>35,000</b>

**Proposed Tax Appropriation**      372,000      390,300

This proposed budget increase will amount to about \$3.40 per \$100,000 of assessed property value—less than the price of a cup of coffee.



By implementing this increase, we can maintain the services and value that you require and expect.

## MAMAKATING LIBRARY

128 Sullivan Street  
PO Box 806  
Wurtsboro, NY 12790





## HOURS

Monday      10AM - 5PM  
Tuesday      10AM - 7PM  
Wednesday      10AM - 5PM  
Thursday      10AM - 7PM  
Friday      10AM - 5PM  
Saturday      10AM - 4PM

## CONTACT US

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# A message from the Director:

What a year this has been! In the fall of 2023 the Mamakating Library officially became a Certified Sustainable Library. We completed over 175 tasks ranging from evaluating our purchasing policies, to putting in a generator, to building resilient partnerships with surrounding community organizations. We are so proud of this accomplishment and look forward to continuing our work in this area in the future.



Last summer we had our highest ever number of participants in the summer reading program, with almost 200 children dedicating at least 20 minutes a day to reading all summer. We are already looking forward to what this summer will bring.

We are also very proud to report that the library calculated a 705% return on the taxpayers investment last year—providing access to over \$2.8 million in materials & services to our community.

We are ever grateful to all of our patrons, volunteers, Friends group members, and community supporters. We couldn't do all that we do without you.

*Cheryl Jones*



**Cheryl Jones**, Library Director

## Mission Statement

The Mamakating Library provides quality materials, services and programs which fulfill educational, informational, cultural and recreational needs of the community we serve in an atmosphere that is welcoming and respectful. The library commits to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our programming and collection and strives to continually strengthen our community capacity for resilience through partnerships with community organizations.

## Mamakating Library Board of Trustees

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- Pamela Rice, Secretary
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novels for all  
ages



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navigating  
resources for  
Veterans

## Mamakating Library HIGHLIGHTS



Partnership w/ the Food Pantry gives over 75 crock pots to local families



2nd Annual Tiny Art exhibit showcases over 45 local artists



A grant received through First Book & Build-a-Bear gives 50 books & bears to local children.



Friends of the Library begin the Book Fairies Program



A new video game collection is available to the community



Our New Generator is installed



Catskilled: Poetry for Healing Plaque installed

# LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS

The library has had a wonderful year full of events & activities. The figures below illustrate the significant contributions made by the Mamakating Library to our community. The statistics were drawn from our 2023 Annual Report to the State of New York.

<b>303</b> new library cards	<b>22,000+</b> wifi users	<b>23,954</b> physical items checked out	<b>8,110</b> e-books/audio books downloaded	<b>2,031</b> public computer uses
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<b>2,744</b> total card holders	<b>25%</b> of Mamakating residents hold library cards
<b>15,548</b> library visitors	<b>39,346</b> visits to our website

### PROGRAMS & EVENTS

<b>288</b> programs offered	<b>3,083</b> program attendance
<b>220+</b> volunteer hours	<b>42</b> community partners

