

2026 Budget Vote and Trustee Election Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Voter Registration:
You must be registered to vote in the Town of Mamakating by **August 5th** in order to vote in this election.

Absentee Ballots:
Absentee ballots will be available at the library circulation desk beginning **August 6th**. Ballots must be received by **August 19th** to be counted.

Meet the Candidates Night & Budget Information Meeting :
August 5th, 6:00pm at the Mamakating Library

Budget Vote & Trustee Election:
Tuesday, August 19th 2025, 3:00pm-8:00pm at the Mamakating Library



Proposed 2026 Mamakating Library Budget Summary

The library is committed to providing excellent service to our community, now & in the future. The 2026 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 increase in summer staffing, general inflation, rising insurance premiums, & increased utilities costs have the most impact on the proposed budget.

Anticipated Expenditures	2025	2026
Staffing Expenses	253,720	281,700
Library Materials	50,900	55,800
Insurance	23,150	26,150
Programming	3,010	3,550
Professional Services	16,900	17,600
Utilities	10,000	10,000
Building & Grounds	14,000	14,250
Mortgage	29,220	24,000
Capital Reserve	6,000	6,250
Misc. Operating Expenses	18,400	22,200
Total Expenditures	425,300	461,500

Anticipated Revenues		
Interest & Earnings	12,000	12,000
Miscellaneous	4,900	6,400
Grants & Donations		
State Aid	3,100	3,100
Fund Balance	15,000	15,000
Total Revenue	35,000	36,500

Proposed Tax Appropriation	390,300	425,000
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This proposed budget increase will amount to about \$6.32 per \$100,000 of assessed property value--less than a paperback book.



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



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2024
2025



MAMAKATING LIBRARY

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

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A message from the Director:

What a year this has been! Last year we became a Certified Sustainable library and this year we continue to pursue more opportunities to increase our sustainable practices and encourage them in our patrons. We introduced a seed library this year, collaborated more with local government, offset our printing usage by planting trees locally, and replaced our flourescent lighting with LEDs.

We recently completed a survey regarding technology needs in our community, so keep an eye out for the changes and upgrades that you asked for coming soon!

We are thrilled to have introduced the Library Speakers Consortium to our program offerings this year. The program brings 2-3 bestselling authors and thought leaders to our library, virtually every month. In just 6 months, over 4000 patrons have participated in these talks.

We are also very proud to report that the library calculated a 575% return on the taxpayers investment last year--providing access to over \$2.5 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.

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ComicsPlus: Manga & graphic novels for all ages



VetNow: for help navigating resources for Veterans

Mamakating Library

HIGHLIGHTS

Story Trail opens--encouraging families to connect, explore nature, and practice literacy skills together



Partnership w/ the Food Pantry gives over 75 boxes of Cereal to local families



The Friends of the Library Book Fairies Program expands to include free bookshelves in two local businesses.



Over 90 Trees were planted by children to celebrate Earth Day



Moonlight Bike Rides got even more fun w/ Catskill Claws leading the way!



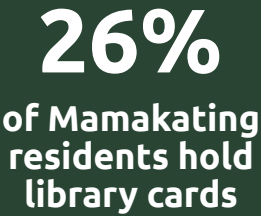
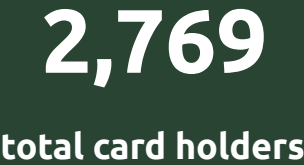
The S. David Phraner Local History Collection debuts



The new Seed Library helps make gardening accessible to all

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 2024 Annual Report to the State of New York.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

