

**MLD Trustees Meeting – May 13, 2026**  
**TENTATIVE AGENDA – SUBJECT TO ADDITIONS AND/OR CHANGE**  
(\* - Action Items)

**Call to Order/Attendance**

**Adoption of agenda\***

**Minutes – April 2026\***

- Motion to approve the April meeting minutes

**Finance Report -**

- Motion to approve abstract of vouchers\*

**Director’s Report**

**Committee Reports**

- Strategic Planning- No Report
- Policy/ By-Law- No Report
- Building and Grounds- No Report
- Budget/ Finance- No Report

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- Election Timeline Approval
  - Motion to approve the timeline for petitions & balloting for the 2027 Budget Referendum and Trustee Election as presented/amended.
- Mailed Newsletter Approval
  - Motion to approve the newsletter for mailing to the public as presented/amended.
- Engagement Letter with attorney
  - Motion to allow the BOT President to sign the engagement letter with Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna to review our proposed Employee Manual.
- Summer Staffing Needs
  - Motion to approve budget adjustment to allow for more staffing during busy summer months (July/August).

**Policy review/ revisions:**

**Privilege of the Floor - Public Comment- 3-minute limit per person**

**Adjournment**

## **MLD Trustees Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2026**

**Call to Order** meeting started 6:10pm

Present:

Patricia Andersen, Thomas DePaulo, Chelsea Roth, Pamela Mann, Sam Meyer, Jennifer Holmes, Mark Tourtellott & Cheryl Jones

Absent & Excused: None

### **Adoption of agenda**

Motion Chelsea Roth

Second Jennifer Holmes

In favor all

Motion: passed

### **Adoption of Minutes for March 2026**

Motion Sam Meyer

Second Chelsea Roth

In favor all

Motion passed

### **Finance Report**

#### **Approve abstract of vouchers**

Motion Pamela Mann

In favor all

Motion passed

### **Director's Report**

Committee Reports:

- Strategic Planning- Update including community Survey
- Policy/ By-Law- No Report
- Building and Grounds- No Report
- Budget/ Finance- Proposed Budget

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

#### **Proposed Community Survey for Strategic Plan**

Approval of the community survey and distribution plan as amended

Motion Jennifer Holmes

Second Pamela Mann

In favor all

Motion passed

### **2027 Tax Cap Override**

#### **Motion to exceed the Tax Cap for the 2026 Mamakating Library Budget**

Whereas, the adoption of the 2027 budget for the Mamakating Library requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in

2011 and; Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; Now therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Mamakating Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2027 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on April 8th 2026.

Motion Sam Meyer  
Second Jennifer Holmes  
In favor all  
Motion passed

**Proposed 2027 Budget**

Motion to approve the proposed 2027 Operational Budget as amended  
Motion Thomas DePaulo  
Second Pamela Mann  
In favor all  
Motion passed

Policy review/ revisions: None

Privilege of the Floor - Public Comment- 3-minute limit per person  
None

**Meeting Adjourned 7:08 PM**

Motion Chelsea Roth  
Second Mark Tourtellott  
In favor all  
Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Tourtellott  
Secretary

**MAY 2026**

<b>Voucher #</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amt</b>	<b>Note</b>
0526-01	Orange & Rockland	\$ 291.93	Autopays 5/26
0526-02	Frontier	\$ 590.53	autopays 5/18
0526-03	VISA (CJ)	\$ 465.60	autopays 5/21
0526-04	OverDrive	\$ 327.62	ebooks/audio books
0526-05	Wells Fargo	\$ 103.00	autopays 5/21
0526-06	Bookazine	\$ 748.96	Books
0526-07	Patiana McMahon	\$ 75.00	Program
0526-08	Robert Hrabowsky	\$ 720.00	Cleaning
0526-09	RCLS	\$ 3,384.75	IT support
0526-10	Utica National Insurance Group	\$ 54.00	Workers comp. audit
0526-11	Midwest Tape	\$ 449.63	Hoopla
0526-12	PN Fire & Burglar Alarm Co.	\$ 660.00	Alarm monitoring
0526-13	SCLS-Sustainable Libraries Initiative	\$ 50.00	Memberships
0526-14	Cengage Learning Inc.	\$ 121.29	LP books
0526-15	Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP	\$ 1,392.13	Professional services
0526-16	Collaborative Summer Library Program	\$ 185.26	Summer Program
0526-17	Friends of the Library	\$ 120.00	Misc.
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 9,739.70</b>	

**Mamakating Library**  
**Budget vs. Actuals: Budget\_FY26\_P&L - FY26 P&L**  
 January - December 2026

	Actual	Total Budget	% of Budget
<b>Revenue</b>			
<b>A1049 REAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>			
A1001 Real Estate Taxes	425,000	425,000	100.00%
<b>Total A1049 REAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 425,000</b>	<b>\$ 425,000</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>A2499 USE OF MONEY &amp; PROPERTY</b>			
A2401 Interest & Earnings		12,000	0.00%
<b>Total A2499 USE OF MONEY &amp; PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 12,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>A2649 FINES &amp; FORFEITURES</b>			
A4050 Fines income	247	400	61.69%
<b>Total A2649 FINES &amp; FORFEITURES</b>	<b>\$ 247</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>61.69%</b>
<b>A2799 MISCELLANEOUS LOCAL SOURCES</b>			
A2770 Miscellaneous income	1,889	6,000	31.48%
<b>Total A2799 MISCELLANEOUS LOCAL SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 1,889</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>	<b>31.48%</b>
<b>A3099 STATE AID</b>			
A3089.2 State Aid- Grant		3,100	0.00%
<b>Total A3099 STATE AID</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 3,100</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
A4999 Assigned Fund Balance		17,800	0.00%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 427,136</b>	<b>\$ 464,300</b>	<b>92.00%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 427,136</b>	<b>\$ 464,300</b>	<b>92.00%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
<b>A7999 CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>			
<b>A7410.1 Library- Personal Services</b>			
7410.11 Clerical	52,047	159,037	32.73%
7410.12 Librarian	29,521	85,963	34.34%
<b>Total A7410.1 Library- Personal Services</b>	<b>\$ 81,568</b>	<b>\$ 245,000</b>	<b>33.29%</b>
<b>A7410.2 Library- Equipment</b>			
7410.21 Equipment expense	412	2,000	20.60%
<b>Total A7410.2 Library- Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 412</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>20.60%</b>
<b>A7410.4 Library- Contractual Expenses</b>			
7410.41 Books	6,009	15,000	40.06%
7410.405 Digital Media	3,921	13,000	30.16%
<b>Total 7410.41 Books</b>	<b>\$ 9,930</b>	<b>\$ 28,000</b>	<b>35.46%</b>
7410.42 Periodicals	317	600	52.90%
7410.43 Audio/Visual	758	2,200	34.47%
7410.47 Cleaning Service	2,000	8,200	24.39%
7410.48 Elections		400	0.00%
7410.52 Memberships	1,550	2,800	55.36%
7410.53 Miscellaneous expense	101	600	16.92%
7410.54 Professional Fees			
101 Accounting Fees		7,000	0.00%

102 Legal Fees		2,000	0.00%
<b>Total 7410.54 Professional Fees</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
7410.55 Postage and Delivery	14	3,700	0.37%
7410.56 Program	2,092	2,850	73.40%
7410.565 Program Supplies		700	0.00%
<b>Total 7410.56 Program</b>	<b>\$ 2,092</b>	<b>\$ 3,550</b>	<b>58.93%</b>
7410.57 DEBT Service Principal & Interest		24,000	0.00%
7410.58 Building & Grounds R&M			
7410.581 Repairs		6,000	0.00%
7410.582 Maintenance	879	3,500	25.11%
7410.583 Landscaping	1,620	4,750	34.11%
<b>Total 7410.58 Building &amp; Grounds R&amp;M</b>	<b>\$ 2,499</b>	<b>\$ 14,250</b>	<b>17.54%</b>
7410.59 Office expense	1,569	4,000	39.21%
7410.60 Telecom	1,775	5,000	35.50%
7410.61 Utilities	3,412	10,000	34.12%
7410.62 Technology	6,955	22,500	30.91%
7410.85 RCLS Service Fee	1,917	2,500	76.68%
7410.86 Meetings & Conference	1,835	3,850	47.66%
7410.87 Travel & Mileage	85	250	34.03%
<b>Total A7410.4 Library- Contractual Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 36,809</b>	<b>\$ 145,400</b>	<b>25.32%</b>
<b>Total A7999 CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>\$ 118,789</b>	<b>\$ 392,400</b>	<b>30.27%</b>
<b>A9199 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>			
A9010.7 Payroll Taxes		19,500	0.00%
A9030.8 Insurance			
9030.81 Disability	1,488	1,400	106.28%
9030.82 Hospitalization		18,000	0.00%
9030.83 Workers' Compensation		1,600	0.00%
9030.84 Property Liability		4,000	0.00%
9030.85 Directors and Officers	1,008	1,150	87.65%
<b>Total A9030.8 Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 2,496</b>	<b>\$ 26,150</b>	<b>9.54%</b>
A9040.0 Pension Expense		20,000	0.00%
<b>Total A9199 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$ 2,496</b>	<b>\$ 65,650</b>	<b>3.80%</b>
Capital Reserve		6,250	0.00%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 121,285</b>	<b>\$ 464,300</b>	<b>26.12%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 305,850</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	
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**Mamakating Library**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
 May 13th, 2026  
 Director's Report



**Building & Grounds:**

- Nothing to report

**Closings/Service Interruptions & Generator Statistics:**

- Generator has run for 88.6 hours total as of 5/5 (2 hours in April)

**Programming:**

- Report attached

**Program Totals:**

- 30 Adult Programs serving 288 patrons
- 9 Patrons received dedicated Tech Help time
- 9 Youth Programs serving 133 patrons
- 6 Teen Volunteer worked 22 Hours



Non-Fiction Book Club using the Patio Space to enjoy the sunshine while they talk books!

**IT/ILS, Website, & Technical Services:**

- Computer Users: 189
- Wi-Fi Users: 1831
- Jane is working hard behind the scenes on an updated website and program registration solution for us. It is going very well and she is making tweaks according to our exact needs. We are hoping it will be ready for unveiling by the end of the year.

**Circulation/Registration:**

**Previous Month's Physical Circulation**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	2206	2231	2487	2400	1823	2040	1882	2195	2006	2092
February	1973	1956	2088	2169	1335	1840	1531	1925	2124	2097
March	2414	2225	2093	1180	1929	2110	1734	2264	2288	2094
April	2331	2013	2064	--	1710	1751	1705	2165	1977	2233
May	2121	2161	2180	--	1644	1636	1667	2026	2034	
June	2539	2288	2292	233	1909	1836	1818	1963	1932	
July	3150	2640	2682	939	2225	2232	2628	2457	2634	
August	2941	2760	2742	948	1870	2195	2822	2307	2666	
September	2440	2015	2310	1224	1904	1597	2276	2075	2377	
October	2166	2273	2239	1323	1969	1404	2029	2045	2170	
November	2214	2309	1956	1496	2126	1492	1947	1964	2166	
December	1704	2000	1924	1600	1991	1362	1918	1764	1821	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,199</b>	<b>24,871</b>	<b>25,133</b>	<b>13,512</b>	<b>22,435</b>	<b>23,517</b>	<b>23,957</b>	<b>25,150</b>	<b>26,195</b>	<b>8516</b>

## Previous Month's New User Registrations

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	29	14	19	19	9	17	19	17	21	18
February	16	18	12	20	8	16	12	12	11	14
March	12	22	9	4	15	12	12	14	33	30
April	28	23	18	2	8	21	11	31	16	29
May	24	16	15	3	6	21	16	22	17	
June	24	30	28	0	12	16	30	17	30	
July	34	32	32	8	34	41	42	39	42	
August	28	22	31	12	28	35	48	24	37	
September	26	14	31	9	23	21	22	18	24	
October	28	16	21	8	10	19	62	36	21	
November	28	10	11	6	12	20	21	22	32	
December	28	11	8	7	10	12	8	12	9	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>91</b>

## Digital Collections:

### Overdrive Circulation

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	323	305	394	486	603	658	598	709
February	264	229	429	400	508	635	591	640
March	334	298	444	439	552	642	632	761
April	293	475	338	448	564	544	604	644
May	291	497	408	495	537	600	627	
June	344	409	362	559	448	547	634	
July	296	373	404	552	438	640	602	
August	284	311	474	578	522	596	577	
September	272	314	427	499	524	565	581	
October	236	323	367	510	582	579	537	
November	205	334	419	506	569	583	544	
December	209	320	405	546	537	599	596	
Total	<b>3142</b>	<b>4188</b>	<b>4871</b>	<b>6018</b>	<b>6384</b>	<b>7188</b>	<b>7123</b>	<b>2754</b>



**Left:** A Dad at our weekly coffee/playdate parenting meetup reads to some of the kids.

**Right:** A member of our monthly writer group shares his writings at a Western Outlaws themed event.



Unique Patron Access				
Hoopla				
	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	36	54	67	69
February	42	53	61	70
March	49	55	64	74
April	35	44	62	65
May	36	56	58	
June	37	59	62	
July	39	58	62	
August	38	60	57	
September	36	68	66	
October	50	67	66	
November	37	53	68	
December	39	62	69	
Total:	474	689	762	278

Overall Circulations Report				
Hoopla				
	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	131	178	262	173
February	133	179	236	169
March	137	162	194	191
April	127	167	210	182
May	94	160	273	
June	127	160	262	
July	90	149	211	
August	116	172	202	
September	118	163	195	
October	169	194	200	
November	111	146	186	
December	115	198	198	
Total:	1468	2028	2629	715

### Director’s Meetings & Trainings:

- 4/3 SLI Office Hours
- 4/8 Director’s Association Meeting
- 4/8 Trustees Meeting
- 4/10 SUPLA Meeting
- 4/11 FOL Meeting
- 4/13 ALA Sustainability Round table Resources Committee
- 4/14 Direct Access Committee Meeting
- 4/15 Last meeting of LIS 503 Class
- 4/20 System Services Meeting
- 4/24 Visit from NYS Assembly Member Paula Kay
- 4/26 Tea Party Prep Meeting

### Staff Development:

- All Staff will be completing a training from Niche Academy on Research and Reference sources we have available to us by the end of this month.

### Media Report:

- See Attached

### Friends of the Library News:

- The Friends a Tea Party (a joint venture with MEEC) is going to become an annual event! It was such a success. A beautiful day with supporters of both organizations enjoying each other’s company—a perfect yearly spring fundraiser!
- The Book Fairies attended Spring Fling on 5/2 and made 93 decorated ceramic teacups with visitors of all ages. They also gave out about 100 children’s books and library programming information to visitors.
- The Book Fairies were asked to create something to take Teacher’s at Chase School during teacher appreciation week. They came up with a fun project and will be distributing in May.



A young patron shows off his prize for reading 300 Books on his journey to 1000 Books before Kindergarten!

**Other News:**

- April Patron Count: 3254 patrons
- Focus Groups have been completed and notes from RCLS facilitators have been received. They will be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee.

**Director’s Activities:**

- Annual report has been submitted to DLD by RCLS. A copy is available in the board portal.
- Survey to the community has begun distribution in digital form through the monthly newsletter and social media. Paper copies will be made available at the library, town hall, and local businesses soon. It will also feature prominently in our mailed newsletter to be distributed in June.
- Working on grant project: Bike Safety Day (coordinating with other agencies and businesses). Will take place in June at the Chase School.
- Working with our attorney to get an engagement letter for review of the Policy & Bylaw Committee’s draft employee manual reviewed by legal team before board approval and implementation.

**Reminders:**

**UPCOMING RCLS TRUSTEE EDUCATION SESSSIONS**

Opioid Overdose Response Training (in-person at RCLS)	6/8 9:30am
Trustee Education: Summer Reading fosters Community Connections (online)	6/10 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Jones, Library Director  
May 6th, 2026

# 2025 Program Stats

## April

ADULT PROGRAMS	Program Title	Intended Audience	Green=Non-Library Programs		Purple = Lib. Service/Non-Lib. Program		1-on-1		ZOOM		Tech Time	Digital Literacy Program	Dig Lit Attendance
			Sync. In-person	Sync in person attendance	Sync. Virtual	Sync. Virtual attendance	Sync. Virtual	Async Virt. #	Async Virt. Attendance				
	Exercise Class	Adults	1	6									
	Exercise Class	Adults	1	7									
	Exercise Class	Adults	1	7									
	Exercise Class	Adults	1	8									
	Virtual Author Visits	Adults			1	0	1						
	Virtual Author Visits	Adults			1	0	1						
	Virtual Author Visits	Adults			1	0	1						
	Virtual Author Visits	Adults			1	1	1						
	Coffee Playdate	Adults	1	22									
	Coffee Playdate	Adults	1	18									
	Coffee Playdate	Adults	1	19									
	Coffee Playdate	Adults	1	24									
	Coffee Playdate	Adults	1	26									
	Tech Help	Adults									3		
	Tech Help	Adults									3		
	Tech Help	Adults									3		
	Strat. Plan Focus Group	Adults	1	8									
	Strat. Plan Focus Group	Adults	1	12									
	VFW art contest Judging	Adults	1	4									
	VFW Art Award Ceremony	Families	1	25									
	Tech Topics with Malcolm	Adults	1	4								1	4
	The Tallest Dwarf Screening	Adults	1	15									
	The Librarians Screening	Adults	1	11									
	BOT Meeting	Adults	1	9									
	FOL Meeting	Adults	1	6									
	Sci-Fi with Lorry	Adults	1	8									
	Local Writers	Adults	1	3									
	Poetry Open Mic	Adults	1	5									
	Foodies	Adults	1	11									
	Local Writers Show	Adults	1	6									
	Non-Fiction Book Club	Adults	1	8									
	Books & Brews	Adults	1	5									
	Books & Tea	Adults	1	10									
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>



# Media & Press Report

APRIL 2026

## Facebook:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Reach	9,645	8,770	6,138	8,385									
Engagement	456	520	412	640									
Likes	1,408	1,414	1,432	1,440									
New Likes	5	6	18	8									
New Follows	9	11	15	13									
Original Posts	47	54	39	54									
Total Followers	1,408	1,414	1,432	1,440									

## Facebook Notes:

- Our total views for our page was 19,774 which is up from March by almost 9%. Our page views are “how many times our content was played or displayed,” explained by Facebook meta-analysis. This is significant because these views are happening organically, or purely by the viewers’ selections, not from any ads. As an interesting highlight, the largest spike in page views was on April 8 which happened to be the day we posted a picture of our director, Cheryl. The post was a lighthearted dig at her fashion of the day matching the famous, Where’s Waldo brand. The post was Cheryl’s idea and our social media photographer just happened to be at the library that day.
- The following statement appeared in a banner on Facebook Meta Business Suite: “Views data affected for April 1–4, 2026, From April 1 – April 4, 2026, views data may be undercounted due to a temporary reporting issue. Actual content distribution was not affected. The issue has been resolved, but data for this period may not fully reflect actual performance.”

## Instagram:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Views	6,682	6,921	4,428	7,009									
Engagement/ Reach	25/ 347	41/ 538	15/ 315	27/ 106									
Interactions	171	354	86	188									
Profile Visits	58	55	42	47									
Original Posts	30	42	31	34									
Total Followers	567	567	573	577									

## Instagram Notes:

- Our views were up by 2,581 and our number of viewers rose to 612 from 321 in March. This rise could be due to our partnership with Two Farms Brewing for the Books and Brews event. Two Farms Brewing has a strong Instagram following and when we are tagged in their event posts, we benefit by getting a wider audience. In the future, we could experiment with different ways to retain this short-lived audience.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alethea Pape (5/7/26)

# MAMAKATING LIBRARY TRUSTEE ELECTION & BUDGET REFERENDUM

**AUGUST 2026**

*CHECK LIST (Internal Document)*

## **Monday, June 29th (week of June 30th)**

- Petition notice posted at 3 community locations & on library website
- Petitions will be available at the Library beginning June 30th
- Reserve Community Room for Tuesday 8/18 election
- Solicit two election inspectors & election secretary

## **Board Meeting July 8th**

- Board to determine timeline for absentee ballots. Dates for requesting ballots, means of securing ballots and postmark dates for return ballots to be agreed upon and included in pending election notices

## **Mid-July**

- Request voter registration lists from Sullivan County Board of Elections
- Schedule verification of signatures w/ election secretary

## **Friday, July 25th**

- Completed petitions due to library by end of business (petitions due back by Friday, July 25th)
- Election Secretary will verify petition signatures against voter registration lists
- Confirm election inspectors/poll workers for election day

## **Week of July 28th**

- Preparation of ballot for presentation to Board of Trustees

## **Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> (meeting needs to be moved to accommodate election timeline)**

- Meet the Candidates & Budget Hearing night 6:00pm (prior to regular meeting)
- Board of Trustees to verify nominees at August 12th meeting
- Checks for election inspector/poll workers should be approved
- Prepare public notice of pending election and nominated candidates
- Send legal notice to Sullivan Co. Democrat to run for two weeks prior to election — fax 887-5386, office 887-5200 (Run dates: August 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> –Democrat (newspaper of record) Runs Tuesdays and Fridays)
- Public notice of pending election & nominated candidates to 3 community locations, library website, social media & library's outdoor sign
- Absentee Ballots available at circulation desk & via request to be mailed (beginning August 4th)

## **Tuesday, August 18th — ELECTION DAY (3:00–8:00pm)**

- Absentee Ballots must be received by 8/18
- Election held in Library 3–8pm
- Inspectors sign oath; fill out vouchers for payment if requested
- Fill in certification form and file with Board & County Clerk\* (See attached for new requirements for what must be submitted to County Clerk)
- Results sent to board members after tabulation

## **Wednesday, August 19th**

- Notifications regarding results sent to social media, news outlets, Town of Mamakating, etc.

## New Election Result Reporting Requirements:

In accordance with Dr. John L. Flateau's Voting and Elections Database and the Academic Center of New York Act, libraries are legally required to report the results of all trustee elections and budget votes.

The following information must be submitted to the County Board of Elections:

1. Vote totals broken down by election district. (We only have one district—the Mamakating Library District)
2. A list of individuals who voted (excluding how they voted), enabling analysis of neighborhood and demographic participation. (Voter sign in sheet)
3. Counts of valid and invalid ballots, including specific reasons for any rejections. (Vote count sheet will give space for election officials to fill this out)

Submission deadlines are as follows:

- **School/Library Districts:** Within 90 days of the vote.
- **Board of Elections:** Within 10 days of the vote.

Please note that implementation of this requirement will commence on **April 1, 2026**.

Should you have any questions or require assistance to ensure compliance, please do not hesitate to contact the County Board of Elections.

# Between the Bookends



Annual Library Newsletter & Report to the Community

Summer 2026

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## Library Closings

Independence Day  
Saturday, July 4th

Labor Day  
Monday, September 7th

Indigenous Peoples & Columbus  
Monday, October 12th

Veterans Day  
Wednesday, November 11th

Thanksgiving  
Thursday, November 26th  
Friday, November 27th

Weather related closings  
will be announced on the library  
website & social media.



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## *The Library Needs Your Input: Take the Survey Today*



Your library is yours — and we want to make sure it serves your needs. We're conducting a short community survey to help us plan for the future, and your voice matters more than you might think. Whether you visit us every week or haven't stopped in for a while, we want to hear from you. The more responses we receive, the better we can understand the full range of needs across our

community — and the stronger the case we can make for the programs and resources that matter most to you.

The survey is just 12 questions and takes only 5–10 minutes to complete. Grab a cup of coffee and let us know what you think! You can fill it out online by scanning the QR code above, or pick up a paper copy at the library.

As a thank-you, everyone who completes the survey will have the option to enter a drawing for gift cards to local businesses. Please complete the survey by August 1st — and thank you for helping us build a library that truly serves our community!

Have you met our new library mascot? **Sprout** was designed by local artist Elana Sahagun & introduced in 2025. Community members & students at our local schools helped choose the name Sprout. You'll surely see Sprout around town promoting library services & encouraging everyone to grow their knowledge in the coming years!



All programs require registration unless otherwise noted. Register by calling the library or by visiting [mamakatinglibrary.org](http://mamakatinglibrary.org).

All programs are subject to change. For information on Special Programs visit our website.

## Ongoing Adult Programs

### Parent's Coffee Klastch

Every Wednesday at 11:15 am

Meet local parents to build a support network together. Laugh about the silly things our kids do, and troubleshoot the struggles with others. Coffee discounts thru our partner, The Coffee Way Café. (Kids welcome too). **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



### Tech Topics

First Saturdays at 12:00pm

Join Malcolm to learn about a different technology topic each month. Bring your device if you have specific questions. If time permits, Malcolm is happy to assist you in troubleshooting.

### Books & Tea (Monthly Book Club)

Third Tuesdays at 2:30pm

Studies show we get the most out of reading when we discuss it with others. Join us for a lively discussion each month. Copies of the current book are available at the library circulation desk and via Libby.

July 21: *Darling Girls* by Sally Hepworth

August 18: *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

September 15: *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans



## Library Speakers Consortium Author Talks

3 Best-Selling Authors and Thought Leaders Join Us  
Virtually Each Month

June 23rd at 2pm: Simple, Sustainable, and Powerfully Delicious Meals with **Sana Javeri Kadri** and **Asha Loupy**

July 14th at 7pm: Small Towns and Big Secrets: In Conversation with **Bestselling Author Karin Slaughter**

July 16th at 2pm: Migrant Heart: The Hidden Cost of the American Dream and Healing Through Storytelling with **Reyna Grande**

July 28th at 2pm: The Power of Connection: Creating Lasting Friendships in an Increasingly Lonely World with **Dr. Marisa Franco**

Register by calling the library at 845-888-8004 or via [library.org/mamakatinglibrary](http://library.org/mamakatinglibrary)

### Fearless Foodies—Culinary Club

Third Tuesdays at 1:00pm

Join our Fearless Foodies as they tackle a new cuisine each month. Bring a dish to share with new & old friends.

July Theme: 250 Years of All-American Fare

August Theme: Summer Salads

September Theme: Garden's Bounty



### Books & Brews w/ Two Farms Brewing

June 14th, August 23rd, October 18th at 12:30pm

Join us for Books & Brews at Two Farms Brewing in Bloomingburg. The books will be available on Libby or at the library prior to the events. Upcoming books:

June: *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

August: *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid

October: *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid



### Pages & Perspectives (Non-Fiction Book Club)

Last Mondays at 2:00pm

Join Rose each month to explore memoirs, biographies, self-help, history, and so much more in the world of non-fiction titles.

Copies of the current book are available at the library circulation desk and via Libby.

July: *Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter*

August: *The Unthinkable: Who Survives When Disaster Strikes*

September: *The Damnation Island*



### Sci-Fi with the Science Guy

Third Thursdays at 5:00pm

Join Professor Lorry Green for a monthly movie night featuring classic Sci-Fi movies and discussion about the sometimes "questionable" science. Popcorn is always provided!

July: *Outbreak* (1995)

August: *Jurassic Park* (1993)

September: *Five Million Years to Earth* (1967)



### Local Writers' Group

Last Fridays at 10:30am

Led by Local Writer Alethea Pape

Join us as we share our work, discuss techniques, and become better writers together.



### ERHN Exercise Class & Walking Group

Tuesdays at 10am (Indoors in bad weather or Walking Outdoors in nice weather)

Led by an instructor from the Ellenville Regional Rural Health Network. When the weather is bad we will do a class indoors and if the weather is nice we will walk the trails in town together.



Special Events & New Programs are always being added. Check our online calendar for the most up-to-date information on programming. Have an idea for programming? Contact [iredzimski@rcls.org](mailto:iredzimski@rcls.org) to make a suggestion.



## Summer Youth Programs

### Foam Party & Lawn Games @ Founders' Day July 11th at 12:00pm (All Ages)

Join us for a soapy good time! We'll fire up the foam cannon and have the giant jenga table going all day!



### Unearth the World

July 7th, Aug. 4th & 11th | 1:30pm (Ages: 5-12)  
Join us as we dig deep to discover what's hidden beneath our feet! Get ready for a day of hands-on exploration and discovery.



### Build-a-Dino Picnic

July 17th and August 7th at 11am (Ages 3-11)  
Join us to build your own stuffed Dino and have a Picnic & storytime together on the lawn.



### Crafternoons w/ Ms. Beth

July 14th & 28th 1:30pm (Ages 5-10)  
Spend an afternoon embracing creativity while enhancing fine motor skills with fun crafts & activities



### Explorer's Club

July 16th, 23rd, 30th @ 12:30pm (Ages 5-12)  
Join us as we explore the natural world and unearth secrets all about plants, dinosaurs, fossils, gems, geodes and much more.



### Builders Brigade- Summer Edition

Mondays at 3:00pm starting 7/7 (Ages 4-12)  
Join us for building challenges each week. Make new friends, challenge your brain, and think creatively.



## Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Registration begins June 22nd

This summer kids & teens are invited to register for summer reading, track their reading, & collect prizes all summer.

Stop in starting June 22nd to get your reading log & other challenge information. We've got an exciting summer planned and you won't want to miss it!

## Ongoing Youth Programs

### Read to Mocha

Second Tuesdays at 4:00pm (ages 3-10)  
Practice your reading skills by reading to Mocha, a therapy dog who loves stories! Bring your favorite book or pick one of ours.



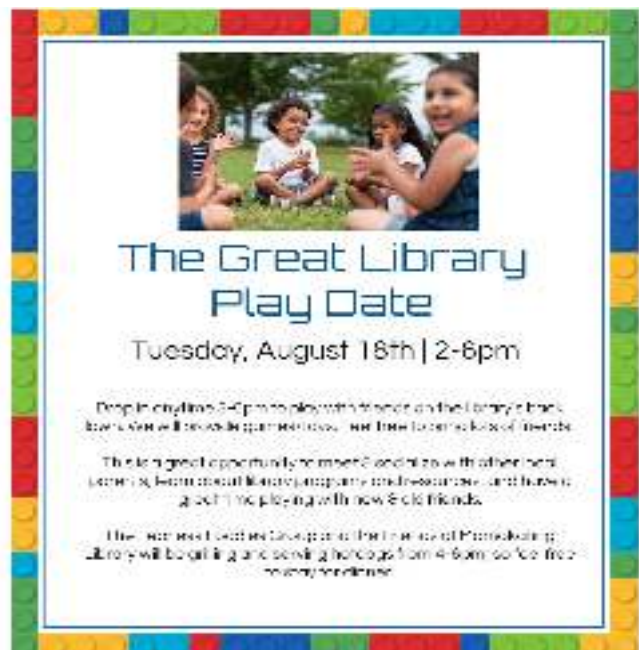
### Curiosity Club

Resuming this Fall (dates TBA)  
Join Ms. Jen for a new science, tech, & engineering activity each month. Past activities include dissecting owl pellets, construction challenges, rocket building/launching, fun with bubbles and more!



### Storytime in the Park

Wednesdays at 10:30am  
Join Ms. Giuliana in Veteran's Park every Wednesday for stories and songs. If the weather is bad, storytime will take place in the children's room at the library.



# Announcements



## Story Trail on the Canal Tow Path

A story walk encourages families to engage in building reading skills, physical activity, and family bonding all at the same time. Our Story Trail begins at the Canal Tow Path trail off Pine Street near the Wurtsboro Firehouse. The featured book will change seasonally so check back often for a new story!

## Seed Library celebrates its 2nd Year!

Thanks to our dedicated Friends of the Library, we had such a successful first year, that we've brought the seed library back again! It's simple, just stop in and pick up to **5 packets of flower, fruit, herb or vegetable seeds** per visit.



## Book Fairies Bring Smiles & Books to Locals



The Book Fairies believe that books belong everywhere. This year the Book Fairies began appearing at local events. Some highlights include Fairy Fest at the Mamakating Environmental Education Center, The Historical Society's Holiday Train Show, WBOT's Spring Fling & Fall Fest, Farmer's Markets, and even Teacher's Appreciation Week at the Chase School.

## Bestsellers Clubs

**Be the first to get your hands on that new Bestselling Novel!**

Join a Bestseller Club at the library today. Over **20 authors** available in **regular and large print**. By joining the club for your favorite author(s) you'll automatically be put on the holds list when we receive a new title by your choice of author. **No more placing individual holds yourself and waiting months for that new title!** Ask at the circulation desk for more information.



## Library Apps & E-Resources

Entertaining, Educational, Accessible



**RCLS Go | Library Catalog**  
Allows you to browse the RCLS catalog, manage your account & place holds on the go.



**Libby | E-books & Audio Books**  
Find thousands of e-books, audio books, & magazines accessible with your card.



**Hoopla | Music, Movies, & TV**  
Stream free music, movies, & TV shows on hoopla for free.



**Comics Plus Library Pass**  
Access Thousands of comics, graphic novels, manga issues here. You can create shelves & lists of favorites to re-read too!



**Mango Languages | Learn a New Language**  
With over 40+ languages to learn, your library can help you master a new language in no time!



**Vet Now | Help for our Veterans**  
Use VetNow to help navigate the many resources and services for Veterans .

## Teen Volunteer Hours Available

Are you a high schooler who needs volunteer hours? Get a jump start on next school year's volunteer hour requirement this summer at the library. Stop by and pick up an application to get started.

### Volunteer tasks may include:

- Program Prep, Set up, & Breakdown
- Gardening Help
- Cleaning & Organization
- Unique Artistic Projects
- Event Help (Founder's Day)



**Are you an adult looking to volunteer?** Join the Friends of Mamakating Library for lots of opportunities to help. Contact [mamakatingfol@gmail.com](mailto:mamakatingfol@gmail.com) for more information.

# Mamakating Library By The Numbers



Number of physical library materials you checked out  
**25,150**



Number of library sponsored programs offered to you  
**427**



Number of digital library materials you checked out  
**9,555**



Number of attendees at library sponsored programs  
**6,180**



Number of your reference questions answered  
**5,558**



Number of your Wi-Fi and internet sessions  
**21,237**

## Top Checkouts in 2025

Museum Pass



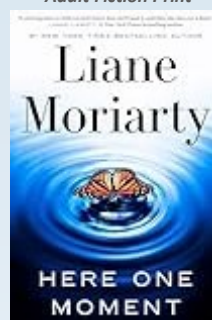
Video Game



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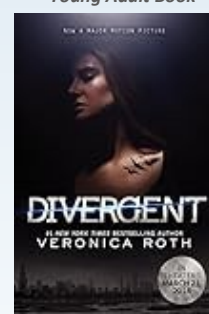
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Young Adult Graphic Novel



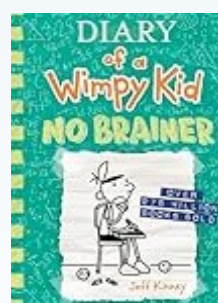
Children's Graphic Novel



Children's Non-Fiction



Children's Fiction



Children's Picture Book



# Community Events



## Farmers Market & Music in the Park

Thursdays  
5:00-8:00pm  
On 3rd Street

June 11th thru  
September 24th



## September is Library Card Sign Up Month!

Get signed up for your Mamakating library card in the month of September and automatically be entered to win an E-reader!\* One adult and one child will be chosen at the end of the month.\*\*

\*The library service area includes the Town of Mamakating within the Monticello, Minisink, & Pine Bush School Districts.

\*\*Drawing Sponsored by the Friends of Mamakating Library

## On Display At The Library New Displays Monthly

Each month the library features a new local artist or local patron's collection at the library. Whether you are a sculptor, fiber artist, watercolorist, jewelry designer or illustrator, or you collect something interesting, the library can be your gallery.



All art forms & collections will be given consideration according to policy. Contact [iredzimski@rcls.org](mailto:iredzimski@rcls.org) for more information on featuring your art or collection in our display space.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for the Founders' Day  
Book Sale Table

**Saturday, July 11th**

Volunteers and Friends of the Library members are always needed to make our outreach efforts a **success!** Join the Friends of Mamakating Library today to be an essential part of what makes this library so wonderful. Friends assist with library programming, outreach, fundraising, gardening, and so much more!

Please contact **Friends President, Megan Comfort** at [mamakatingfol@gmail.com](mailto:mamakatingfol@gmail.com) to join the Friends of the Library, volunteer with us on Founders' Day, or to inquire about further details.

# 2026 Mamakating Library Proposed Operational Budget

## Budget Annotations

**STAFFING EXPENSES** Covers the cost of salaries, benefits, & payroll taxes. The 2027 increase reflects our ongoing commitment to providing cost-of-living adjustments & competitive wages—ensuring that the team who serves our community continues to thrive here.

**LIBRARY MATERIALS** Covers the cost of resources used by the public including books, DVDs, video games, audiobooks, e-books, online databases, magazines, & newspapers. The modest increase in 2027 reflects rising costs from publishers & vendors, consistent with broader inflationary trends across the market.

**INSURANCE** The 2027 increase reflects continued rises in insurance premiums across the industry, driven by inflation & market conditions.

**PROGRAMMING** Covers the cost of library programs & supplies, including the Children’s Summer Reading Program, lectures & presentations, & enrichment programs for people of all ages. The Friends of Mamakating Library continue to provide valuable additional support for programming throughout the year & we partner with many community organizations to offer locally relevant programming. The 2027 increase reflects growing community demand for quality programs & our commitment to meeting the needs of all ages.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES** Includes costs associated with accounting & bookkeeping, attorney & legal fees, elections, & cleaning services. The slight increase in 2027 reflects modest rate adjustments from our service providers.

**UTILITIES** Includes the cost of electricity, heat, & other essential building services. The 2027 increase reflects rising energy costs & fuel prices, which have continued to climb along with inflation.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS** covers maintenance, repairs, & landscaping. Costs remain relatively stable in 2027, with a small increase to account for inflation in materials & contractor rates.

**CAPITAL RESERVE** Our fund set aside for necessary, foreseen projects such as roof repair & parking lot maintenance. In accordance with board policy, the budgeted amount for this line increases by at least the rate of inflation each year.

**MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES** covers office supplies, equipment leases, processing materials, postage, museum & professional organization memberships, telecommunications fees, conferences, & mileage. The 2027 increase reflects incremental cost increases across these categories, driven largely by inflation & rising fuel costs.

Anticipated Expenditures	2026	2027
Staffing Expenses	281,700	304,480
Library Materials	55,800	58,100
Insurance	26,150	27,950
Programming	3,550	5,700
Professional Services	17,600	18,000
Utilities	10,000	12,500
Building & Grounds	14,250	14,500
Mortgage	24,000	24,000
Capital Reserve	6,250	6,750
Misc. Operating Expenses	22,200	24,020
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>461,500</b>	<b>496,000</b>
<b>Anticipated Revenues</b>		
Interest & Earnings	12,000	9,000
Miscellaneous	6,400	5,900
Grants & Donations		
State Aid	3,100	3,100
Fund Balance	15,000	18,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>36,500</b>	<b>36,000</b>
<b>Proposed Tax Appropriation</b>		
	<b>425,000</b>	<b>460,000</b>

### Important Dates to Remember:

#### June 30th *Petitions Available*

Those wishing to run for a board seat may pick up petitions. Petitions are due back by Friday, July 24th.

#### August 4th *Register to Vote*

You must be registered to vote in the library service area. Registration processing can take up to two weeks—Register early!

#### August 4th at 6:00pm

#### *Meet the Candidates & Budget Hearing*

Come meet the candidates and get your budget questions answered.

#### August 5th *Absentee Ballots Available*

Absentee Ballots will be available at the library. Call for mailing information or stop in to get yours.

#### August 18th 3:00-8:00pm **VOTE!**

Stop into the library to cast your ballot. All absentee ballots must be received by 8/18.

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The Library Board of Trustees meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00PM, unless otherwise noted on our website. The public is invited to attend.



### Connect With Us!



### Adventure Passes at the Library

Visit the Mamakating Library and **check out** a Museum!



Patrons are responsible for calling the Museum directly for information on hours of operation, admission, closings, and parking.

Please RECYCLE this mailing

## 2026 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment Notes:

Adjustment to allow for increased summer staffing

### Totals:

Move from Line:	Adjustment To:	Amount:
RCLS Service Fee	Personnel	500
Repairs	Personnel	600
<b>Total Adjustments</b>		<b>1100</b>

### Notes:

1. This change will allow a part-time clerk one extra day per week, ensuring that we have 3 staff members on duty each day for the increased traffic during July/August—our busiest months.
2. RCLS Service Fee has been paid in full already this year and there is \$500 left in that line that can be moved with no effect on the budget.
3. The Repairs (Building & Grounds) Line has \$6000 and will not be affected much by a \$600 change in order to increase the staffing in the summer. It would reduce that line to \$5400. Current useage of this line in 2026 is \$0.
4. The Clerk who will cover this extra shift will work an additional 7 hour shift each week for 8 weeks (56 Hours).