

MLD Trustees Meeting – June 10, 2025
TENTATIVE AGENDA – SUBJECT TO ADDITIONS AND/OR CHANGE
(* - Action Items)

Call to Order/Attendance

Adoption of agenda*

Minutes – May 2025*

Motion to approve the May meeting minutes

Finance Report -

- Motion to approve abstract of vouchers*

Director's Report –

Committee Reports –

- Long Range Plan- No Report
- Policy/ By-Law- No Report
- Building and Grounds- No Report
- Budget- No Report

Old Business:

- Mural Artist Visit (Not confirmed yet)

New Business:

- Schedule for Trustee Election/Budget Referendum*
Motion to Approve the Schedule as presented/amended
- Annual Report to the Community*
Motion to approve the Annual Report to the Community as presented/amended
- Newsletter to be mailed late June*
Motion to approve the Summer Library Newsletter as presented/amended

Policy review/ revisions:

None

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

Adjournment

MLD Trustees Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025

Call to Order/Attendance

Meeting called to order at: 6:03

Present: Trustees Patricia Andersen, John Buying, Jennifer Holmes, Pamela Mann, Pamela Rice, Chelsea Roth, Mark Tourtellott, and Director Cheryl Jones

Absent: none

Adoption of agenda

Motion by: Chelsea Roth

2nd: Jennifer Holmes

Voted against: John Buying

Abstain:

Motion passed

Approval of Minutes – April 2025

Motion to approve the April meeting minutes

Motion by: Jennifer Holmes

2nd: Pamela Rice

Voted against: John Buying

Abstain:

Motion passed

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

- 4 members of the public expressed concern for the mural project and how it will reflect long term on the public library.

Finance Report -

Motion to approve abstract of vouchers

Motion by: Chelsea Roth

2nd: Jennifer Holmes

Voted against:

Abstain: John Buying

Motion passed

Director's Report –

- Story walk finished
- Seed catalog now available
- Book Fairies delivered over 200 books

Committee Reports –

- Long Range Plan- No Report
- Policy/ By-Law- No Report
- Building and Grounds- No Report
- Budget- No Report

Old Business:

- Mural Artist Update - initial concept submitted

New Business:

- Direct Access Statistics
- **RCLS Renewal of IT Services**

Motion by: Pamela Mann

2nd: Jennifer Holmes

Voted against:

Abstain:

Motion passed

- **NYLAF-NYCLASS Resolution**

- o Motion to sign the Municipal Cooperation Resolution to authorize our participation in NYCLASS

Motion by: Jennifer Holmes

2nd: Chelsea Roth

Voted against:

Abstain:

Motion passed

- Discussion regarding Wurts Family Painting Donation

- **2026 Tax Cap Override**

- o Motion to exceed the Tax Cap for the 2025 Mamakating Library Budget

- o Whereas, the adoption of the 2025 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 2025 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on May 21st, 2025.

Motion by: Jennifer Holmes
2nd: Pamela Rice
Voted against: John Buying
Abstain:
Motion passed

2026 Budget Draft

- Motion to approve the proposed 2026 budget.
Motion by: Pamela Mann
2nd: Chelsea Roth
Voted against: John Buying
Abstain:
Motion passed

AFLAC

- Motion to begin offering AFLAC as a benefit for staff members
Motion by: Pamela Rice
2nd: Jennifer Holmes
Voted against:
Abstain: John Buying
Motion passed

Policy review/ revisions:

- Fax Policy
Motion by: Chelsea Roth
2nd: Pamela Mann
Voted against:
Abstain: John Buying
Motion passed

Adjournment: meeting ended at 7:54ppm

Motion by: Pamela Mann
2nd: Jennifer Holmes
Voted against:
Abstain:
Motion passed

Mamakating Library

Budget vs. Actuals: May = 40%

January - December 2025

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income			
A1049 REAL PROPERTY TAXES			
A1001 Real Estate Taxes	390,263	390,300	100.00 %
Total A1049 REAL PROPERTY TAXES	390,263	390,300	100.00 %
A2499 USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY			
A2401 Interest & Earnings		12,000	
Total A2499 USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY		12,000	
A2649 FINES & FORFEITURES			
A4050 Fines income	190	400	47.00 %
Total A2649 FINES & FORFEITURES	190	400	47.00 %
A2799 MISCELLANEOUS LOCAL SOURCES			
A2770 Miscellaneous income	2,666	4,500	59.00 %
Total A2799 MISCELLANEOUS LOCAL SOURCES	2,666	4,500	59.00 %
A3089.6 Restricted Grants & Donations			
A3099 STATE AID			
A3089.1 Grant income- LLSA grant	331	0	
A3089.2 State Aid- Grant		0	
A3089.3 Sullivan County Grant		0	
A3089.4 Sullivan Cty Public Lib. Grant		0	
A3089.5 SRP Grant		0	
Total A3099 STATE AID	331	3,100	11.00 %
A4060 UNRESTRICTED DONATIONS			
A4061 Donations - Unrestricted	10,272	0	
Total A4060 UNRESTRICTED DONATIONS	10,272	0	
A4999 Assigned Fund Balance			
		15,000	
Total Income	\$410,342	\$425,300	96.00 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$410,342	\$425,300	96.00 %
Expenses			
A7999 CULTURE & RECREATION			
A7410.1 Library- Personal Services			
7410.11 Clerical	57,586	140,220	41.00 %
7410.12 Librarian	32,904	78,200	42.00 %
Total A7410.1 Library- Personal Services	90,489	218,420	41.00 %
A7410.2 Library- Equipment			
7410.21 Equipment expense	1,871	2,000	94.00 %
Total A7410.2 Library- Equipment	1,871	2,000	94.00 %
A7410.4 Library- Contractual Expenses			
7410.41 Books	5,991	15,000	40.00 %
7410.405 Digital Media	4,438	11,500	39.00 %
Total 7410.41 Books	10,429	26,500	39.00 %
7410.42 Periodicals	151	500	30.00 %
7410.43 Audio/Visual	649	2,200	30.00 %

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January - December 2025

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
7410.47 Cleaning Service	2,560	8,200	31.00 %
7410.48 Elections		200	
7410.51 Legal fees		1,000	
7410.52 Memberships	594	500	119.00 %
7410.53 Miscellaneous expense	146	600	24.00 %
Reimbursed payments to other libraries		0	
Total 7410.53 Miscellaneous expense	146	600	24.00 %
7410.54 Professional Fees			
101 Accounting Fees		7,500	
Total 7410.54 Professional Fees		7,500	
7410.55 Postage and Delivery	93	4,670	2.00 %
7410.56 Program	3,826	4,000	96.00 %
7410.565 Program Supplies	437	510	86.00 %
Total 7410.56 Program	4,263	4,510	95.00 %
7410.57 DEBT Service Principal & Interest		25,000	
7410.58 Building & Grounds R&M			
7410.581 Repairs	1,020	6,000	17.00 %
7410.582 Maintenance	2,171	3,500	62.00 %
7410.583 Landscaping	1,640	4,500	36.00 %
Total 7410.58 Building & Grounds R&M	4,831	14,000	35.00 %
7410.59 Office expense	1,615	4,000	40.00 %
7410.60 Telecom	1,481	6,750	22.00 %
7410.61 Utilities	3,464	10,000	35.00 %
7410.62 Technology	10,325	19,900	52.00 %
7410.85 RCLS Service Fee		2,200	
7410.86 Meetings & Conference	1,710	3,850	44.00 %
7410.87 Travel & Mileage	106	250	42.00 %
Total A7410.4 Library- Contractual Expenses	42,416	142,330	30.00 %
Total A7999 CULTURE & RECREATION	134,777	362,750	37.00 %
A9199 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			
A9010.7 Payroll Taxes		17,300	
A9030.8 Insurance			
9030.81 Disability		1,400	
9030.82 Hospitalization		15,000	
9030.83 Workers' Compensation	2,360	1,600	148.00 %
9030.84 Property Liability		4,000	
9030.85 Directors and Officers	1,008	1,150	88.00 %
Total A9030.8 Insurance	3,368	23,150	15.00 %
A9040.0 Pension Expense		18,000	
Total A9199 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3,368	58,450	6.00 %
Capital Reserve		6,000	
Total Expenses	\$138,145	\$427,200	32.00 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$272,197	\$ -1,900	-14,326.00 %

Mamakating Library

Budget vs. Actuals: May = 40%

January - December 2025

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Other Income			
A2405.1 NYLAF Dividend Income	3,788	0	
Total Other Income	\$3,788	\$0	0%
NET OTHER INCOME	\$3,788	\$0	0%
NET INCOME	\$275,985	\$ -1,900	-14,526.00 %

June 2025

Voucher #	Payee	Amt	Note
0625-01	Orange & Rockland	\$ 348.78	Autopays 6/26
0625-02	Frontier	\$ 378.86	autopays 6/14
0625-03	VISA (CJ)	\$ 828.08	autopays 6/21
0625-04	OverDrive	\$ 5.78	ebooks/audio books
0625-05	Wells Fargo	\$ 103.00	autopays 6/21
0625-06	Baker & Taylor	\$ 463.84	Books
0625-07	Robert Hrabowsky	\$ 640.00	Cleaning
0625-08	Midwest Tape	\$ 443.94	Hoopla Balance
0625-09	RefKo	\$ 165.00	Landscaping
0625-10	Patiana McMahon	\$ 75.00	Program Fee
0625-11	Toshiba	\$ 358.50	Printer Toner
0625-12			
0625-13			
0625-14			
0625-15			
0625-16			
0625-17			
0625-18			
0625-19			
0625-20			
0625-21			
0625-22			
0625-23			
0625-24			
Total:		\$ 3,810.78	

Mamakating Library Board of Trustees Meeting

June 10th, 2025

Director's Report



Building & Grounds:

- CO Detector replaced due to end of life.
- We are officially enrolled in NYSEERDA Solar Farm Shares. We should see the 5% savings on our O&R Bill within 60 days

Closings/Service Interruptions & Generator Statistics:

- Generator has run for 46.5 hours total as of 6/1 (2.6 hours in May)
- Library Closed 5/26 for Memorial Day

Programming:

Community Partnership Programs:

- Canal Bi-Centennial Planning: 22 Participants
- FairyStories @ MEEC: 45 Participants (3 sessions)
- Tick Safety Storytime: 23 Participants (CCE)

Stand-alone programs

- Card Making: 11 Participants
- Local Author Talk: Mark Philip Stone: 3 Participants
- Crochet for Beginners Series: 9 Participants

Series programs

- Books & Tea Discussion :9 Participants
- Keep It Short...Stories (KISS) Group: 7 Participants
- Culinary Club: 10 Participants
- Writers' Group: 2 Participants
- Malcolm's Tech Topics: 4 Participants
- Patiana's Art Program: 9 Participants
- Classic Sci-Fi Movie Night: 2 Participants
- LEGO Club: 13 Participants
- Read to Mocha:2 Participants
- Storytime: 61 Participants (4 Sessions)
- LSC Author Visits: 32 Live (3 Programs)

Program Totals:

- 15 Adult Programs serving 125 patrons
- 10 Patrons received dedicated Tech Help time
- 9 Youth Programs serving 141 patrons
- 7 Teen volunteers completed 31 hours of community service at the library

Press:

- Full report about April Media outreach will be included in Board Packet

IT/ILS & Technical Services:

- Computer Users: 169 uses
- Wi-Fi Users: 1805 uses
- There were a lot of issues with bots slowing down Koha this month. Alex



Card Making was a very popular & successful



The Story Trail is officially open!

at RCLS and Bywater Solutions have been working very hard behind the scenes to get everything running smoothly again.

- We are scheduled to have Fiber Internet installed 6/4.

Circulation/Registration:

Previous Month's Physical Circulation

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	2206	2231	2487	2400	1823	2040	1882	2195	2006
February	1973	1956	2088	2169	1335	1840	1531	1925	2124
March	2414	2225	2093	1180	1929	2110	1734	2264	2288
April	2331	2013	2064	--	1710	1751	1705	2165	1977
May	2121	2161	2180	--	1644	1636	1667	2026	2034
June	2539	2288	2292	233	1909	1836	1818	1963	
July	3150	2640	2682	939	2225	2232	2628	2457	
August	2941	2760	2742	948	1870	2195	2822	2307	
September	2440	2015	2310	1224	1904	1597	2276	2075	
October	2166	2273	2239	1323	1969	1404	2029	2045	
November	2214	2309	1956	1496	2126	1492	1947	1964	
December	1704	2000	1924	1600	1991	1362	1918	1764	
TOTAL	28,199	24,871	25,133	13,512	22,435	23,517	24,004	25,150	10,429

Previous Month's New User Registrations

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

Digital Collections:

Overdrive Circulation

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	323	305	394	486	603	658	598
February	264	229	429	400	508	635	591
March	334	298	444	439	552	642	632
April	293	475	338	448	564	544	604
May	291	497	408	495	537	600	627

June	344	409	362	559	448	547	
July	296	373	404	552	438	640	
August	284	311	474	578	522	596	
September	272	314	427	499	524	565	
October	236	323	367	510	582	579	
November	205	334	419	506	569	583	
December	209	320	405	546	537	599	
Total	3142	4188	4871	6018	6384	7188	3052

Unique Patron Access Hoopla				
	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	32	36	54	67
February	27	42	53	61
March	33	49	55	64
April	28	35	44	62
May	20	36	56	58
June	21	37	59	
July	31	39	58	
August	34	38	60	
September	33	36	68	
October	26	50	67	
November	33	37	53	
December	35	39	62	
Total:	353	474	687	248

Overall Circulations Report Hoopla				
	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	108	131	178	185
February	98	133	179	160
March	112	137	162	176
April	98	127	167	162
May	63	94	160	183
June	60	127	160	
July	116	90	149	
August	124	116	172	
September	113	118	163	
October	87	169	194	
November	118	111	146	
December	128	115	198	
Total:	1225	1468	1524	690

Director’s Meetings & Trainings:

- 5/2 SUPLA Meeting
- 5/2 SLI Office Hours
- 5/6 Civil Service Workshop
- 5/7 ILS Sub Committee Meeting
- 5/7 RCLS Road Trip Training
- 5/12 Blackstone Demo
- 5/12 ARSL Meeting
- 5/13 Direct Access Meeting
- 5/14 Director’s Association Meeting
- 5/20 DVAA Grant Reception
- 5/21 Book Festival Meeting
- 5/22 Workforce Development Meeting
- 5/23 Storywalk Final Walk Through with Eagle Scout & Leac
- 5/29 Ask the Lawyer: AI Policies & Best Practices
- 5/30 ARSL Webinar Panel—Sustainability in Practice (presen



Book Fairies Reading at MEECs Fairy Fest

Staff Development:

- Library Clerk attended the RCLS Tour 5/16

Friends of the Library News:

- The Story Walk is finally complete. The Friends helped install the 1st story and run the Kick-Off Walk 6/7.
- The Seed library is off and running with over 50 seed packets given out in the last two weeks of May.

Brenda Daigle has received donations from the Otisville Hardware Store, two local farms and several individual donors. Fruit, Flower, Herb & Vegetable seeds are available now.

- The Friends installed a second community bookshelf at Life Styled by Katelyn (a local salon) to do near their new children's styling chair.
- The Book Fairies attended Spring Fling on 5/3 and Fairy Fest at MEEC on 5/17 to give out books and library information to children.



Other News:

- May Patron Count: 2975

Director's Activities:

- Annual Report to the Community and Summer Newsletter mailing complete.
- Storywalk unveiling took place 6/7
- Preparing for Budget Vote/Board Election
- Beginning Planning for 2026's LRP Development

Incidents:

- A Patron tripped and fell near the back (parking lot side) door. Patron scraped their face/hands but did not want to call emergency services. Staff sat with patron in the community room until they felt ready to carry on their day. Director followed up with patron via phone to check on them later that day.

Upcoming Programs of Note:

- Virtual Author visits:
 - Smithsonian: Extinctopedia 6/4 @ 2pm
 - Lisa Jewell 6/10 @ 2pm
 - Katherine Applegate 6/24 @ 4pm
- British Invasion: Cello Concert 6/3 @ 5:30pm
- Coffee Klastch for Parents begins 6/5 @ 2:30pm (Every Thursday) (NEW)
- Sewing Machine Workshop 6/5 @ 5:00pm
- Fearless Foodies 6/17 @ 1pm
- Book Club 6/17 @ 2:30pm
- Curiosity Club 6/17 @ 4:30pm
- Sci-Fi with the Science Guy: 6/26 @ 5pm



- Historic Wurtsboro Walking Tour 6/21 @ 11:00am (Rain Date 6/22)
- Non-Fiction Book Club 6/25 @ 2:00pm (NEW)
- Local Writer’s Group 6/27 @ 10:30am
- Lego Club 6/28@ 11:00am
- Dia Beacon Tour 6/29@ 11:00am

Reminders:

- RCLS Trustee Training Sessions for 2025 have been released and are detailed below. Register through the RCLS website calendar. You should complete a minimum of 2 hours of training per calendar year, plus harassment training.

Trustee Education Session Title	Date	Day Of Week	Time	Credit Hours
Accessibility (Presenter: Meaghan Doyle)	07/21/25	Monday	6:30 PM	1.00
Library Social Media & Marketing (Presenter: David Cosco)	08/05/25	Tuesday	6:30 PM	1.00
Digital Inclusion in Libraries (Presenter: Meaghan Doyle)	09/25/25	Thursday	6:30 PM	1.00
Library Financial Reports (Presenter: Stephen Hoefler)	10/14/25	Tuesday	6:30 PM	1.00
Intermediate Library Trustee Education 102 (Presenter: Grace Riario)	11/03/25	Monday	6:30 PM	1.00
Advocacy - <i>Title TBD</i> (Presenter: Jen Park)	12/03/25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	1.00
Open Meetings Law and Library Governance (Presenter: Grace Riario)	12/11/25	Thursday	6:30 PM	1.0

Respectfully submitted,
 Cheryl Jones, Library Director
 June 2nd, 2025

Media & Press Report

MAY 2025

Facebook:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Reach	2.8K	3.4K	5.2K	2.2K	2.2K								
Engagement	265	422	594	344	317								
Likes	1.1K	1.1K	1,167	1,167	1,172								
New Likes			7	4	5								
New Follows	11	2	15	5	12								
Original Posts	27	45	72	30	36								
Total Followers	1.3K	1,324	1,339	1,339	1,347								

Facebook Notes:

- At 1.6K views, the most viewed post of May was from our director, Cheryl. At 27 interactions, 19 reactions, and 8 shares; this post of Cheryl holding a large scissors for the Story Trail Unveiling had the most interactions of all recent posts on our Facebook page. This post's performance nearly tripled that of the post of the Story Trail flyer and event text alone. This is evidence of our patrons' positive perception of our director and their alignment with the library's plans.
- Compared to other businesses in the Government Agency category on Facebook, we publish more content and rank in the 75th percentile in content interactions (likes, saves, comments, reactions, shares). This shows the growth in our page and enthusiasm our audience has for our library's message.

Instagram:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Views	1,708	3,259	3,454	4,058	3,902								
Engagement/ Reach	241	185/ 455	63 /368	69/ 669	72/ 813								
Interactions	114	234	256	213	216								
Profile Visits	47	62	87	63	77								
Original Posts	15	42	39	94	47								
Total Followers	470	478	490	503	517								

Instagram Notes:

- The top performing content was our post on the cello concert, the video introducing our seed library, and the Story Trail Unveiling announcement. Each of these three pieces of content shared a larger audience of non-followers with the video and story trail flyer at over 50% non-followers each and the Alex Prizgintas concert flyer at 87% non-follower viewership. Typically, the source for the larger audience is the Instagram Stories.
- We are experiencing a steady incline in growth showing our library's vision and message is resonating with a larger audience.

Press:

- June press releases sent were Sewing Workshop and Dia: Beacon Tour to the Delaware & Hudson Canvas on 5/13/25. Alex Prizgintas sent his own press to the D&H Canvas. We sent Alex's concert press along with the Sewing Workshop, Dia: Beacon, Parenting Coffee Klatsch, Story Trail Unveiling, Salon Bookshelf, and the Seed Library to the River Reporter, WJFF, Sullivan County Democrat, and Shawangunk Journal on 5/24/25.

Other Notes:

- We are entering the summer with a positive upswing in reaching our patrons and broadening our audience.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alethea Pape

(6/3/25)

**MAMAKATING LIBRARY TRUSTEE ELECTION & BUDGET REFERENDUM
AUGUST 2025**

CHECK LIST (Internal Document)

Monday, June 23rd

- Petition notice posted at 3 community locations & on library website
- Petitions will available at the Library
- Book Community Room for Tuesday 8/19 election
- Solicit two election inspectors & election secretary

Tuesday, 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

Monday, July 14th

- 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
- Verify petition signatures against voter registration lists
- Confirm election inspectors/poll workers for election day

Friday, August 1st

- Preparation of ballot for presentation to Board of Trustees

Tuesday, August 5th (this is the 1st Tuesday instead of 2nd—necessary because of timeline)

- Meet the Candidates & budget hearing night 6:00pm (prior to regular meeting)
- Board of Trustees to verify nominees at Aug. 5th 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 (Friday 8/8, Tuesday 8/12, and Friday 8/15& Tuesday 8/19, editions) fax 887-5386, office 887-5200
- Public notice of pending election & nominated candidates to 3 community locations, library website, social media & library's outdoor sign

Wednesday, August 6th (tentative date to be decided on by board 7/8)

- Make absentee ballots available at circulation desk & via request to be mailed

August 19th

- Absentee Ballots must be received by 8/19
- Election held in Library 3-8pm
 - inspectors sign oath; fill out vouchers
 - fill in certification form and file with Board & County Clerk
 - Results sent to board members after tabulation

August 20th

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

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:

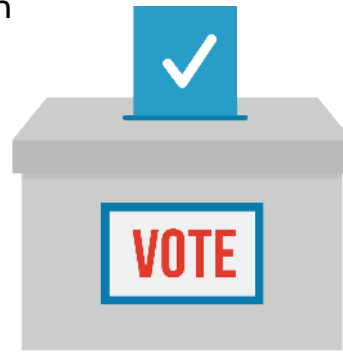
Absentee ballots will be available at the library circulation desk beginning **August 6th**. Ballots must be received by **August 19th** to be counted.

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



ANNUAL REPORT

2024 2025



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	2025	2026
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 \$??? 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

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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 fluorescent 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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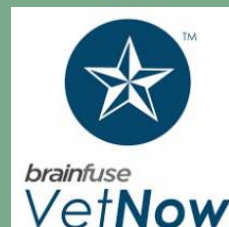
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ComicsPlus: Manga & graphic novels for all ages



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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!



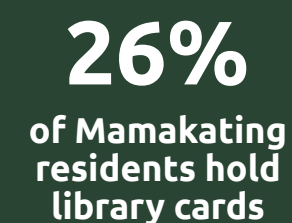
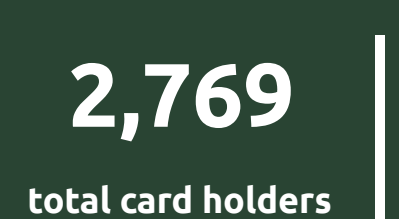
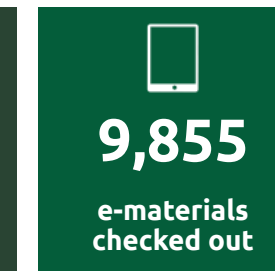
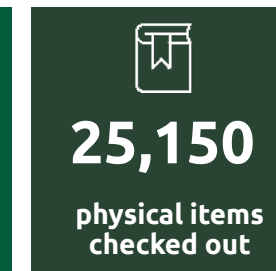
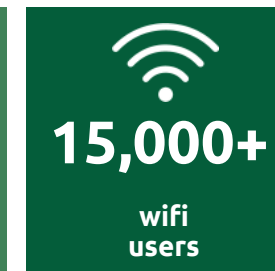
The S. David Phraner Local History Collection debuts



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.



library visitors



reference questions answered

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

