

Copiague Memorial Public Library

	Budget 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
Library Materials and Services Books, Periodicals, Online Subscriptions, DVDs, Video Games, CDs, Programs	\$ 425,000	\$ 425,000
Building Operations and Maintenance Utilities, Security, Insurance, Maintenance and Service Contracts, Repairs, Telecommunications	389,500	393,500
Personnel Costs Salaries and Employee Benefits	3,499,000	3,460,000
General Library Supplies Postage, Printing, Publicity, Supplies	28,000	28,000
Administration Payroll Fees, Professional Fees, Training, Budget Vote, Contingency	74,200	78,000
Debt Service	140,554	142,700
Operating Expenses	4,556,254	4,527,200
Operating Revenues Fines, PILOT, State Aid, Donations, Fund Balance	(249,254)	(127,200)
	4,307,000	4,400,000
Capital Expenditures Less: Grants and Reserve Fund Allocations	900,000 <u>(900,000)</u>	400,000 <u>(400,000)</u>
Tax Levy	\$ 4,307,000	\$ 4,400,000

*The proposed tax levy for the 2025-2026 fiscal year meets the property tax levy limit,
calculated in accordance with the New York State Office of the State Comptroller guidelines.*

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Proposed 2025 - 2026 Library Budget FAQs

Q. What is the Library's proposed budget for 2025-2026?

A. The total proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) is \$4,527,200 a decrease of \$29,054 over the previous year. The tax levy is \$4,400,000, and represents an increase of \$93,000 (2.2%) over the previous year.

Q. What is the impact on tax rates and individual taxpayers?

A. A home assessed at \$3,250 (the average assessment for homes in Copiague) would see their taxes increase by \$10.01 per year. The increase may be higher or lower to you, based on the assessed value of your home.

Q. What about the property tax cap?

A. The proposed Library tax levy for the 2025-2026 fiscal year meets the property tax levy limit, calculated in accordance with the New York State Office of the State Comptroller guidelines.

Q. What were the main challenges impacting the 2025-2026 budget?

A. The mission of the Copiague Library is to create lifelong learning opportunities to all members of the community. The proposed Library budget seeks to support out mission while acknowledging the challenging economic times we live in. In keeping with this goal, the Board of Trustees is pleased to present a budget within the NY State tax cap allowable levy while we continue to bring our patrons the programs, services and content they have come to expect from their Library.

Q. Where can I get more information?

A. The Library will hold a public information meeting regarding the budget on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Library. If you cannot attend this meeting and would like more information regarding this year's budget, contact Director Kenneth Miller at 631-691-1111 or kmiller@copiaguemlibrary.org.

Q. When and where is the Library budget vote being held?

A. The Library budget vote and trustee election will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Library community room. Residents of the Copiague Union Free School District who are registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections can vote in person at the Library. Voter registration forms and applications for early voting and absentee ballots may be obtained at the Library.