

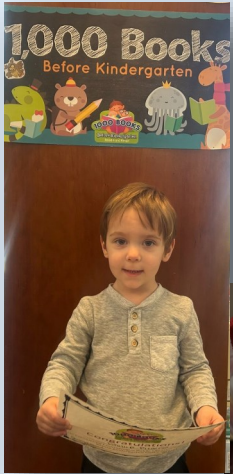


**Comsewogue
Public Library**
Where Many Paths Meet

Vote!

April 2, 2024
9:30 am - 9:00 pm

Comsewogue School District Residents



*Annual Report to the Community
Budget Vote/Trustee Election*

**Comsewogue Public Library
Proposed 2024-2025 Operating Budget**

The Library's proposed budget does not pierce the tax cap. A district-wide total tax levy increase of \$63,834 is proposed.

Staff:	\$3,151,131
Professional and Support Staff	
Mandated Expenses, Staff Expenses:	1,708,197
NYS Retirement, Employee Insurance, Social Security, Unemployment & Worker's Compensation Insurance	
Library Materials and Programs:	588,000
Adult, Children's and Teen Print & Digital Lending and Reference Collections, Library of Things ² , Courses, Workshops & Events	
Library Operations:	357,509
Circulation & Security Systems & Services, Supplies, Furniture & Equipment, Computer Hardware & Software, Library System Membership	
Building Expenses:	423,661
Utilities, Telecommunications, Cartage, Snow Removal, Equipment and Building Maintenance & Repair, Library Insurance & Equipment Rental	
Administrative Expenses:	183,000
Audit, Legal, Printing, Postage, Annual Library Election/Vote, Conference/Training, Memberships	
Capital Improvement Bond Debt Service: ³	306,304
NYS Dormitory Authority Payment including Principal, Interest & Administrative fees	
Total Proposed Operating Budget:	\$6,717,802
Less Anticipated Revenue	3,045,818
Less Assigned Fund Balance	419,692
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$3,252,292

It is estimated that with the adoption of this budget, the Library's tax rate will increase approximately \$0.30, from \$14.376 to \$14.680 per \$100.00 of the current estimate of assessed valuation of your home. This represents a **2.002% tax levy increase**, below the Library's allowable tax levy increase limit of 2.004%.

¹More detailed proposed operating budget available online at www.cplib.org and at the Library

²Lending of non-traditional items, ex. mobile hotspots, museum passes, outdoor games, electronic devices, etc.

³Bond payment represents the amount due in the 2024-2025 fiscal year to repay a 1993 voter-approved capital improvement bond that was last refinanced in 2016 and is scheduled to be paid in full in 2024/25.

**How To Determine Your Household's
Proposed Library Tax**

(Based on the most recent data at time of printing)

Proposed Tax =

(Home's Assessed Value x Tax Rate per \$100)/100

2024-2025 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate per \$100 = \$14.680

For a Home Assessed at:	Proposed Estimated Annual Cost	Estimated Annual Increase
\$3,000	\$440.40	\$9.12
\$4,000	\$587.20	\$12.16



Voter Registration Information

Requirements To Vote In This Election

- ◆ You are at least 18 years of age
- ◆ You are a citizen of the United States
- ◆ You have been a resident of the Comsewogue School District for at least 30 days
- ◆ You have voted in any general, school or other election in the last 4 years

Voter Registration

Registration is available during normal school day hours at the Comsewogue District Office.

Early Voter/Absentee Ballots

Early Voter/Absentee ballots must be completed and received by the Election Clerk on or before Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

(Applications are available at the Library and on our website)

Annual Report to the Community

Your public library is a community center you can trust. Comsewogue residents rely on their library to curate and provide quality information and a variety of opportunities for everyone. From birth through adulthood the library is focused on your needs, growth and well-being.

Your public library is wherever you are—on the go, at home and at the Terryville Road building. Borrow a book, WIFI hotspot, VR headset, or use your device to stream a film or borrow music. There's something for everyone and all are welcome.

Thanks to the community's ongoing support, the library has made significant capital improvements. A major heating equipment replacement (boilers and pumps) was recently completed, and an LED lighting upgrade/conversion project is well underway. Upgrading both systems has enabled the library to become more energy efficient.

Your public library is in a great position to embrace the future, along with the community and help lead the way. The Board of Trustees, staff and I look forward to continuing to serve you. The Library Administration has developed an appropriate and fiscally-responsible proposed operating budget for 2024-2025.

We appreciate, encourage, and will continue to listen and respond to your suggestions, ideas, and questions. Planning and implementation takes place with your input in mind.

Please call (631) 928-1212 ext.112 or send comments and suggestions to me at: debbie@cplib.org.

Debra Engelhardt
Library Director



2023—A Year in Review

- ◇ Library of Things Collection significantly expanded
- ◇ Number of program increased 36%
- ◇ Program attendance increased 46%
- ◇ Facility upgrade: Boilers & pumps replaced
- ◇ Facility upgrade: Skylight replaced (Children's department)
- ◇ Partnered with community/local organizations

2024—New & Coming Soon

- ◇ 3D Printing Service
- ◇ Facility Upgrade: LED lighting upgrades/conversion
- ◇ Discount Ticket Program expansion
- ◇ Concerts & Trips making a return
- ◇ Ongoing Updating of Public Spaces
- ◇ Continuation of quality Library services for all



Library Trustee Candidate

John Rossini

(Running unopposed)

John Rossini has been a resident of the Comsewogue UFSD for about 20 years. He and his wife have two daughters and three grandchildren. Mr. Rossini is the Head of Recruiting for a major pharmaceutical company on LI.

He has been serving as a Library Trustee for the past seven years, stating that he "continues to find it to be an extraordinary experience".



Library Board of Trustees

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John Rossini

Vice President

Kevin Spence

Secretary

Lisa Olson

Fiscal Officer

Corinne DeStefano

Trustee

Budget Information Meeting

March 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

The Library Director, Debra Engelhardt, is available to answer any questions you have about the Library or the Budget.

Please call, (631) 928-1212 ext.112 or e-mail debbie@cplib.org



The Public Library Changed My Life

"The library has changed my life in so many ways. The longer I stay here, the more resources I find, and the more I realize what a community center this really is. I don't know of any other place where you can find so many resources and it's all a part of your community."

Claudia Friszell
Comsewogue Public Library

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The library changed my life by being the road map to my future that I needed growing up in high school and into my college years. When I was in high school, the library was my happy place. It was always a place where I would go to study, be with friends, or attend the programs to further my education in a field anywhere from Microsoft applications to Babysitting 101. When I was in high school, I worked with the librarians to establish the first chapter of Girls Who Code right here in the community of Comsewogue.

Victoria Katz
Comsewogue Public Library

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Hours: Monday- Thursday 9:30 am- 9 pm, Friday & Saturday 9:30 am- 5 pm, Sunday 12 pm- 4 pm (Oct- Mid-May)