

LIBRARY PROPOSITION:

This is separate from the school budget. New York State provides residents a direct say in local library funding via a proposition on their school district's budget ballot. Skaneateles CSD merely collects funds approved by the voters and disburses them to the library. The school and library budgets are unrelated.

Shall the sum to be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Skaneateles Central School District for the purpose of funding the Skaneateles Library Association be increased by \$25,000 to the sum of \$403,560 annually?

The Skaneateles Library is requesting an increase in its annual tax levy to offset operational expenses brought on by inflation and minimum wage increases. If the proposition is approved, the library's annual levy would increase from \$378,560 to \$403,560 - an increase of \$25,000.

What This Increase Means for Each Household

The following table illustrates what this increase would mean for a range of property values, as well as the new annual totals for these properties. *\$354,924 is the average and \$246,000 is the median property value in our district.*

Town of Skaneateles* Assessed Property Value	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$800,000
Current annual library levy	\$37.73	\$75.46	\$150.92
Increase per household	\$2.49	\$4.98	\$9.96
Total 2024-25 library levy with increase	\$40.22	\$80.44	\$160.88

* Values vary slightly but are very similar for the municipalities of Owasco, Spafford, Sennett, Niles and Marcellus — portions of which are in the Skaneateles Central School District.

For more information and answers to any questions, please go to:

<https://www.skanlibrary.org/about/board/tax-levy-vote/>

A SNAPSHOT OF HOW THE COMMUNITY USED LIBRARY RESOURCES DURING FISCAL YEAR OCT 2023 - SEPT 2023:

NEW + NOTABLE



COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

Did you know that the library routinely provides programs and services throughout our community?

- ⇒ Visits to local preschools, Waterman Primary and State Street Intermediate Schools
- ⇒ Story times at the Fire Dept, Police Dept and Amberations
- ⇒ Programs held at the Athenaeum, Baltimore Woods, Cliff Park, Skaneateles Brewery and Austin Park
- ⇒ Programs co-hosted with CNY Land Trust, Skaneateles Historical Society, Skaneateles Lake Association and Pet Partners of CNY
- ⇒ Books delivered to Gateway Apartments, Village Landing and the Manor
- ⇒ Little Free Libraries at Borodino Hall, Mottville Emporium and Owasco Market

ON OUR SHELVES

47,618 books, DVDs, etc. checked out: **UP 3%**

649 kits/passes for all ages checked out: **UP 47%**

Most read adult fiction book was *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave

Most popular teen book was *A Court of Wings and Ruin* by Sarah J. Maas

71,153 total check outs (incl. digital): UP 7%

Highest since 2007!

DOWNLOADABLES + STREAMING

23,535 digital items used: **UP 16%**

Breakdown: 46% ebooks, 8% video, 43% audiobooks, 2% magazines and 1% music

Top Kanopy video: *BBC Studios' A Perfect Spy*

Most popular album on Hoopla: the soundtrack to *Disney's Encanto*

PEOPLE + PROGRAMS

6,074 cardholders: **UP 4%**

5,814 people attended 357 programs: **UP 25% and 13%**

512 music lovers attended monthly *Classic Guitar Concert Series* performances by outstanding regional, national and international musicians

TECHNOLOGY

2,057 computer sessions and 5,848 wifi sessions: **UP 34% and 41%**

30,842 website visits: **UP 6.5%**

100 hotspot and Chromebook borrows: **UP 108%**

81 tech help appointments, plus plenty of impromptu help at the desk: **UP 11%**