

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 \$428,560 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 \$403,560 to \$428,560 - 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. \$660,269 is the average and \$400,000 is the median property value in our district. *Tax amounts are estimates based on previous years' calculations.*

*Assessed Value	\$400,000	\$600,000	\$800,000
Current annual library levy	\$78.19	\$117.29	\$156.38
Increase per household	\$4.84	\$7.26	\$9.69
Total 2025-26 library levy with increase	\$83.03	\$124.55	\$166.07

* Values vary slightly but are 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 2024:

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, Doce Farm and Amberations
- ⇒ Bi-monthly visits to the Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry
- ⇒ Programs co-hosted with the Case Museum, Syracuse Orchestra, Skaneateles Historical Society and Skaneateles Lake Association
- ⇒ Books delivered to Gateway Apartments, Village Landing and the Manor
- ⇒ Little Free Libraries at Borodino Hall, Mottville Emporium and Owasco Market

ON OUR SHELVES

48,517 books, DVDs, etc. checked out: **UP 2%**

222 museum and park passes for all ages checked out: **UP 82%**

108 hotspot and Chromebook borrows: **UP 8%**

Most read adult non-fiction book was *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Most popular DVD was *Barbie*

76,749 total check outs (incl. digital): UP 8%

Highest since 2007 for the 2ND year in a row!

DOWNLOADABLES + STREAMING

28,237 digital items used: **UP 20%**

Most read book on Libby: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

Top Kanopy video: *History Channel's Unlikely Hero*

Most popular album on Hoopla: *Midnights* by Taylor Swift

PEOPLE + PROGRAMS

81 meeting room reservations: **UP 26%**

8,338 people attended 407 programs: **UP 43% and 14%**

2,514 children and caregivers practiced their literacy and social skills at our 3 weekly *Story Times* for babies, toddlers and preschoolers: **UP 41%**

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