

To all our Suffern Free Library patrons:

Suffern Free Library and Sloatsburg Library will not be seeking a tax increase for the 2025/26 budget year. Both Library Board of Trustees felt it was in the best interest of the residents and decided to forgo a budget vote. Both libraries serve the residents of the Suffern Central School District.

The Suffern Free Library campus will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial celebration in 2026. The library is and will continue to undergo interior/exterior improvements throughout the building.

In addition, the library's operating income is supplemented with used book sales raised by our book sale volunteers. These funds help to supplement the summer reading programs and seasonal decorations throughout the building.

The Suffern Free Library is open 62 hours per week during the academic year and is always available to you on our website and Facebook platforms. Please visit us in person and through the web site at [www.suffernfreelibrary.org](http://www.suffernfreelibrary.org).

The library will continue to be a place of learning, gathering and commitment for our community.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Fresh paint in the large meeting room and the Suffern room, lower lobby and circulation area
- New carpet in large meeting room, Suffern room and the lower lobby
- Updated water fountain to bottle filling station
- Updated vending machines
- Open Coffee bar

## **FUTURE: (with the help from matching grants)**

- New furniture in adult space
- Updated website
- New carpeting and paint in adult space
- Renovated Teen space
- Creation of learning lab across from Reference
- Creating community common seating
- Creating individual study rooms

**Suffern Free Library Budget**

<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>	
\$ 2,919,706.00	\$2,919,706.00	Library Tax
\$ 388,319.00	\$ 387,669.00	Debt Bond Service
\$ 48,100.00	\$ 58,185.00	Other income (fines, rental, gifts, membership)
\$	\$1,098,000.00	Income from Capital Reserves
<b>\$ 3,356,125.00</b>	<b>\$4,463,560.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>
\$ 1,473,500.00	\$1,477,000.00	Salaries
\$ 434,056.00	\$ 449,390.00	Benefits
\$ 277,700.00	\$ 271,200.00	Library Materials
\$ 22,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	Furniture & Equipment
\$ 476,000.00	\$1,567,000.00	Bldg. Maintenance (Capital Reserve projects)
\$ 219,300.00	\$ 231,300.00	Library Operations
\$ 65,250.00	\$ 57,000.00	Other Expenses, including Programing
\$ 388,319.00	\$ 387,669.00	Bond Debt Service
<b>\$ 3,356,125.00</b>	<b>\$4,463,559.00</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>