



2024-2025 Proposed Budget Highlights

We continue our focus to increase programs and services at both buildings while working to keep operational costs down. This past year we became a Passport Acceptance Facility and upgraded our technology in both buildings to improve program presentations. Soon, we'll be excited to present our new Maker Space at the Main Library, allowing patrons to experience some innovative technology. We're also planning some much-needed building renovations at the Station Library.

Our proposed Revenue budget reflects increased interest on our investment accounts, as well as fees collected for our Passport Program and Early Voting.

Salaries and Benefits are up slightly due to contractual salary increases and mandates.

We increased our lines for Programs and Services so we can provide new and imaginative programs while continuing to offer our most popular series of classes. We expect to continue spending more on our streaming and digital services, with a little less invested in print materials, based on patron demand.

Our Library Operations went down slightly because we will be funding upcoming renovation projects using our Capital Fund and are hoping to obtain some grants to subsidize the costs. We also do not plan to make any significant furniture and equipment purchases besides regular replacements due to wear and tear.

Library Maintenance expenses have continued to go down because of the recent replacement of our HVAC equipment and LED lighting, which helps keep the utility bills and the need for maintenance repairs low.

With rising costs affecting much of the budget, we could not allocate additional resources this year for our Development Fund. We are still able to move forward with our planned renovation projects with the funds we have already reserved in the Development Fund as well as our Capital Fund.

Overall, I am happy to report that we can keep our increase below the 2% tax cap while still offering the community the quality of programs and services you have come to expect.

Thank you.

Joanne Adam, Library Director

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