

# Rockville Centre Public Library

## 2009/2010 BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

Will be held with the Rockville Centre School District  
On Tuesday, May 19, 2009 - 7 am to 9 pm at South Side High School

### A Message From Your Library Board

Dear Library Patrons,

As residents and representatives of the community, the Library Board shares your concerns about the pressures of today's economic difficulties. The Board works diligently to provide excellent value within a reasonable budget. Library usage increases in difficult times as people expect more service to fill their needs, and they naturally turn to libraries for books, DVDs, magazines, newspapers and the Internet. Assistance with resumes, career information and job skills also are increasingly in demand. Complying with additional requirements regarding fiscal scrutiny, new governmental mandates and contractual obligations are a part of future costs that must be incorporated into the budget. Recognizing the additional and varied needs that are required by the community, this year's budget proposes an increase of 1.98%, which is an increase of approximately \$5 for a household with a market value of \$500,000.

The Library Board actively looks to the needs of the community and acts to respond to them appropriately. This year in acknowledgement of your requests, the Board eliminated the DVD rental fees. A number of video games were also purchased for circulation, as we responded to their increasing popularity. The free DVDs and the games were an instant success and the Library will continue to make them available. Recognizing the impact the weakened economy has had on the community, the Library is in the process of developing a Career Center. While plans are still evolving for the Center, the focus of it will be to provide dedicated Internet access for job seekers, skills training such as word processing and spreadsheet management, and workshops that will help the job seeker navigate a variety of issues. The Board also approved the Library's purchasing online databases for patron use through a consortium of libraries, thereby reducing that budget line significantly.

One of the goals of the Library's strategic plan is to address the needs of our teens. To that end, the Young Adult space was doubled in size to accommodate the ever increasing teen activity at the Library. Plans for additional computers and furniture for that area are in the works. Community Service Week, again, gave our teens the opportunity to fulfill obligations for community service and the formation of the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is an exciting outlet for the young people. The group welcomes new members and peer input about matters important to them.

The Children's Services Department programming is focused on the needs of youngsters (and their parents) from 4 months through 6th grade. Reading to dogs, book discussions and musical programs are only a few of the offerings that allow the family to share some quality time together.

A strong library is always a wonderful resource, but never more so than in difficult times. We continue to keep the needs and interests of our community at the forefront of all decision making, and we feel that is evident in this year's proposed budget.

Sincerely,  
Your Library Board of Trustees

Barbara Morrissey, President  
April Wexler, Vice President  
Charles Kelleher, Secretary  
Bill Murray, Trustee  
Eileen Burke-Bucaria, Trustee

	2008/09	Proposed 2009/10
<b>LIBRARY MATERIALS &amp; PROGRAMS</b>		
Books; magazines; microfiche; audiovisual materials; video games; computer reference subscriptions; programs	\$283,000	\$269,000
<b>OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE</b>		
New equipment; capital expenditures; data communications; maintenance of buildings; grounds and equipment; custodial supplies; insurance; utilities	\$242,700	\$238,700
<b>GENERAL OPERATIONS</b>		
Book processing; automated system; printing and publicity; postage; library supplies	\$108,470	\$104,190
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Payroll; legal and accounting services; conferences; workshops; professional contracts	\$28,200	\$40,700
<b>SALARIES AND BENEFITS</b>		
Staff salaries; retirement; social security; health insurance; workers' compensation	\$2,315,650	\$2,364,920
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,978,020</b>	<b>\$3,017,510</b>
Less estimated receipts	\$94,200	\$75,400
<b>TOTAL FOR OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,883,820</b>	<b>\$2,942,110</b>
<b>Increase in Tax Rate</b>		<b>1.98%</b>
<b>Increase in Tax Revenue</b>		<b>\$58,291</b>
<b>Increase for a House Appraised at \$500,000</b>		<b>\$5.00</b>

#### To be a registered voter, you must:

- ◆ Be eighteen (18) years of age or over
- ◆ Be a resident of the Rockville Centre Union Free School District at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the vote
- ◆ Be registered to vote in a general or school district election
- ◆ **You need not register** if you voted in a general or school district election within the last four (4) years.
- ◆ **You must register** at the School Administration Office by May 14, 2009.\*  
For information about **Absentee Ballots**,  
contact the School District Clerk at 255-8921.

#### \* VOTER REGISTRATION

Continuous registration will take place at the School Administration Office during school business hours Monday - Friday, 8:15 am - 4:15 pm. Registration is required by May 14, 2009 to be eligible to vote in this election.

#### PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING:

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 - 7:45 pm at the Library.

#### BUDGET HEARING & TRUSTEE CANDIDATES' FORUM:

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 - 7:45 pm at the Library

**VOTING:** Tuesday, May 19, 2009 - 7 am to 9 pm  
at South Side High School