

Rockville Centre Public Library

2008/2009 BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

Will be held with the Rockville Centre School District

On Tuesday, May 20, 2008 - 7 am to 9 pm at South Side High School

A Message From Your Library Board

Dear Library Patrons,

From the Library's beginning in 1892 as a small lending library to the present day multi-faceted organization which circulates over 270,000 items annually, the constant through the years has been the value placed on Library services by the community. In 1892, the community was committed to building a new library just as the Library today is committed to providing the community with popular and classic books, new audio-visual formats and relevant programming.

As promised, a strategic planning committee made up of local community members of varied backgrounds, interests and ages was formed early last year. Under the direction of an experienced facilitator, these committee members gathered for a series of three work sessions. They developed a plan of service for the Library to integrate cultural awareness, provide greater access to popular materials, enhance teen services and expand Library involvement in the Rockville Centre community. We extend a sincere thank you to the committee for devoting the time and interest to assist the Library in planning for the future.

The Library is responding to the course prescribed by the strategic planning committee's vision in a number of ways. We are focusing on cultural programming, displays and exhibits. In keeping with the latest technology, the Library now offers downloadable audio-books, available from home, and also Playaways which are pre-loaded audio-book players that are about half the size of a deck of cards. Intergenerational programs are scheduled from the classic moves of chess to the "Pod Squad" where teens guide adults through the intricacies of their electronic devices. A new Teen Advisory Group (TAG) has been formed empowering interested young people to have a voice in the Library community.

In addition to acknowledging the voice of the community with materials, programming and outreach, we are making headway in Library revitalization. Capital projects such as the HVAC and an updated fire alarm system are completed or close to completion. We have applied for and received State grant funds to ease the financial burden for these initiatives and will continue to seek outside funds to supplement projects. Painting and updating the look of the Library is in full swing. Additional outdoor lighting and a surveillance system have been installed. Other projects to keep the Library looking fresh and smart are in the planning stage.

The Library Board is committed to responding to the needs of the community while keeping costs at a minimum. This year's budget includes an increase of 3.3% which represents about a \$7 increase for a home valued at \$900,000. It is our hope that you will support your Library in its efforts and join us in our commitment in providing excellence.

	2007/08	Proposed 2008/09
LIBRARY MATERIALS & PROGRAMS		
Books; magazines; microfiche; audiovisual materials; computer reference; subscriptions; programs	\$283,050	\$283,000
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE		
New equipment; capital expenditures; data communications; maintenance of buildings, grounds and equipment; custodial supplies; insurance; utilities	\$242,200	\$242,700
GENERAL OPERATIONS		
Book processing; automated system; printing and publicity; postage; library supplies	\$106,900	\$108,470
ADMINISTRATION		
Payroll; legal and accounting services; conferences; workshops; professional contracts	\$29,200	\$28,200
SALARIES AND BENEFITS		
Staff salaries; retirement; social security; health insurance; workers' compensation	\$2,260,600	\$2,315,650
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,930,950	\$2,978,020
Less estimated receipts	\$140,300	\$94,200
TOTAL FOR OPERATING EXPENSES	\$2,790,650	\$2,883,820

Library Tax Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation	22.313
Increase in Tax Rate	3.34%
Increase in Tax Revenue	\$93,184
Increase for a House Appraised at \$900,000	\$7.00

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 15, 2008.*

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