

**Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Summer Hours Begin May 30**

**CLOSED**

Memorial Weekend, May 23 - 25

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Open to the public, 7:00 pm  
 Mon., May 18 (Budget Hearing)

**BUDGET VOTE**

Tue., May 19, 2:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
 Voorheesville Middle School

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BUDGET MESSAGE

100 YEARS OF LIFELONG LEARNING

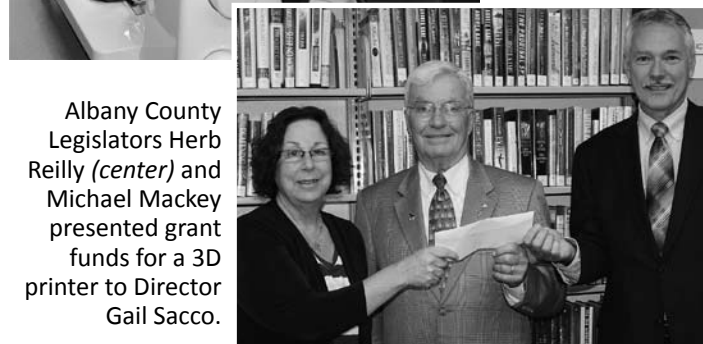
*Year in Review*



**53,904**  
 Number of people who visited the library to borrow, research, converse, and create.



**107,913**  
 Number of items that members borrowed.



Albany County Legislators Herb Reilly (*center*) and Michael Mackey presented grant funds for a 3D printer to Director Gail Sacco.



Village Deputy-Clerk Karen Finnessey and Town Historian Dennis Sullivan (*far right*) presented historic documents to Archivist Jim Corsaro.

# Budget Message

*Budget and Year in Review*

Message from the Board of Trustees

In 1915, a very astute group of community leaders, led by E. Dayton Joslin, established the Voorheesville Free Library. It was open for 5 hours a week and had a collection of 700 books. A Home Talent Show held in Odd Fellows Hall raised money to support the library.

This year, your library was open 3,012 hours, 7 days each week (6 in the summer). Our 77,213 item collection includes 37,351 print items, 32,864 digital items and 6,997 DVDs and audiobooks. We have 9 public computers including one iPad station, and search expertise available every hour the library is open. Librarians teach individuals about technology and the use of digital resources.

With the support of the Friends of the Library, New Scotland Kiwanis, and other grant funds, we offered the community a variety of experiences this year. We brought you Iraq war veteran, Luis Carlos Montalván, author of the best-seller, *Until Tuesday*. We offered a scholar-led discussion of *12 Years a Slave* to the public and American History and Literature students. Our Resolution Revolution Series included yoga, meditation, and memoir writing. The "Foodies" series had members sharing recipes and books. STEM activities were added to our youth programs. Librarians collaborated with the Voorheesville Community Alliance for Healthy Choices. The Village of Voorheesville has entrusted the preservation of their historic documents to us.

**The Future:** We have been examining the library's collaborative partnerships, programs and services and will be having conversations with you about your aspirations for our community. We are developing a technology lab which will include laptop computers, a 3D scanner, and a 3D printer, made possible by grants from the Voorheesville Community & School Foundation and Albany County.

**The Budget:** This fiscal year 2015-16 budget decreases by \$59. We were able to keep both the budget and the tax rate down without compromising services. Funds are earmarked to replace the library's walkways and alarm system. We are proud to serve a community that appreciates the power of literacy and the value of libraries. Please contact us if you have questions about the budget or any library service.

Janna Shillinglaw, President, Board of Trustees  
 Gail Alter Sacco, Director



Janna Shillinglaw



Bryan Richmond



Clifford Erickson



David M. Gibson



Lance Moore

**Tax Cap** The formula for the tax cap is adjusted for expenses such as retirement costs and community growth. New York State sets these factors and gives the method for their calculation. This year's budget is \$59 less than last year and is \$34,509 under the tax cap.

Revenues	BUDGET 2014-15	ESTIMATED 2015-16	Notes
Local Taxes	\$1,112,675	\$1,115,716	
Desk Receipts	18,000	15,000	Email reminders mean more items are on time
Interest Income	500	150	
Donations & Grants	4,500	4,750	
State Aid	5,000	5,000	
Appropriated Fund Balance	10,000	10,000	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,150,675</b>	<b>\$1,150,616</b>	

Tax Rates	APPROVED 2014-15	ESTIMATED 2015-16
New Scotland	\$1.30	\$1.30
Guilderland	\$1.45	\$1.45
Berne	\$2.04	\$2.03

The tax rate is estimated per every \$1,000 for your assessment.

**115**

Number of people who heard *New York Times* bestselling author Luis Carlos Montalván and met his service dog, Tuesday.



**1,745**

Number of young people who enjoyed the Summer Reading Program's science-themed activities.



**5,459**

Number of children who attended programs.



Expenses	BUDGET 2014-15	ESTIMATED 2015-16	Notes
<b>Library Materials</b>			
Books	\$72,000	\$74,500	
Software	2,000	2,200	
Films and Music	16,500	18,500	
Periodicals	8,000	7,000	Magazines are printing less often
<b>Building Operations and Maintenance</b>			
Fuel and Electricity	30,000	27,500	
Building Repairs & Maint.	18,000	20,000	Maintenance contracts, including snowplowing
Insurance	12,000	12,000	
Capital Projects	42,000	42,000	
<b>Personnel</b>			
Salaries	629,000	635,500	Small staff increase
Employee Benefits	207,775	201,116	Decrease in NYS retirement
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
Supplies	15,000	14,500	
Telephone & Internet	5,000	3,500	Sought cost savings
Postage	3,500	2,400	
Equipment	10,000	10,000	
Publicity and Printing	5,200	4,400	Bi-weekly online newsletter keeps printing costs down
Travel and Conferences	3,500	3,500	
Automated Services	10,500	11,000	
Membership	1,200	1,200	
Miscellaneous	500	500	
Rental/Maint. Office Equip	1,600	1,400	
Contractual	50,000	50,500	
Special Programs	7,400	7,400	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,150,675</b>	<b>\$1,150,616</b>	

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