2027 Library Budget Vote & Election

Maintaining 7-day access, collections, programs, technology, meeting rooms, and staffing.

East Greenbush COMMUNITY LIBRARY

What does the proposed budget mean for taxpayers?

Assessed Value	Estimated 2027 Annual Library Tax	Estimated Annual Increase	Estimated Monthly Increase
$250,000	$181.60	+$5.70	+$0.48
$300,000	$217.92	+$6.84	+$0.57
$400,000	$290.56	+$9.13	+$0.76

These figures are based on the proposed 2027 levy increase of $72,810 (3.5%) and current taxable assessed value using an estimated rate of $0.7264 per $1,000 assessed value. Final individual tax bills may vary based on final assessment data and exemptions.

The budget maintains:

7 Days a Week

7-day access and drive-thru service

Books & Digital Collections

Books, eBooks, audiobooks, online resources

People Who Can Help

Knowledgeable staff

Community Spaces

Meeting rooms and gathering spaces

Programs for All Ages

Children, teens, adults & families

Technology Access

Public computers, WiFi, printing, and assistance





Our community uses the library!





2025 vs 2024 shows strong demand for library services

+35% Summer Reading event attendance

+16% Registered borrowers

+14% Library visits

+22% Program attendance

Investing in today. Preparing for tomorrow.

The Library uses a combination of tax levy, contract revenue, grants, reserves, restricted funds, and outside funding where available. Major capital needs are planned separately from normal operating expenses to maintain our facility and ensure accessible, welcoming spaces for all.

Public Bathrooms, Including Bottle Filler

Funding Identified

Total Estimated Project Cost

$381,405



$250,000
Grant secured

$131,405
Est. amount remaining after grant

Parking Lot

Restriping, seal coating and ADA spaces

Planning Estimate

$40,000

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Work includes restriping, seal coating, and ADA accessible spaces.

Possible Concrete Slab / Moisture Work

Under Investigation

Still Under Investigation

No final project scope, responsibility, funding source, or cost has been determined at this time.

These capital needs represent facility infrastructure and accessibility improvements and are planned separately from the Library's normal operating expenses.

2027 Budget at a Glance

$2,789,060
Total Revenue
From tax levy, contract revenue, grants, and other sources

$45,000
Use of Fund Balanace & Restricted Funds

$2,708,031
Operating Expenses
For library services, staffing, collections, programs and facilities

$126,029
Contribution to Capital Reserves
For future building and infrastructure needs

Where the money comes from?

2026 vs. 2027 (proposed)

Revenue Source	2026	2027	$ Change	% Change
East Greenbush Tax Levy	$2,080,250	$2,153,060	$72,810	3.5%
Contract for Service - Schodack*	$462,000	$500,000	$38,000	8.2%
State & County Aid	$6,500	$6,500	$0	--
Interest & Earnings	$52,500	$50,000	-$2,500	-4.8%
Library Charges	$13,500	$13,500	$0	--
Other Revenue (Gifts / Grants)	$58,000	$66,000	$8,000	13.8%
Total Revenue	**$2,672,750**	**$2,789,060**	**$116,310**	**4.4%**
Use of Fund Balance & Restricted Funds	$205,645	$45,000	-$160,645	-78.1%
Total Available Revenue	**$2,878,395**	**$2,834,060**	**-$44,335**	**-1.5%**

**The 2027 Schodack service contract amount has not yet been finalized; the proposed budget assumes $500,000.*

Where the money goes.

Expenses				
Technology & Communications	$113,385	$113,485	$100	0.1%
Programming & Planning	$34,700	$34,550	-$150	-0.4%
Books & Materials (Collections)	$162,390	$159,105	-$3,285	-2.0%
Facilities Expenses	$196,200	$192,300	-$3,900	-2.0%
Professional Services	$59,475	$62,250	$2,775	4.7%
Operations	$42,650	$41,450	-$1,200	-2.8%
Human Resources / Staff Development	$7,000	$7,300	$300	4.3%
Subtotal - Non-Personnel Operating	**$615,800**	**$610,440**	**-$5,360**	**-0.9%**
Benefits	$491,525	$535,447	$43,922	8.9%
Salaries	$1,474,105	$1,562,144	$88,039	6.0%
Subtotal - Personnel	**$1,965,630**	**$2,097,591**	**$131,961**	**6.7%**
Total Operating Expenses	**$2,581,430**	**$2,708,031**	**$126,601**	**4.9%**

The total salary budget increases 6.0% due to the 3.5% cost-of-living adjustment, scheduled step increases, targeted equity adjustments, and normal changes resulting from vacancies and hiring.

Transfer to Capital Reserves - Reserve Contribution				
Transfer to Capital Reserves	$296,965	$126,029	-$170,936	-57.6%
Total Appropriations	**$2,878,395**	**$2,834,060**	**-$44,335**	**-1.5%**

The transfer to capital reserves is a contribution toward future capital needs and is separate from recurring operating expenses.









Proposition and Voting Information

Eligible East Greenbush voters may participate in the Library budget vote and trustee election.

Vote & Trustee Election

Monday, November 16th | 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Vote is held in the library located at 10 Community Way

Proposition

Whether the 2027 budget in the amount of **$2,834,060** proposed by the Library Board of Trustees shall be approved.

Trustee Seats

Two seats are scheduled to appear on the ballot: one two-year term and one five-year term.

Trustee Candidates

Amanda Miller (incumbent)

Albert Yasus, Jr.

For more information, visit us at eglibrary.org

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Winter Reading Challenge—Starts Jan. 4th!

Starting January 4th adults, teens and kids will have *Snow Much to Read* (and do) to make the cold months extra special this winter! The challenge runs January 4th through February 19th. Stay tuned to our website and social media for details.

Upcoming Youth Programs



11/18: Cider Donut Paint and Sip (two sessions)
11/12: Thanksgiving Snacks with Chef Taffy
11/24: Re-thinking Thanksgiving with Perry Ground
12/30: Jack Frost: Snow Kidding!

For a complete list of all programs for adults, youth, and families, please visit our website at **events.eglibrary.org**



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Refer to pages 1-3 for budget details and voter eligibility. Candidate biographies will be available online and in the library.

Your Library at Work



Every visit, every borrowed item, and every program attended reflects the impact the library has in the community.

In 2025, the library welcomed 149,769 visitors of all ages to attend programs, borrow materials, digital resources, and computers, ask questions, and enjoy our community spaces.

288,590 Physical Items Borrowed	**177,630** Electronic Content Use	**8,605** Registered Borrowers
35,705 Program Attendance	**17,660** Computer Sessions	**1,131** Meeting Room Reservations

Summer Reading Program — UNEARTH A STORY™

1,010 Total Registrations

698 Children
91 Teens
220 Adults

220 Program Sessions
7,593 Session Attendance



Beyond the Books

From early literacy and lifelong learning to technology and community connections, the library provides opportunities for everyone.


Clifford visits the library!


E.G. Con 2026


Comics with Ira Marcks

Summer Reading Program Supporters

Thank You

We want to thank the **Friends of the Library** for underwriting our 2026 Summer Reading Program!

A special shoutout to **Stewart's Shops** for providing funds and gift cards to make this summer special. Thank you to **Dinosaur BBQ** for donating the grand prize for adults, and **FunPlex** and **Chick-fil-A** for providing gift cards for youth prizes.



And to the **local businesses** who were wonderful to work with for our Summer Stuffie Search: **Uncommon Grounds**, **Country True Value** (East Greenbush), **Golden Grain**, **Michael's**, **Upstate Cookie Shack**, and **Kristy's Barn**.

Thank you to **86 teens** who **volunteered 883 hours** this summer!

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