EAST GREENBUSH COMMUNITY LIBRARY
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NEWS RELEASE

Annual Library Election and Budget Vote on November 16, 2026 from 9 am – 8 pm

East Greenbush — East Greenbush Community Library Annual District Election and Budget Vote will be held on Monday, November 16, 2026, from 9 A.M. to 8 P.M. at the library.

East Greenbush voters will consider a proposed 2027 library budget of $2,834,060. The proposed budget is designed to maintain the library services residents use today while continuing responsible long-term financial planning.

Based on the current taxable assessed value, the estimated library tax rate is $0.7264 per $1,000 of assessed value. For a property assessed at $300,000, the estimated annual library tax would be $217.92, an increase of approximately $6.84 for the year, or 57 cents per month.

The 2027 budget maintains library access and services including: seven-day access; print and digital collections; programs for all ages; public computers; Wi-Fi; printing; technology assistance; meeting rooms and community spaces; outreach, drive-through service, and assistance from library staff.

The proposed budget maintains collections, programs, and technology at current service levels while reducing reliance on prior-year and restricted funds from $205,645 to $45,000. Overall appropriations are 1.5% lower than the 2026 budget, while the proposed tax levy is 3.5% higher.

Community use of the library remains strong. In 2025, compared with 2024:

- Library visits increased 14%
- Program attendance increased 22%
- Summer Reading event attendance increased 35%
- Registered borrowers increased 16%
- Digital content circulation increased 7%
- Use of library meeting rooms by outside groups increased 27%.

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These increases reflect continued community use of the library's collections, programs, spaces, and services.

Two propositions will appear on the ballot:

Proposition 1- 2027 Library Budget

Whether the proposed 2027 budget of 2,834,060 shall be approved by East Greenbush registered voters.

Proposition 2- Election of Library Trustees

Voters will elect two members of the Library Board of Trustees: one trustee to serve a five-year term and one trustee to serve a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2027.

Candidate biographies and additional election information are available at https://eglibrary.org/about/board.

The election and budget vote will take place at the East Greenbush Community Library, 10 Community Way, on Monday, November 16, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any voter registered to vote in East Greenbush general elections may vote in the library election. For additional information, visit https://eglibrary.org/library-budget-vote-and-trustee-election/ or contact Library Director, Jill Dugas Hughes, at 518-477-7476 or director @eglibrary.

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