In announcing the 2013-14 proposed budget,

Mark Spadafore, President of the Library Board of Trustees, said, "The Board of Trustees works very hard to ensure that your tax dollars are spent wisely. In these challenging times, we have held the line on taxes, while maintaining our high level of services."



How will the 2013-2014 proposal impact taxpayers?

Lower interest rates, reduced public aid, and lack of available fund balance result in a projected 1.996% tax levy increase based on 2012 state equalization rates. The approximate average annual tax on a house in Salina or Clay would increase by a total of about \$2.00 over 2012.



LIBRARY USAGE IN 2012

Items Checked Out	. 632,838
Library Visitors	. 342,744
Reference Questions	. 43,519
Programs and Storytimes	. 539
Program Attendance	. 18,557
Free Notary Service	. 840
Passport Applications	. 133
Meeting Room Use by Non-profit Orgs	. 1,160
Computer Use	. 35,129 hours
Website Visitors	514,518 visitors

Liverpool Public Library is dedicated to meeting the community's changing needs with innovation and service, including the rapidly increasing demand for digital technology.



2013 Proposed Library Budget - Revenues

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	Adopted 2012 Budget	Proposed 2013 Budget	Description
Real Property Taxes	\$3,469,465	\$3,538,700	taxes from Clay and Salina in LCSD
PILOT	65,000	65,000	from businesses in lieu of taxes
Public Funds	33,500	32,900	State Aid & Grants
Library Charges	60,000	57,000	fees & fines
Interest & Earnings	6,000	4,000	reflects lower interest rates
Donations & Gifts	0	0	no longer included in general fund
Other Unclassified	16,500	15,500	revenue from printers, copiers
Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	no fund balance was used

TOTAL \$3,650,465 \$3,713,100

2013 Proposed Library Budget - Expenses

	Adopted 2012 Budget	Proposed 2013 Budget	Description
Salaries & Benefits	\$2,928,265	\$3,027,000	contract increase of 1.25% in July
Library Materials	324,000	291,000	books, DVDs, materials
Operation of Building	117,100	121,500	maintenance, contracts, fuel
Computer Hardware	55,000	40,000	public & staff equipment
Communications, Services, Supplies, & Misc.	226,100	233,600	contracts, postage, printing, leases
Furniture	0	0	

TOTAL \$3.650.465 \$3.713.100 1.71% increase from 2012

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Financial considerations continue to be of utmost importance to the Board and administration as we strive to deliver the most taxpayer benefit possible under existing and anticipated economic constraints. The two percent tax cap limit, combined with other forces beyond our control, such as increases in health and retirement, have combined to make an especially challenging situation for the library.

At the same time, the community's needs are changing. The demand for traditional printed library materials continues to decline, but the requests for digital books, and online services that people can use from home or via mobile phones is increasing. Patrons want help with using our electronic services on their own equipment: laptops, iPads, and eBook readers, necessitating our new eBook Angels one-on-one tutoring appointments.

And it's more than just materials; patrons want space and places to pursue their own activities. They want comfortable seating, tables for laptops, and seating and spaces for collaboration. People want to use public computers, and aging heavily used computers must be replaced, as well as worn-out furniture and fixtures.

In addition, patrons want free programs. Programs for adults attracted over 9,000 people in 2012, up 14% from the previous year. Children's programs were also strong, with more than 8,700 attendees.

In response to that, we have a 2013 calendar full of enticing programs, films, and concerts including our huge book sale, which will be returning on September 28 & 29.

We invite you to visit your library to find a fascinating array of materials for loan, carefully selected to help you discover, learn, and grow!

You can also visit us online at **LPL.org** to reserve movies and books or download eBooks, free music, or our latest program guide.

And as always, I'm interested in your thoughts and comments about what matters to you!

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LIVERPOOL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Budget & Trustee Vote

2013-2014

There is one trustee seat up this year.*

Trustees serve a 5-year term and are elected by the residents of the Liverpool Central School District.

Board of Trustees:

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Voter Information

What are you voting for?

The proposed 2013-2014 Liverpool Public Library Budget and one library trustee position.

Where will the voting be held?

In the main gymnasium of the Liverpool High School, 4338 Wetzel Rd. This is the same time and place as the Liverpool Central School District vote, but the library is an independent entity and has a separate line on the ballot.

Who's eligible to vote?

You must be a US citizen, be 18 years of age, and have lived in the Liverpool Central School District (LCSD) for at least 30 days before May 21, 2013, either as a renter or property owner.

How do you know if you are registered to vote?

If you are already registered with the Onondaga County Board of Elections to vote in the general election; or you have been previously placed on the register and voted in the last four years; or you registered to vote by May 14, 2013 at the District Office. Absentee ballot applications are available at the School District Office on 195 Blackberry Rd, approximately two weeks before the vote.

Where is there more information?

Budget information can be found in this pamphlet, at the library, or online at LPL.org.

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 • 6am-9pm

Liverpool High School • 4338 Wetzel Rd