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The Trustees of the Liverpool Public Library (LPL) are pleased to present the budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Some funding has been restored in areas that most directly affect the services we provide to our patrons, namely computers and library materials. We have sought to contain costs and meet the requirements of the New York State's tax cap provisions, while at the same time addressing the concerns of local taxpayers.

The proposed budget reflects a 3.2% increase in the current operating budget. The projected increase in revenues and the use of fund balance will offset the expense increase so that the 2014 tax impact of 1.936% will be slightly less than last year's 1.996%. The estimated tax rate would be in $1.22 per thousand in the Town of Salina and $28.26 per thousand in the Town of Clay.

The Board strives to make every tax dollar provide as much service as possible. This budget accommodates increased expenses, many of which the Board has no control over, and still increases the services we provide while keeping our tax increase to a modest and realistic level.

In addition, to help protect our taxpayer-funded resources, the Board has implemented the use of fee-based library cards for out-of-county residents (part of the System Library Card Policy approved by the Onondaga County Public Library Board in October 2013.) LPL now charges out-of-county residents a $35 fee if they wish to take out materials. This does not affect Liverpool or Onondaga County resident cardholders and everyone is always welcome to visit the library or attend programs. It simply insures that everyone who uses our resources or takes them home helps to support the library.

We believe this to be a responsible budget, and we encourage you to come out on Tuesday, May 20 and exercise your right to vote.

AND DON'T MISS OUR BOOK SALE THIS FALL!

We will again partner with the Liverpool Elementary PFO for our annual **Really Big Book Sale** on September 27-28 at the Liverpool Elementary School. If you can't make it to the sale, make sure to stop in and check out our year-round lobby book sale.

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Budget & Trustee Vote

2014-2015

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.

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Voter Information

What are you voting for?
The proposed 2014-2015 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 20, 2014, 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 on May 13, 2014 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 20, 2014 • 6am-9pm

Liverpool High School • 4338 Wetzel Rd

In announcing the 2014-15 proposed budget,

Natalie Scavone, President of the Library Board of Trustees, said, "The Board of Trustees has held the line on taxes while maintaining a high level of services. We work hard to make sure that your tax dollars are spent wisely."

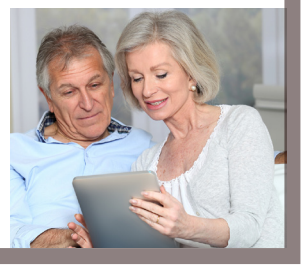
How will the 2014-2015 proposal impact taxpayers?

Continued low interest rates, reduced public aid, and higher operating expenses result in a projected 1.936% tax levy increase based on 2013 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 2013.

LIBRARY USAGE IN 2013

Items Checked Out	600,982
Library Visitors	328,770
Reference Questions	40,716
Programs and Storytimes	726
Program Attendance	21,205
Free Notary Service	755
Passport Applications	246
Meeting Room Use by Non-profit Orgs	1,542
Computer Use	31,959 hours
Website Visitors	457,289 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.



2014 Proposed Library Budget - Revenues

	Adopted 2013 Budget	Proposed 2014 Budget	Description
Real Property Taxes	$3,538,700	$3,607,200	*taxes from Clay and Salina in LCSD*
PILOT	65,000	65,000	*from businesses in lieu of taxes*
Public Funds	32,900	32,900	*State Aid & Grants*
Library Charges	57,000	57,000	*fees & fines*
Interest & Earnings	4,000	4,000	*low interest rates*
Donations & Gifts	0	0	*no longer included in general fund*
Other Unclassified	15,500	25,000	*revenue from printers, copiers, now includes lobby & book sale revenue*
Fund Balance	0	42,000	*fund balance*
TOTAL	$3,713,100	$3,833,100	

2014 Proposed Library Budget - Expenses

	Adopted 2013 Budget	Proposed 2014 Budget	Description
Salaries & Benefits	$3,027,000	$2,995,000	
Library Materials	291,000	325,500	*books, DVDs, materials*
Operation of Building	121,500	128,000	*maintenance, contracts, fuel*
Computer Hardware	40,000	50,000	*public & staff equipment*
Communications, Services, Supplies, & Misc.	233,600	257,600	*contracts, postage, printing, leases*
Furniture	0	77,000	
TOTAL	$3,713,100	$3,833,100	*3.23% increase from 2013*

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