

2020-2021 Trustees

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HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday & Friday 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Closed on Sunday and Monday

Upon returning to non-pandemic hours the Library will be open on
Tuesday and Thursday until 8:00 P.M.

The Future

The Long Range Plan development is underway and will help guide the next five years of collaborations, projects, programs and resources.

The Librarian I position remains vacant however we remain confident the position will be filled. We are also in the process of filling a Clerk position.

The Library has been working through NYS Construction Aid funds to support the base projects necessary for initiating the renovation of the Annex into usable Library and Community space.

THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Serving our communities for 100 years!
COBLESKILL, NEW YORK

PROPOSED
2022
Operating Budget
&
2021 Trustee Election



Vote Date: May 18, 2021

9:00 am – 9:00 pm

High School

**If you have not visited the Library recently, stop in
and make sure to get a Library Card!**

2022 Proposed Budget and Tax Levy Request

PERSONNEL

Salaries	\$ 143,706
Benefits/Taxes	\$ 32,044
Total Personnel	\$ 175,750

COLLECTION

Books	\$ 20,000
Serials	\$ 1,000
Electronic	\$ 4,500
Digital (DVD, CD, Etc.)	\$ 7,500
Total Collection	\$ 33,000

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT

Fuel	\$ 3,500
Electric	\$ 9,000
Water	\$ 500
Utility Sub-Total	\$ 13,000
Building Maintenance	\$ 100
Service Contracts	\$ 35,100
Insurance	\$ 11,400
Equipment Repair	\$ 6,500
Total Building & Equipment	\$ 53,100

MISCELLANEOUS

Office Costs	\$ 24,722
Programming	\$ 5,000
Total Miscellaneous	\$ 29,722

TOTAL BUDGET

Taxpayer Request	\$ 304,572
Other Sources(State Aid, Grants, Reserves, Private Donations)	\$ 274,000
	\$ 30,572

Board of Trustees Election

There are 3 seats on the Board of Trustees of The Community Library open for election this year. Two are for 5-year terms commencing July 1, 2021 and one is a 4-year term.

Meet the Candidates

Candidate bios are available at communitylibrary.mvls.info

Candidates running for the one four-year term position:

James Collins of Cobleskill

Shannon White Knowles of Cobleskill

Candidates running for the two five-year term positions:

Colleen Badger of Cobleskill

Linda Carpenter of Richmondville is running for re-election

Julie Santoro of Seward

2020

During the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown the Library took the opportunity to make building improvements and address the needs of reopening safely. The lighting in the building was changed to LED to reduce our electrical costs. The Children's room was moved to the Becker Room to offer a more welcoming atmosphere. The NY State Construction Aid accessibility project to replace the ramp and improve the lighting and offer a new bike rack was completed in September. We also took the opportunity to adjust the hours of operation.

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

Our collection includes over 36,000 items including print, audio, and eBooks, magazines, newspapers, movies and music.

The building was physically closed for 6 months due to the pandemic and the construction project significantly reducing the number of visitors. However, curbside service was established and over 23,000 items were borrowed or otherwise accessed. Patrons also borrowed 3,800 books and materials through Inter-Library Loan and we sent nearly 3,100 items to patrons at other libraries.

During the past year, the Library provided access to computers and online resources for over 9,000 sessions. 799 people attended the Library's 87 hybrid programs for children, teens and adults. The Library's 33 hybrid summer reading programs involved 409 children and teens.

Prior to shutting down for the pandemic some 12 different community organizations and individuals held 41 meetings at the Library.

YOUR LIBRARY

The Community Library is a member of the Mohawk Valley Library System (MVLS). Along with the Southern Adirondack Library System, MVLS is part of a large network providing library resources to every person in the Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School District. Inter-Library Loan is available to all borrowers and can be done from home or at the Library. Books, movies, music and more can be ordered from any of the 57 libraries in the 8 counties served.

During Library hours patrons may use the public internet-connected computers, stand-alone educational computers, fax machine and copier. New Chromebooks are available to borrow. The Wi-Fi services is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on Library property.

With your Library card you have access to downloadable books, audiobooks and over 3,000 magazines through the Libby app. We are now connected with CRSD SORA cards.

Using one of the public computers in the Library you have access to Ancestry.com.