

# AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY

## 2024 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET



This year our **Annual Library Budget Vote** will take place on **Tuesday, May 16th, from 2pm - 8pm** at the Amagansett School. **The 2024 proposed library budget asks the voters of Amagansett for a tax levy increase of \$82,877 for a total of \$1,357,908.** The total proposed budget is \$1,410,408.

This additional \$82,877 represents the library's response to the community's changing needs and our commitment to a robust service plan. Increases are proposed for Library Materials & Programs, Building Maintenance, and Staff expenses.

### **Library Materials & Programs**

In 2022 the library saw an increase of 28% increase in adult and teen programs, and added the electronic reference databases Consumer Reports and LinkedIn Learning. The proposed increase in books, e-materials and library programs is \$1,000.

### **Building Maintenance**

We are increasing the the Maintenance of Building and Capital Expenditure lines to support keeping the library safe and accessible in 2024. Funds for preventative maintenance as the building reaches its twentieth renovation anniversary are a prudent investment in our historic building. Small increases in building maintenance, utilities, and capital expenditures amount to a \$13,118 increase.

### **Staff**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the library reduced staffing levels while providing the high-quality services that our community has come to appreciate. A proposed 3.67% increase in staff expenses represents the annual increases in salaries, medical insurance, retirement, insurance costs, and professional development. The total additional funds allocated toward staffing in 2024 is \$29,094.

**Please contact the Library Director, Arielle Hessler, with any questions or comments [director@amagansettlibrary.org](mailto:director@amagansettlibrary.org) or call (631) 267-3810.**