

AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY

2026 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET



This year our **Amagansett Free Library Budget Vote will take place on Tuesday, May 20, from 2pm - 8pm at the Amagansett School.** A Budget Presentation will be held at the Amagansett Free Library Community Room on Friday, May 9 at 4:00 PM. The 2026 proposed library budget asks the voters of Amagansett for a tax levy increase of \$93,097, for a total of \$1,522,095. Additionally, the Board will transfer \$300,000 from reserve funds towards essential capital projects. The total proposed budget is \$1,906,845.

The additional funds represent the library's response to the community's changing needs and our commitment to a robust service plan. It will also fund necessary capital improvements identified in a recent Building Assessment of our historic building and grounds. The main areas for increase in 2026 are Library Materials & Programs, Capital Expenditures & Building Maintenance, and Staff expenses.

Library Materials & Programs

The Library recognizes that our patrons still cherish print media and in person programs. In 2024 the library offered 20% more programs than the previous year. The proposed increase in Library Materials & Programs is \$10,769.

Capital Expenditures & Building Maintenance

These expenses keep the library safe and accessible. In 2026 the Library will focus on projects identified in a recent building assessment, including a new roof and insulation for a more energy efficient building. The proposed increase to Capital Expenditures & Building Maintenance is \$351,804.

Staff

The Library added two part time clerks to our staff in 2024 in our ongoing mission to provide high-quality services to our community. The proposed increase to staff represents the annual increases in salaries, medical insurance, retirement, insurance costs, and professional development. The proposed increase to Staff is \$39,134.

Please contact the Library Director, Arielle Hessler, with any questions or comments
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