

AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY 2027 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET



The Amagansett Free Library Budget Vote will take place on Tuesday, May 19, from 2pm - 8pm at the Amagansett School. A Budget Presentation will be held at the Amagansett Free Library Community Room on Thursday, May 7 at 6:00 PM. The 2027 proposed library budget asks the voters of Amagansett for a tax levy increase of \$147,580, for a total of \$1,669,675. The total proposed budget is \$1,784,425.

The additional funds represent the library's response to the community's changing needs and our commitment to the Library's Plan of Service and 2026-2030 Long Range Plan. It will also fund necessary, ongoing capital improvements identified in the recent Building Assessment to maintain our historic building and grounds in the heart of Main Street.

Library Materials & Programs

The Library recognizes that our patrons still cherish print media and in person programs. The proposed increase in Library Materials & Programs is \$8,665.

Building Maintenance & Repair

An increase of \$14,950 is included to cover anticipated increases in utilities and small building projects identified in the recent 2024 Building Assessment. In 2027, the Library will focus on caring for the cedar shingle siding, repairing or replacing its aging exterior fence, and drainage to handle water run-off during heavy rain or snowmelt to protect the building's foundation. In addition to building maintenance and repair increases, \$100,000 in Capital Expenditures is set aside for these exterior projects.

Staff Salaries and Benefits

A proposed increase of \$106,905 represents the annual increases in salaries, medical insurance, retirement, insurance costs, and professional development, as well as funding for a new part-time administrative position to assist in Library finance, record keeping, and human resources as we continue growing to serve our community.

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

2027 Proposed Amagansett Free Library Budget

Income

School District Taxes	\$1,669,675.00
NY State Aid	\$1,750.00
Interest	\$50,000.00
Grants & Donations	\$13,000.00
Fundraising Income	\$40,000.00
Pilot Funds	\$8,000.00
Other Income	\$2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,784,425.00

Expenses

Staff Salaries and Benefits

Total Salaries	\$747,920.00
FICA	\$57,216.00
Medical Insurance (NYSHIP)	\$174,645.00
Retirement	\$59,000.00
Insurance	\$11,900.00

Library Materials & Programs

Electronic Collections	\$63,050.00
Physical Collections	\$44,600.00
Library Materials-Other	\$6,500.00
Programs	\$43,000.00

Building Maintenance & Repair

Maintenance of Building	\$108,400.00
Grounds Maintenance	\$5,500.00
Utilities	\$34,400.00

Library Services & Operations

Professional Development	\$16,900.00
Marketing	\$14,000.00
Technology	\$25,770.00
Professional Fees	\$27,280.00
Supplies	\$20,000.00
Postage and Freight	\$2,500.00
Fundraising	\$6,000.00

Capital Expenditures \$100,000.00

Mortgage \$215,844.00

TOTAL EXPENSE \$1,784,425.00