



Stevens Memorial Community Library

2026-2027 Budget Hearing
May 5th, 2026

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- ▶ A School District Public Library, chartered to serve the residents of the Attica Central School District
 - ▶ School district public libraries are independent of the school district
- ▶ Trustees are subject to an open election process
- ▶ The Library Board has the authority to schedule a vote on the library budget each year



2025 Highlights



1,365 Public
Computer Sessions



1,929 Registered
Library Card Holders



12,246
Library Visits



7,567 Electronic
Materials Circulated



9,248 Items to and
from system libraries



27,254 Materials
Checked Out

Figures from 2025 Annual Report



Programs Offered

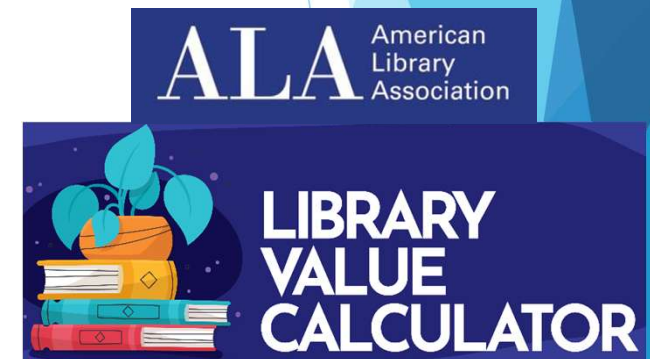
- ▶ We offered a variety of programs this past year for patrons of all ages, totaling 1,275 program attendees



Community Savings

- ▶ **\$454,845*** saved by the community last year in library services
- ▶ 10,932 adult book circulations
- ▶ 10,275 children's book circulations
- ▶ 6,047 movies/magazines/physical audiobook circulations
- ▶ 1,527 Wi-Fi connections

*This number comes from the American Library Association's library value calculator webpage



Completed Projects in 2025-2026

- ▶ Parking lot re-paved and re-striped
- ▶ New security cameras and fire system
- ▶ New library seating area
- ▶ New AC Unit
- ▶ New book return
- ▶ New DVD shelves and New Materials shelves
- ▶ New bathroom floors
- ▶ Increased hours of operation (40 --> 46 per week)



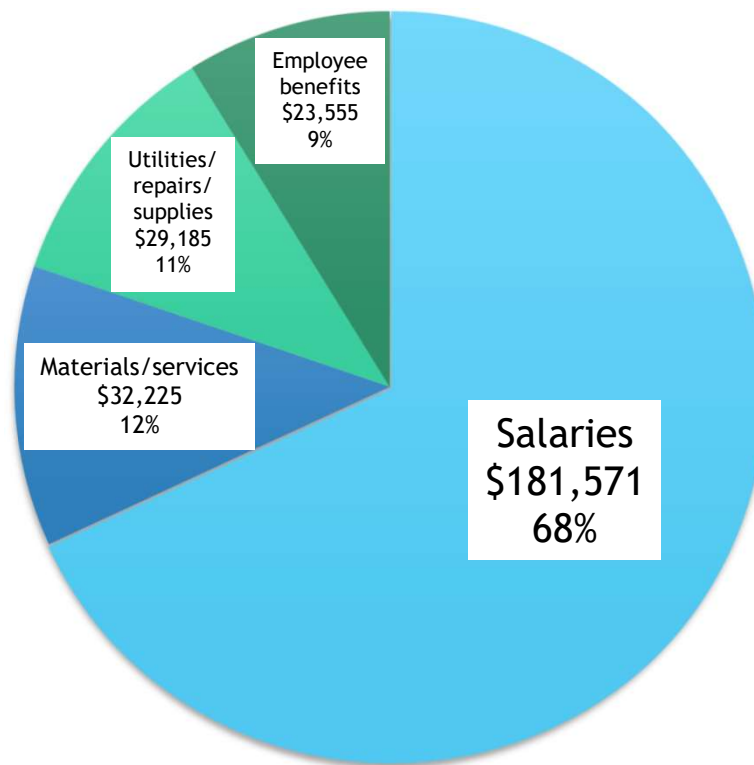
Upcoming Projects

- ▶ Foundation repair by DVD section
- ▶ Basement sluice trough and sump reconfiguration
- ▶ Beam replacements in basement
- ▶ Replace reading room tables
- ▶ Replace handles on back doors
- ▶ And more!



2026-2027 Proposed Budget

- ▶ Additional \$39,343 tax levy requested
- ▶ Brings the Library's total appropriation from \$209,368 to \$248,711
 - ▶ Resulting in \$0.24 per \$1,000 Assessed Property Value
 - ▶ Second lowest per capita cost in Wyoming County (Castile)



Why are we asking for this increase?

- ▶ The main reason is to stop pulling from our reserve funds to supplement our budget so we can safely use that money for building repairs and purchases
- ▶ Paying our wonderful staff so we can continue to provide a quality services to the community
- ▶ Increasing our program budget so that we are not as reliant on grants and are able to keep up with the offerings the community is looking for
- ▶ Continue building our reserve funds so we are better able to plan for large repairs and replacements

Rising Costs

- ▶ NYS minimum wage + salary increases each year
 - ▶ Wages/salaries are the highest portion of the budget by far
- ▶ Historic building in need of constant maintenance and repairs
 - ▶ Allowing for routine, daily fixes along with the aforementioned projects
- ▶ Utility fees and inflation
 - ▶ Prices keep going up as the library maintains its status as both a community cooling center in summer and a community heating center in winter

Budget Comparison 25-26 and 26-27

Operating Income	2025-2026
Local Public Funds - Vote-Attica School District	209368
Town of Darien	3000
Village of Alexander	650
New York State Library Aid	3400
Library Generated Income	
Interest of Investments	1400
Fax/Printing/Lost Items	2600
Gifts/Memorials	4000
Fundraising	300
Appropriated Fund Balance	38000
Total	\$262,718
Operating Expenditures	
Library Materials - Books	15000
Electronic books, audio	2326
Media	2500
Periodicals	2000
Supplies-Library & Office Supplies	2000
Custodial Supplies	2000
Computer Supplies	2000
Purchased Services	
Computer/Technology Services & Support (OWWL)	8420
Insurance	5000
Building & Grounds (mowing, plowing, fire, hvac,repairs)	4500
Financial (CPA, software support)	3200
Leases (Toshiba printer)	2500
Library Programs (performers, instructors)	500
Other Services (memberships, postage, travel)	700
Utilities	9600
Salaries	178330
Employee Benefits - Social Security	13642
Health Insurance	2500
Retirement	6000
Total	\$262,718

Operating Income	2026-2027
Real Property Taxes	248711
Other Govts	3650
Library Charges	3000
Interest and Earnings	7000
Gifts and Donations	500
State Aid for Libraries	3675
Total	\$266,536
Operating Expenditures	
Salaries	181571
Library Materials - Books	12000
Media	1500
Periodicals	2000
Library Programs	3000
Library and Office Supplies	1750
Custodial Supplies	1750
Memberships	65
Travel	250
Training	250
Postage	100
OWWL/Computer/Tech services	11225
Financial Software	1380
Printer Lease	2500
Insurance	7250
Building Maintenance/Repair	1750
Grounds Maintenance	3440
Water and Sewer	300
Electric	5600
Gas	2600
Telephone	2100
Trash Removal	600
Employee Benefits	
Social Security	13890
Health Insurance	3000
NYS Retirement	6165
Total Expense	\$266,536

Trustee Candidates

- ▶ The Library Board consists of 7 members, each elected for 5-year terms
- ▶ Eligibility limited to residents of the Attica Central School District for one year prior to the vote who are US Citizens at least 18 years old
- ▶ Nominating petition signed by 25 qualified voters of the ACSD
- ▶ We have 2 open seats on the board this year, and the candidates appearing on the ballot are:
 - ▶ Sandy Eck
 - ▶ Andrea Seeloff

Questions?

- ▶ Thank you!

