

2025-2026 Annual Budget Fact Sheet



About Us

The mission of the Bloomfield Public Library is to educate and enrich the community by providing resources and opportunities for gathering, learning, connecting, innovating and accessing information.



30,493

digital and print materials were circulated in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.



252

new patrons received a library card at Bloomfield Public Library in the 2023-2024 fiscal year



2,130

public computer and wi-fi connections were made in the 2023-2024 fiscal year



359

programs for a variety of ages and populations were offered in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

About the 2025-2026 Budget

2025-2026 Budget Increase

The Bloomfield Public Library is asking residents of the Bloomfield Central School District to vote for the library's 2025-2026 funding. The library is asking voters to support a \$326,577 tax levy which represents an overall budget increase of \$6,359 from last year.

Drivers of increased operating costs include mandatory wage increases, as well as increase in utility costs, insurance increases, and increased costs for building and property maintenance. Additionally, the library strives to fairly compensate its qualified and dedicated staff with competitive wages and benefits.

Approval of the proposed budget will enable the library to continue serving the Bloomfield community in a fiscally responsible manner, while reflecting the library mission to educate and enrich by providing essential resources and opportunities. The library is committed to increasing accessibility to the array of services that are offered to the Bloomfield community. With the passage of this budget, the library will continue the forward movement towards the growth and utilization of the library.

Current 24-25 Budget: \$325,068
Proposed 25-26 Budget: \$332,427

Total Budget Increase for 25-26
\$6,359

Current Tax Levy: \$320, 218
Proposed Tax Levy: \$326, 577

Total Tax Levy Increase for 25-26
\$6,359; an increase of 1.99%

Long-Range Goals of the Library:

TO INCREASE LIBRARY USAGE

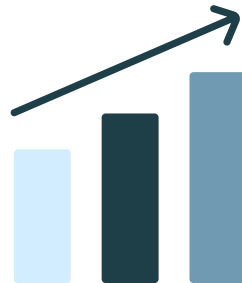
TO EXPAND SERVICES TO UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

TO CREATE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

TO DEVELOP THE ENTIRE PROPERTY AS USABLE SPACE

Recent Library Improvements

- Installation of an ADA compliant drinking fountain
- Interior Painting of the Entire Library
- Addition of a Spanish Language Collection
- Increased Community Outreach & Partnerships
- Increased On-Site Programming
- Seasonal Free Produce Stand
- Vibrant & Expansive Summer Reading Program
- Addition of Materials from the Talking Book & Braille Library



Future Library Improvements

- Addition of a virtual author talk program available to all patrons
- Increased partnerships with community organizations
- Expanded Collection
- Special Collection Development
- Item/Tool Library Development
- Updated Library Spaces
- Increase both on and off site programming

Library Board of Trustees

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Term 2024-2027
Term 2023-2026
Term 2023-2026
Term: 2024-2027
Term: 2022-2025

Incumbent Emily Meade will be running for re-election on this year's ballot.

Library Open House & Budget Presentation
May 12th, 2025
6:00 -8:00 PM

Questions?

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