

**EAST BLOOMFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD ELECTION  
LIBRARY TAX PROPOSITION**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the election of one member of the Board of Trustees of the Bloomfield Public Library and the vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of the Library during the ensuing fiscal year and authorizing the levy of taxes will be conducted at the District's Operations Center located at **1 Oakmount Ave., Bloomfield, NY**, from **7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 20, 2025**.

**AND NOTICE IS GIVEN** that voting upon the propositions hereinafter set forth shall also take place at said meeting:

**LIBRARY TAX PROPOSITION** Shall the Board of Education of the East Bloomfield Central School District levy and collect a tax, pursuant to Education Law §259, in the sum of \$326,577, an **increase of \$6,359** from the tax levy currently in effect for the Bloomfield Public Library for the continuing support and maintenance of the free library services offered to District residents by the Bloomfield Public Library?

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that at the **May 20, 2025 election**, voters shall elect **one (1) member of the Bloomfield Public Library Board of Trustees** for a three-year term, commencing July 1, 2025.

**Candidates on the ballot for election:**

Emily Meade

**Write-In Candidates:**

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# ***Bloomfield Public Library Budget Fact Sheet***

The Bloomfield Public Library is asking residents of the Bloomfield Central School District to vote on the library's 2025-2026 funding. The library is asking to approve a \$326,577 tax levy.

The Library Budget Resolution will appear on the same ballot as the Bloomfield Central School District budget. This represents an increase of \$6,359 over the base amount of \$320,218 that was approved by voters in 2024.

The Board of Trustees continues to carefully monitor library expenses and revenue. Funding increases are largely driven by mandated minimum wage increases and cost-of-living adjustments to salaries and benefits, as well as rising costs of materials.

The Bloomfield Public Library is an essential community resource and learning center offering access to digital services people rely on. Library services improve community literacy. Preschoolers learn early-reading skills. Children and teens use the library to complete homework and school projects. People without internet access can use the library's computers for such things as information searches, job applications, tax form completion, applications for health insurance, and print documents.

## **Here are some facts from 2024 of how the Bloomfield Public Library was enjoyed by the community:**

30,493 items were borrowed.

**The library added 5,753 new items, bringing a total collection of 60,883 items both print and online.**

4,609 digital items were borrowed.

3,940 items were sent to other OWWL libraries.

4,069 items were borrowed from other OWWL libraries.

1,786 people held a Bloomfield Library card.

148 new users signed up for a library card.

4503 people walked through the library door.

1065 public computer sessions took place on the library's public access computer stations.

300 in-person programs were done with a total attendance of 2,343.

The library was open on average 48.00 hours per week, for a total of 2,496.00 hours for the year.

## **If the vote passes, what can be expected?**

The library will continue to purchase new materials, including best sellers, movies, eBooks, young adult and children's materials, and magazines.

The library will be able to expand program offerings, events, and classes.

The library will maintain the current level of computer and internet access, and meeting room availability.

The library will continue to collaborate with school and community organizations.

## **If the vote fails, what can be expected?**

The library will offer fewer new materials including books, eBooks, movies, etc.

The library's service hours may be reduced.

Programming events and classes may be reduced.

## **Important information about the vote:**

The library's budget and Board of Trustees elections will occur on **Tuesday May 20, 2025, from 7 am to 8 pm** at the District's Operations Center located at 1 Oakmount Ave, Bloomfield, NY, for qualified voters of the East Bloomfield Central School District, Ontario County, New York.