2026-2027 Annual Budget
Fact Sheet

BLOOMFIELD
PUBLIC LIBRARY

About Us

It is the mission of the Bloomfield Public Library to be a welcoming and accessible environment for the community to gather, learn, and ignite curiousity.
It is the vision of the Bloomfield Public Library to be a robust and inclusive center for the community.
The core values of the Bloomfield Public Library are access, empowerment and collaboration.

34,918
digital and print materials were circulated in 2025, a 13% increase from 2024.

229
new patrons received a library card at Bloomfield Public Library in 2025.

1,742
public computer and wi-fi connections were made in 2025.

471
programs for a variety of ages and populations were offered in the 2025 year.

About the 2026-2027 Budget

2026-2027 Budget Increase

The Bloomfield Public Library is asking residents of the Bloomfield Central School District to vote for the library's 2026-2027 funding. The library is asking voters to support a $333,642 tax levy which represents a levy increase of $7,065 from last year, a 2.16% increase.

Drivers of increased operating costs include cost of living wage increases, a rise in utility rates, insurance premiums, and increased costs for building and property maintenance. Additionally, the library will be participating in the NYS retirement system, which will enhance the benefits package for library employees, improving retention. The library will also be using a combination of reserve funds and NYS construction aid to complete structural and safety improvements to the library in the upcoming year.

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 be a welcoming and accessible environment and enrich the lives of patrons by providing essential resources and opportunities. The library is committed to being an inclusive and accessible gathering space for the whole community. With the passage of this budget, the library will continue the forward movement towards the growth and utilization of the library.

Current Tax Levy: $326,577
Proposed Tax Levy: $333,642

Total Tax Levy Increase for 26-27 $7,065; an increase of 2.16%

Current 25-26 Budget: $334,427
Proposed 26-27 Budget: $376,944

Q: What does "tax levy" mean?
A: A tax leavy is a dedicated tax to maintain the services of the library, that is approved by the voters of the Bloomfield School District.

Q: Why is the tax leavy different than the budget amount?
A: The library budget includes anticipated revenue from other sources, such as library reserves, and anticipated aid from NYS, which decreases the amount of the budget levied to the taxpayers.

Long-Range Goals of the Library:

CREATE A KNOWLEDGEABLE, EMPATHETIC TEAM THROUGH TARGETED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

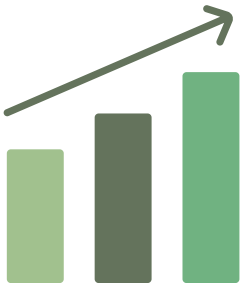
INCREASE THE VISIBILITY OF BPL IN THE COMMUNITY

CREATE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

DEVELOP THE LIBRARY SPACE TO BETTER MEET USER NEEDS

Recent Library Improvements

- Increased Community Outreach & Partnerships
- Increased On-Site Programming
- Year-Round Free Produce Stand
- Vibrant & Expansive Summer Reading Program
- Public Computer Replacement
- Additional Museum Passes
- Sensory-Friendly Children's Area
- New Furniture
- Community Outreach with YMCA, Bloomfield Meadows, & Epic Zone



Future Library Improvements

- Increased partnerships with community organizations
- Expanded Collection
- Special Collection Development
- Updated Library Spaces
- Security Upgrades
- Structural Upgrades
- Parking Lot Light Replacement
- Financial Literacy Programming
- Additional Hot-Spots

Library Board of Trustees

President: Quintin Peacock	Term 2023-2026
Vice President: Emily Meade	Term 2025-2028
Secretary: Karen Steiner	Term: 2024-2027
Financial Officer: Ann Borgstrom	Term: 2023-2026
Trustee: Michele George	Term: 2024-2027

Incumbents Quintin Peacock, Ann Borgstrom and Michele George will be running for re-election this election

Library Open House & Budget Presentation
Tuesday, May 12th
6:00 -7:00 PM

Questions?
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