

F.A.Q. Beekman Library 2021 Funding Vote

Q. How will this budget affect my taxes?

A. On average, **you will pay \$4.22 more per year.** Currently the average household pays \$92 a year or \$7.65 a month. The average, if the increase is approved, will be **\$96 a year or \$8.01 a month** for library services for your family. The exact amount you will pay depends on the assessed value of your home. For each \$1,000 of assessed value, you will pay 35 cents per year.

Q. Why does the Library need this increase?

A. Additional funds are needed to meet increased costs for general operations, library materials, including downloadable formats, minimum wage increases and to maintain great library service.

Q. Does the Library receive County or State funding?

A. The County no longer funds libraries directly; instead, it provides opportunities for grants. We apply annually for these competitive grants and were fortunate to receive \$10,000 in 2020. State funding of libraries has been declining. In 2020, we received \$3,000 in NY State Aid.

Q. Instead of increasing my taxes, can't the Library seek grants and donations?

A. We explore all possible funding sources. In 2020, Library revenue from grants, donations, fines and fees totaled \$ 40,126. Although we are grateful for these funds, they are not guaranteed and fluctuate from year to year.

Q. I don't even use the library, why should I pay for it?

A. Good question. We are asking non-users to look at the library as a vital community service. A community-supported library plays a large part in a thriving community. The bottom line for you is a thriving community has a direct effect on your home's value.

Please Vote

Early Voting starts Saturday, October 23, 2021

General Election Day –Tuesday, November 2, 2021

**YOU MUST FLIP OVER THE BALLOT TO VOTE ON THE
LIBRARY BUDGET**