

Corfu Free Library

**PUBLIC INFORMATION
MEETING**

Presented by the Board of Trustees

APRIL 18, 2017



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- ▶ Serves residents of Town of Pembroke, some of Town of Darien
- ▶ Chartered in 1920
- ▶ Is a private entity governed by by-laws under direction of the Board of Trustees
- ▶ Has no dedicated funding sources
- ▶ Open 26 hours each week
- ▶ Currently an Association Library



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MAJOR SOURCES OF INCOME:

- ▶ Pembroke Central School District
- ▶ Town of Pembroke
- ▶ Town of Darien
- ▶ Village of Corfu
- ▶ Genesee County (Cut for 2017 – decrease)
- ▶ New York State
- ▶ Library Fund Drives & Memorials
- ▶ Business and Individual Donations
- ▶ Fines and Fees



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EXPENSES:

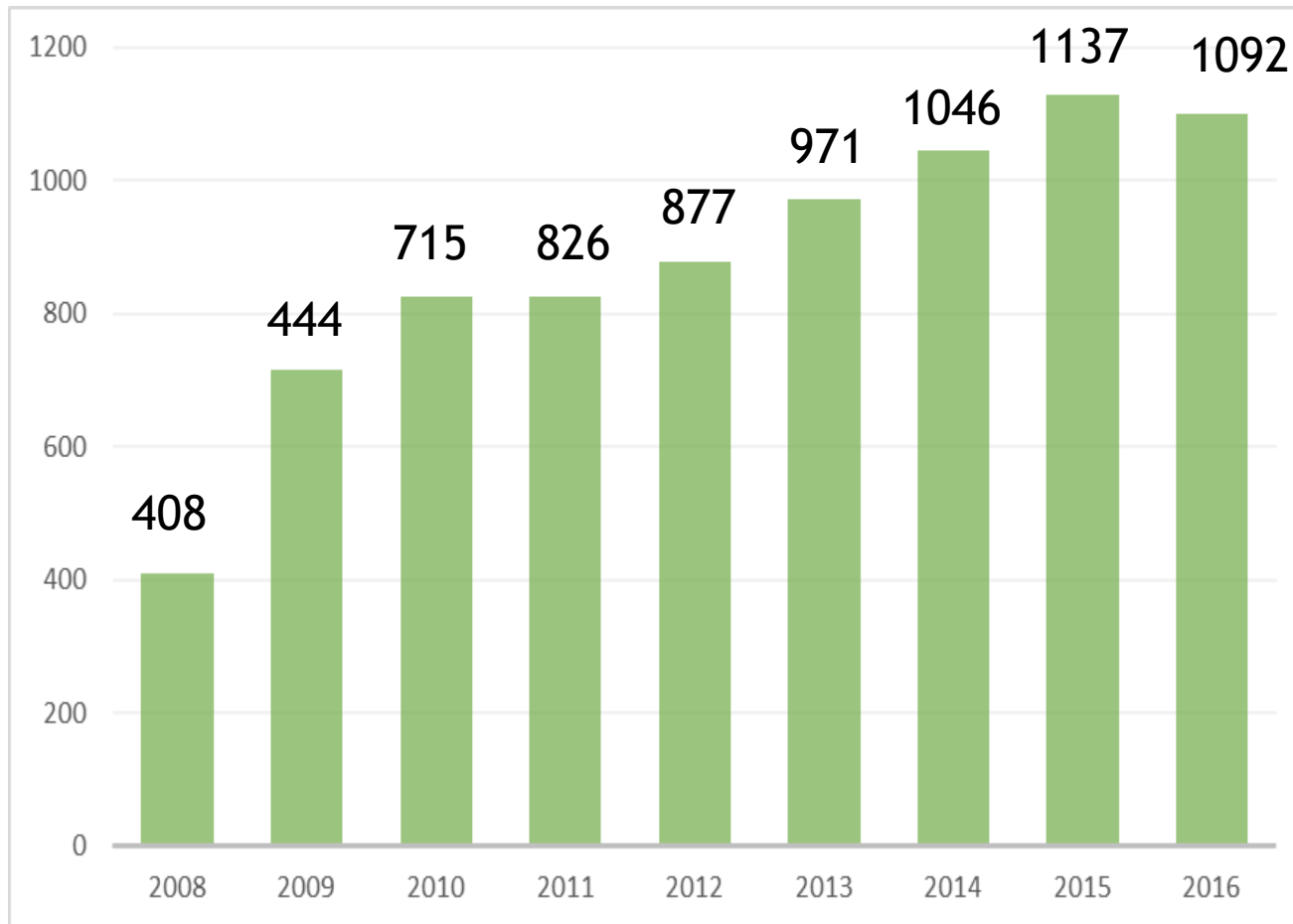
- ▶ Personnel Costs – One Part-time Salaried Librarian, Two Part-time Employees
 - No Pension Plans
 - No Benefits
- ▶ Books, Periodicals, CDs, Software, DVDs, Books on Tape
- ▶ Programs
- ▶ Automated Library Management System Fee through NIOGA (Niagara, Orleans, Genesee Library System)
- ▶ Utilities
- ▶ Insurance
- ▶ Building & Grounds
- ▶ Phone
- ▶ Office & Custodial Supplies



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REGISTERED BORROWERS

Number of Borrowers





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LIBRARY USAGE

**7% Increase in Inter-library Loans
2015-2016**

**8% Increase in Circulation
2015-2016**



CURRENT BUDGET

\$70,000 +/-

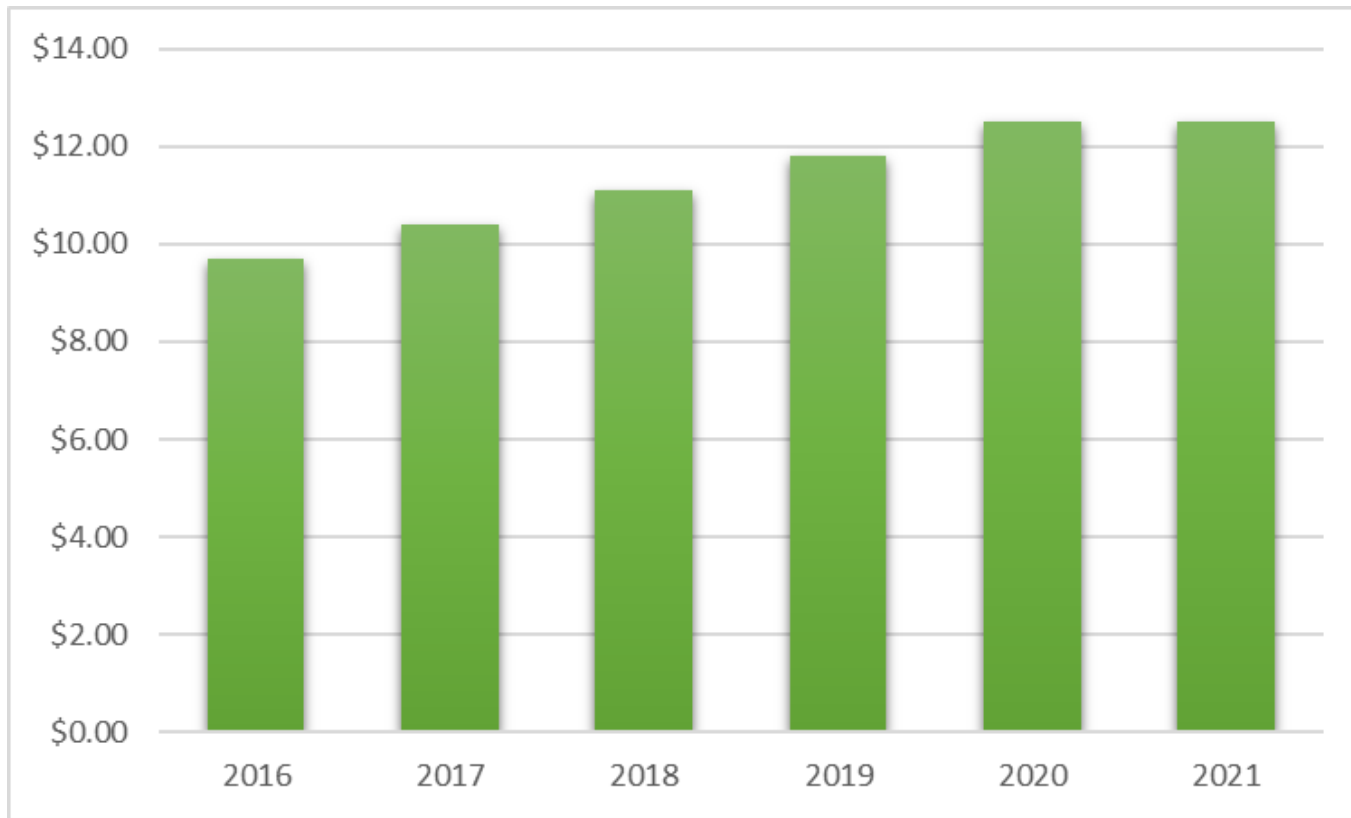
The library's budget has remained the same for the past several years. Recent budgets have had to cover the cost of increased expenses. In addition, mandatory NYS minimum wage requirements begin in 2017.

Materials Spending Comparison

(Print, DVD, Periodicals, etc.)

<u>Library</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>Service Area</u>
Byron-Bergen	\$26,386	5,489
Oakfield	\$30,299	3,250
Pavilion	\$10,869	2,495
Corfu	\$13,789	4,292

MANDATORY MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES



\$9.70 \$10.40 \$11.10 \$11.80 \$12.50 \$12.50

Hourly Wage Rates - mandatory increases for Greater New York State

IMPACT OF MANDATORY MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE FOR CURRENT HOURS

***Estimated Total Hourly Salaries 2016 - 2021**

2016 - \$15,000

2021 - \$19,500

\$4,500 difference in 2 hourly employees alone.

Including adjustments for minimum wage increase for part-time salaried Librarian, impact would be approx. \$10,000.

***Salaries for 2 part-time employees only at current hours per week (total of 30 hours). Salary for part-time salaried Librarian for 26 hours.**



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SITUATION

The library continues to experience flat or decreasing income and increasing expenses, while seeing an increase in the number of borrowers, circulation and library usage.



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DECISION

After lengthy consideration the Board of Trustees passed a resolution to transition from an Association Library to a “School District Public Library” that would be funded solely by a voter approved budget.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY?

New York State Education Law- Section 255, 259 (1)(a), 260

- Libraries can secure funding through a district-wide public vote on a budget.
- If approved, library would revise Charter to be a school district public library.
- Trustees would be elected.
- School District collects tax money for library and turns it over to library Board.
- School District would have no involvement in operations of the library.

MORE ABOUT A SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY

- Coverage area – same geographical as current service area, serve entire school district
- Elected Board of Trustees provides representation for taxpayers.
- Have secure and reliable funding for library building, utilities, materials, personnel, programs and NIOGA services.



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BOARD of TRUSTEES

- ▶ Presented a formal written funding proposition to the Pembroke Board of Education for the voters to vote upon
- ▶ Developed plan to share vote information with school district residents.
- ▶ Continue to share information on our website, in the local news, at sessions at library on April 22 from 10 AM - 12 PM and April 25 from 6 PM - 8 PM.



Corfu Free Library Proposed Budget for Public Vote:

\$95,000

NOTE: Any future increase to this amount would have to be approved by the taxpayers in another separate vote and would be subject to the tax cap law.

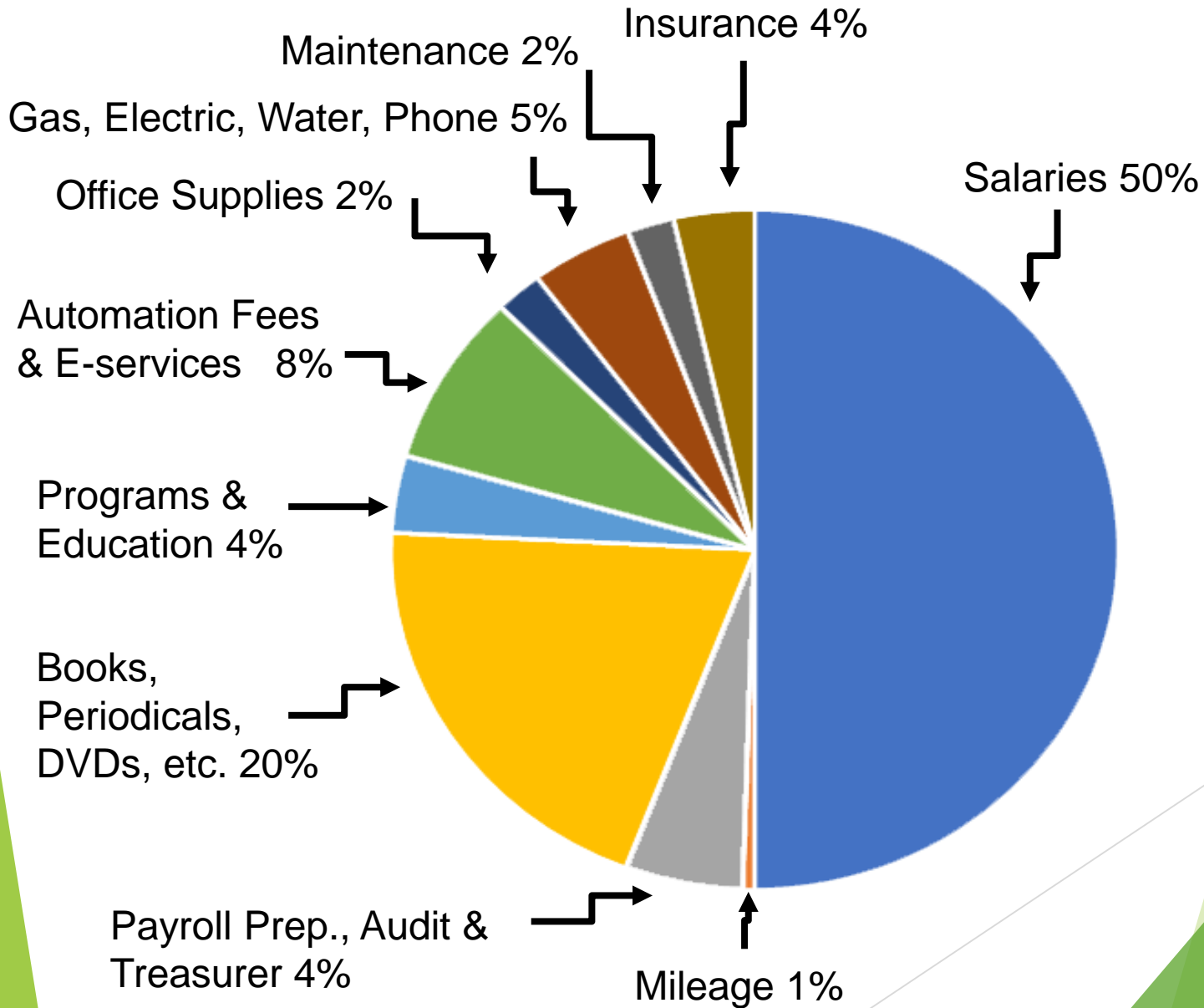


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PROPOSED BUDGET TO COVER:

- Library upkeep, utilities, maintenance, programs and services
- Ability to purchase materials – books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, computer software, etc. some of which we have not been able to afford
- Ability to offer expanded programs and services for our growing number of patrons
- Hours of Operation (additional hours from 26 to 35 as required by State law)
- Keep up with new technological programs and equipment

PROPOSED \$95,000 BUDGET



PROPOSED LIBRARY BUDGET

- ▶ The tax levy - approximately \$.24 per thousand of assessed property valuation.
- ▶ Approved budget would cost the average taxpayer with \$100,000 assessed value property approximately \$24 annually.



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COMMUNITY-BASED FUNDING OF LIBRARY BUDGET WOULD:

- ▶ The library would no longer have to rely on discretionary funding
- ▶ Remain a separate line item on Pembroke Central School District tax bill for the total library budget amount
- ▶ Eliminate fundraising requests used for library's operating expenses
- ▶ Allow for additional hours of operation (from 26 to mandated 35 per week)
- ▶ Allow for an increase in children and adult programming
- ▶ Allow for scheduled library maintenance
- ▶ Allow for a greater selection of library materials – books, DVDs, CDs, periodicals, computer upgrades, computer software, etc.
- ▶ Taxpayer representation on Board of Trustees – Board members are elected

LIBRARY SERVICES AVAILABLE

- ▶ Books, DVDs, Music CD, Audiobook, Periodicals for circulation to all patrons
- ▶ Electronic Services - Hoopla, Zinio, OverDrive, Ask A Librarian 24/7, Job Now
- ▶ Inter-library Loan services – return & pick up
- ▶ Library Programs – Story Hour, Book Club, Family Movie Night, Summer Reading Program, etc.
- ▶ Books for Book Clubs
- ▶ Computer Classes
- ▶ Free Wi-Fi

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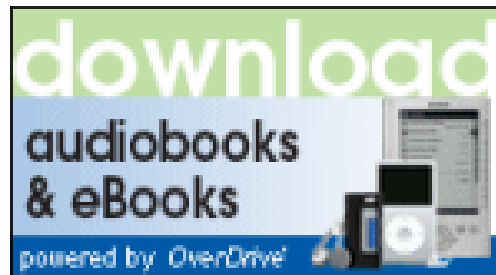
- ▶ Local Newspapers
- ▶ Computers and Internet Access
- ▶ Copying & Faxing Service
- ▶ Local History Materials and Displays
- ▶ Online assistance with Job Search and Employment Opportunities
- ▶ Training Programs for New Technologies
- ▶ Place for tutor instruction
- ▶ Small group meeting place



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NIOGA SERVICES

available at Corfu Free Library





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LIBRARY ADDITION

2007-2009



CHILDREN'S READING AREA



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VOTE

Public Vote on the Corfu Free Library Budget will be held at the School District's Budget Vote at the Pembroke High School

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

12 PM - 9 PM



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WHO IS A QUALIFIED VOTER?

- ▶ Citizen of the United States of America
- ▶ At least 18 years of age
- ▶ Resident and/or property owner in the Pembroke Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the date of the vote