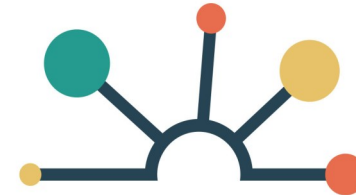


# Richmond Memorial Library

## 2025 Budget Newsletter



**Richmond**  
**Memorial Library**

19 Ross Street, Batavia, NY

## Budget Vote & Trustee Election

Thursday, May 1, 2025  
Gallery Room  
9am - 9pm

### **RICHMOND MEMORIAL LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT**

Richmond Memorial Library continually provides access to physical and virtual resources and services that meet the educational, informational and recreational needs of its diverse community in a safe and comfortable environment.

# RICHMOND MEMORIAL LIBRARY VOTING GUIDELINES

## WHO MAY VOTE?

Residents of Batavia City School District who are citizens of the United States, eighteen years or older, and **are registered voters** may vote on this year's Budget Vote & Trustee Election.

Eligible residents of the Batavia City School District who are not registered voters may come in to the library on **April 9th** between the hours of **1 o'clock pm - 5 o'clock pm** and **7 o'clock pm - 9 o'clock pm** to register to vote in this year's library vote.

## WHAT ABOUT ABSENTEE BALLOTS?

Applications for absentee ballots are available at Richmond Memorial Library. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the application must be received at the Richmond Memorial Library by **5 o'clock pm on April 22nd**. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the application may be received up to **5 o'clock pm on April 28th**.

**"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better."**

- Sidney Sheldon

## 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

2025-2026

### Operating Expenses

Library Materials – Books	\$60,000.00
e-books	\$7,000.00
Media	\$39,000.00
Periodicals	\$8,500.00
Microfilm	\$3,800.00
Online Resources	\$40,000.00
Imagination Library	\$15,000.00
Library Programs	\$38,000.00
Processing Supplies	\$11,000.00
Hotspots	\$8,400.00
Equipment	\$6,000.00
Computer/Technology Services & Support	\$69,650.00
Contractual Services & Support <i>such as security system, printer, copiers</i>	\$12,300.00
Publicity	\$4,000.00
Professional Services and Dues	\$28,724.00
Postage	\$2,500.00
Mileage	\$1,500.00
Continuing Education/Conference	\$11,000.00
Office Supplies	\$6,000.00
Telecommunications	\$4,000.00
Utilities	\$25,500.00
Insurance	\$20,133.00
Custodial Supplies	\$2,500.00
Wages & Salaries	\$933,397.00
Employee Benefits – Social Security	\$68,622.00
Health Insurance + Fees	\$273,029.00
NY State Retirement	\$102,242.00
Worker's Compensation	\$3,500.00
Capital Improvement	\$20,000.00

### Total Expenses

**\$1,825,297.00**

**PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE ELECTION 2025-26 Fiscal Year**  
**LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEMBER** For three-year term, 2025-2028

Vote for **THREE** candidates

☐ **Leslie Moma**      ☐ **Rebecca Oshlag**  
☐ **Marcia Bohn**      ☐ **Write in Candidate** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the Board of Education of the City School District of Batavia be authorized to raise by tax **\$27,905** to increase the annual appropriation from **\$1,395,283** to **\$1,423,188** for the benefit of the Richmond Memorial Library?

**2025-2026  
Proposed Budget**

<b>Operating Revenues</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>	<b>Change</b>
Real property taxes levied by school district	\$1,395,283.00	\$1,423,188.00	\$27,905.00
Other payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs)	\$58,219.00	\$56,500.00	-\$1,719.00
New York State Library Aid	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00
Library Generated Income			
--Interest of Investments	\$500.00	\$900.00	\$400.00
--Fines/Printing/Photocopy	\$18,000.00	\$18,500.00	\$500.00
--Gifts/Memorials	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
--Refund Fines/Lost Books	\$500.00	\$0.00	-\$500.00
--Non-Resident Library Cards	\$500.00	\$545.00	\$45.00
Appropriated Funds	\$208,910.00	\$286,464.00	\$77,554.00
Genesee County Grant	\$24,060.00	\$23,200.00	-\$860.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,729,972.00</b>	<b>\$1,825,297.00</b>	<b>\$104,325.00</b>

**Message from Board President  
2024-2025 Budget year**

The Richmond Memorial Library has seen another successful year thanks to our dedicated and community-focused staff and volunteers.

This year we saw increases in programs that engaged community members in a variety of activities. April's solar eclipse gathered patrons outside to enjoy viewing activities, games, and a local food truck. Musicians enlivened the historic reading room during every season of the year, and Richmond Reads delighted us with an engaging community-wide one book program that brought in Peter Heller, a nationally acclaimed author.

Our outreach programs, particularly for the children in our community continue to grow. The Books for Babies program, sponsored by the local Kiwanis club, delivers books to UMMC for distribution to new parents. Local enrollment in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library also continues to grow; this program gifts books each month free of charge to children from birth to age five.

This year we continued upgrading technology in the library, including computers available for patron use in the library. The digital sign was upgraded to an energy efficient LED system, and more Hotspots were brought online which allows patrons to reliably connect to the internet.

The trustees remain sensitive to the economy and the pressure inflation has on our households; the library is not immune to these same pressures and over the course of this year, we saw increases to the cost of services we provide. In developing the 2025-2026 budget, we took into consideration these financial realities and made modest but prudent adjustments that will enable us to retain community services at the same level. While we continue to seek grants to offset some of our costs, there is no guarantee we will receive the same level of funding as we have in the past due to an increase in applications to these grant organizations. With this in mind, we are asking for a 2% increase in the amount raised by taxes and ask for your support in adopting our proposed budget.

The Richmond Memorial Library is an integral part of our community. The library staff and Board of Trustees are committed to our Mission and desire to make the library a safe and inviting place for the community to engage in the educational and recreational service the library provides.

**Leslie Moma**  
**President, Board of Trustees**

## MEET THE TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

To serve a 3-year term  
(July 2025 - June 2028)

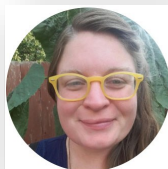
**Leslie Moma**, a Landscape Architect for the NYS Dept. of Transportation, is active in the Batavia community, serving as a member of the Library's Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors for GOART! Running for her second term, Leslie is committed to the mission of the library in its role as an integral community asset for Batavia and the larger community.



**Rebecca Oshlag** is a retired special education teacher, a professional storyteller, and an avid reader. Her love of books began in elementary school and stays strong. While raising her family, regular trips to the library and participating in library programs were a part of their normal routine. Rebecca is currently a member of the Board and will continue to work hard to advance the goals of the library and the Board to ensure continued success. Rebecca feels honored to have worked with a group of individuals who spend considerable time and effort to ensure the continued success of a community institution that provides services beyond lending books.



**Marcia Bohn** is proud to call Batavia home. Her connection to the library, which started at an early age, has helped shape her to be the person she is today. Her relationship with the library has grown into a teaching role that she finds incredibly fulfilling. She has volunteered in many parts of our community and believes that being actively involved helps strengthen the community we all share. She is excited to take the next step in her service journey and is seeking to become a member of the Board of Trustees to help ensure it continues to thrive and remain accessible, inclusive, and inspiring for every member of our community.



RICHMOND MEMORIAL LIBRARY

# 2024 in review

**88,500**  
people visited the library (avg. 297/day)



**117,082**  
physical items circulated:  
books, DVDs, CDs & more

days open **298**



**14,445**  
active cardholders at the end of 2024

**17,555**  
reference transactions

**27,209**  
digital checkouts on Hoopla, OverDrive & Kanopy



eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, magazines & more

**8,284** computer sessions used  
**59,532** Wi-Fi connections

**163** adult programs  
**164** teen programs

**443** children's programs

**83** general/all ages programs

**14,686** total program participation

## How much did RML patrons save by using the library?

**Borrower Savings**  
**Over \$1,734,377**

(physical items, video games (1), digital borrows)  
144,291 circ. x \$12.02 est. retail cost (2)

**Computer User Savings**  
**Over \$99,408**

8,284 computer sessions x \$12/hr est.

**Program Attendee Savings**  
**Over \$166,392**

14,686 program attendance x \$11.33 avg program cost. Virtual, onsite and offsite programming

**On-Site Wi-Fi Savings**  
**Over \$473,279**

59,532 sessions x \$7.95 est. (3)

**Wi-Fi Hotspot Savings**  
**Over \$10,710**

357 borrows (2 weeks per borrow) x \$30 (4)

**Reference Help Savings**  
**Over \$122,885**

17,555 ref. transactions x \$7 avg.

**Museum & Park Pass Savings**  
**Over \$1,344**

Avg. Park admission per parks.ny.gov: \$8 x 47 uses  
Admission family of 4 @ RMSC: \$88 x 11 uses

**Inter-Library Loan Savings**  
**Over \$270,000**

10,800 ILL items borrowed by RML users x \$25 est. value per transaction

Materials Borrowed: \$1,734,377  
Computer Use: \$99,408  
Program Attendance: \$166,392  
On-Site Wi-Fi: \$473,279  
Wi-Fi Hotspots: \$10,710  
Reference Help: \$122,885  
Museum & Park Passes: \$1,344  
Inter-Library Loan: \$270,000

**\$2,878,395**



**\$1,395,283**

**= \$2.06 in library services for every \$1 funded**

Total Retail Value of Library Services

2024 Richmond Memorial Library Tax Funding

Estimated retail value of items from NYLA.org <https://www.nyla.org/library-use-value-calculator-widget>

1) Average video game selling price on Steam 2024: \$15.50 via statista.com

2) Est. Retail Value overall average, adjusted for 2024 CPI-All Urban Consumers 2.7% inc.

3) Retail cost for daily pass est. boingo.com approx. \$7.95

4) Est. Cost/ Month Home Wi-Fi: \$65, forbes.com

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