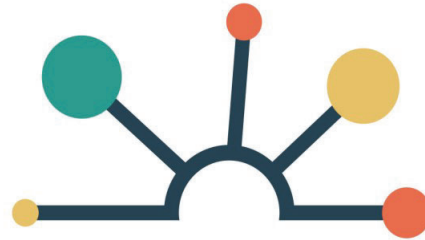


2026-2027 Budget Newsletter



Richmond Memorial Library

19 Ross Street, Batavia, NY

Public Hearing
Gallery Room
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
6:00pm

Budget Vote & Trustee Election
Gallery Room
Thursday, May 7, 2026
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 15th** between the hours of **1 pm - 5 pm** and **7 pm - 9 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 pm on April 24th**. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the application may be received up to **5 pm on May 1st**.

"Some say they get lost in books, but I find myself, again and again, in the pages of a good book. Humanly speaking, there is no greater teacher, no greater therapist, no greater healer of the soul, than a well-stocked library."

L.R.Knost

Message from Board President 2025-2026 Budget Year

Richmond Memorial Library had an exciting year in 2025. Samantha Stryker's promotion to Library Director brings strength and stability to our library. We also welcomed new staff and made some well-deserved promotions. Behind the scenes, we installed a new boiler, which performed flawlessly during the cold winter months, and we upgraded computers, providing easier access to resources for our patrons. Our programs for both adults and children continue to evolve to better meet the needs of the community, and our library visits program helps connect home-bound patrons with the library in meaningful ways.



This year promises to be another great year full of positive changes. We will continue to enhance our lending collection to meet the diversified interests of our patrons, update some of our interior spaces, and strengthen our relationships with community partners. We look forward to these changes and ask for your continued support through your tax dollars so we can continue to provide meaningful services to the Batavia community.

**Leslie Moma
President, Board of Trustees**

Message from Library Director 2025-2026 Budget Year



My first year as Interim Director and Director has been a whirlwind, to say the least! Having been with the library for more than 10 years now, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and our staff in this capacity. The Richmond Memorial Library saw a successful year in terms of programming, materials circulation and visits to the library. Our staff continued to inspire me as they served our community with care, compassion, and innovation. Many of our staff have been here for many years; one of our staff celebrated 40 years with us in 2025!

We were excited to see digital usage on Kanopy, Libby and Hoopla grow in 2025, since these platforms allow for ease of access and a wide selection of movies, eBooks, audiobooks and more. We added more Wi-Fi hotspot devices to circulation and are thrilled that the library can continue to meet the need for this essential service.

As we moved into the budget season, I worked with the Board of Trustees to reevaluate various budget lines to reflect the true needs for those items. The budget has been balanced to minimize the increase to the tax levy while still accounting for increased and new budget lines. Personnel costs are always increasing, and so we are presenting a conservative budget that will accommodate these increases while we remain committed to a high standard of service.

Samantha Stryker
Library Director



RICHMOND MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2025 in review

87,280
people visited the library (avg. 291/day)



115,584
physical items circulated:
books, DVDs, CDs & more

days open **300**



14,509
active cardholders at the end of 2025



15,756
reference transactions



30,927
digital checkouts on
Hoopla, OverDrive & Kanopy



eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, magazines & more

8,237 computer sessions used
16,924 Wi-Fi connections

185 adult programs
123 teen programs

626 children's programs
169 general/all ages/off-site programs
16,293 total program participation

How much did RML patrons save by using the library?

Borrower Savings
Over \$1,761,062
(physical items, video games (1), digital borrows) 146,511 circ. x \$12.02 est. retail cost (2)

Computer User Savings
Over \$98,844
8,237 computer sessions x \$12/hr est.

Program Attendee Savings
Over \$184,600
16,293 program attendance x \$11.35 avg program cost. Virtual, onsite and offsite programming

On-Site Wi-fi Savings
Over \$134,546
16,924 sessions x \$7.95 est. (3)

Wi-Fi Hotspot Savings
Over \$9,540
318 borrows (3 weeks per borrow) x \$30 (4)

Reference Help Savings
Over \$110,292
15,756 ref. transactions x \$7 avg.

Museum & Park Pass Savings
Over \$3,076

Avg. Park admission per parks.ny.gov: \$8 x 41 uses
Admission family of 4 @ RMSC: \$88 x 16 uses
Admission family of 4 Aquarium of Niagara: \$86 x 10 uses
Admission family of 4 GCVM \$48 x 10 uses

Inter-Library Loan Savings
Over \$264,975

10,599 ILL items borrowed by RML users x \$25 est. value per transaction

Materials Borrowed: \$1,761,062
Computer Use: \$98,844
Program Attendance: \$184,600
On-Site Wi-Fi: \$134,546
Wi-Fi Hotspots: \$9,540
Reference Help: \$110,292
Museum & Park Passes: \$3,076
Inter-Library Loan: \$264,975

\$2,566,935

Total Est. Retail Value of Library Services

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\$1,423,988

2025 Richmond Memorial Library Tax Funding

= \$1.80 in library services for every \$1 funded

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

Richmond Memorial Library
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MEET THE TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

To serve a 3-year term
(July 2026 - June 2029)

Candidate #1



Richard Beatty

The current vice president of the Board of Trustees, Richard Beatty, is running for re-election this year. Richard was born and raised on the West coast of Florida before setting off on a life and career path that eventually brought him to Batavia. Since the summer of 2000, Richard and his partner RaeAnn have called Summit Street home. Richard is active in the community, volunteering his time for the Holland Land Office, the Batavia Community Garden, GO Art! And as a member of the library's Book Sandwiched In Committee. He has been a docent at Buffalo's Darwin Martin House and most mornings you'll find him at a local coffee shop.

Candidate #2

I have been a resident of the City of Batavia for over thirty years. During that time, I was an elementary librarian in the Rochester City School District and Caledonia-Mumford Central School District. I have been fortunate to have Richmond Memorial Library available for my personal and professional literature and information needs. Having the books, digital resources, and knowledgeable staff from the library available for assistance, always helped me to be an informed and prepared teacher, librarian, and citizen.



Mary Burns

Richmond Memorial Library is one of the major assets of the city and improves the quality of life for all residents. As a patron and Friend of the Library for many years, I would like to assist the library staff and board as they continue to provide the highest level of information, literacy promotion and programming needed by the community.

I welcome the opportunity to give back to the city of Batavia and to Richmond Memorial Library as a trustee in order to support the library and the community.

Candidate #3



Emily Insinna

Emily has been a card holder of the NIOGA system since 2019 and has been a friend of Richmond Memorial Library since 2025.

The first thing she did when moving in was try to get a library card - she didn't even have mail yet to her new house! Emily has attended numerous programs over the years including book trivia, craft nights, book sales, summer/winter reading programs, and is a part of the RML Dungeons & Dragons group.

In her spare time (not at the library or reading) she plays video games, attends WWE events, practices yoga, attends a local book club, and spends time with her family and 2 cats.

Candidate #4

My name is Kimberly Laird, and I'm a lifelong Batavia resident and a Relationship Banker with over 21 years of experience helping individuals and families make informed financial decisions. Through my work, I've built strong relationships in our community and developed a deep appreciation for responsible budgeting and thoughtful service to others.

I truly believe our library plays an important role in bringing people together by providing access to knowledge, technology, and lifelong learning for all ages. It's a place that should always feel welcoming, supportive, and accessible to everyone in our community.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family, working on projects around my home, and tending to my flower garden. I love being outdoors and taking in the simple moments that make this community feel like home.



Kimberly Laird

Having lived in Batavia for most of my life, I'm proud to give back to the community that has given so much to me. It would be an honor to support and serve the Richmond Memorial Library as a trustee.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE ELECTION 2026-27 Fiscal Year
LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEMBER for a three-year term, 2026-2029**

Vote for TWO candidates

- Richard Beatty**
 Mary Burns
 Emily Insinna
 Kimberly Laird
 Write in Candidate _____

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the City School District of Batavia be authorized to raise by tax **\$28,464** to increase the annual appropriation from **\$1,423,188** to **\$1,451,652** for the benefit of the Richmond Memorial Library?

2026-2027 Proposed Budget

Operating Revenues	2025-2026	2026-2027	Change
Real property taxes levied by school district	\$1,423,188.00	\$1,451,652.00	\$28,464.00
Other payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs)	\$56,500.00	\$51,359.00	-\$5,141.00
New York State Library Aid	\$6,000.00	\$5,630.00	-\$370.00
Library Generated Income			
--Interest of Investments	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
--Fines/Printing/Photocopy	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00	\$0.00
--Gifts/Memorials	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00
--Refund Fines/Lost Books	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
--Non-Resident Library Cards	\$545.00	\$500.00	-\$45.00
Appropriated Funds	\$286,464.00	\$277,598.00	-\$8,866.00
Genesee County Grant	\$23,200.00	\$23,900.00	\$700.00
Total Revenues	\$1,825,297.00	\$1,850,039.00	\$24,742.00

2026-2027 Proposed Budget

	2025-2026	2026-2027	Change
Operating Expenses			
Library Materials - Books	\$60,000.00	\$55,000.00	-\$5,000.00
e-books	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
Media	\$39,000.00	\$35,000.00	-\$4,000.00
Periodicals	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$0.00
Microfilm	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$0.00
Online Resources	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Imagination Library	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	-\$7,500.00
Library Programs	\$38,000.00	\$33,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Processing Supplies	\$11,000.00	\$9,000.00	-\$2,000.00
Hotspots	\$8,400.00	\$5,500.00	-\$2,900.00
Equipment	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Computer/Technology Services & Support	\$69,650.00	\$71,030.00	\$1,380.00
Contractual Services & Support <i>such as security system, printer, copiers</i>	\$12,300.00	\$17,024.00	\$4,724.00
Publicity	\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Professional Services and Dues	\$28,724.00	\$22,500.00	-\$6,224.00
Postage	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Mileage	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	-\$500.00
Continuing Ed./Conference and Travel	\$11,000.00	\$8,000.00	-\$3,000.00
Office Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Telecommunications	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Utilities	\$25,500.00	\$23,000.00	-\$2,500.00
Insurance	\$20,133.00	\$20,993.00	\$860.00
Custodial Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Wages & Salaries	\$933,397.00	\$962,336.00	\$28,939.00
Employee Benefits - Social Security	\$68,622.00	\$73,536.00	\$4,914.00
Health Insurance + Fees	\$273,029.00	\$274,820.00	\$1,791.00
NY State Retirement	\$102,242.00	\$120,000.00	\$17,758.00
Unemployment		\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Worker's Compensation	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Capital Improvement	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$1,825,297.00	\$1,850,039.00	\$24,742.00