



LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING

When: Monday, April 9, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: H. Dutcher Community Room

This is an opportunity to learn about the proposed budget, to ask questions, and meet Trustee candidate, Katie Capelli.

VOTING DAY

When: Thursday, April 12, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: H. Dutcher Community Room



Community Workers Storytime

HOW DID YOUR LIBRARY SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN 2017?

- An average of more than 1,200 people a day visited the library during the year.
- Our children's, teen, and adult services librarians answered over 55,000 reference questions.
- Library meeting room usage for non-profit groups increased 16% over 2016.
- More than 100,000 sessions were logged on public computers and wireless access.
- Library users borrowed 811,000 items.
- More than 30,000 people attended over 2000 library programs for all ages, including those designated to increase literacy and to enhance workforce development.

A Note from the Director



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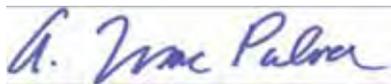
This year, we entered the first phase of a new Strategic Plan that reemphasizes our role as an information agency, and reaffirms our commitment to the democratic principles of access and inclusion. As part of the planning process, we streamlined our mission statement, took an inventory of our institutional values, and imagined a vision - based on input from our users - of a community that enjoys an exceptional quality of life because our residents are well - informed, civically engaged, and intellectually satisfied.

Woven throughout the new plan is the principle of sustainability, which for us occupies a space at the juncture of progress and preservation. Our new sustainability initiative hopes to spark productive conversations and positive actions toward promoting growth and change while preserving the resources that make our community a unique and special place.

One example of an effort to initiate these conversations is the current SaratogaREADS! season, during which we've had many discussions and related programs around the 2015 Putlizer Prize winner for General Nonfiction, *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert, and the Junior Companion selection *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly. These titles about nature and humankind's exploration and manipulation of it are fascinating and thought-provoking, and have ignited the imaginations of myriad readers.

Along with starting conversations, we're also taking concrete steps to address our own consumption of resources, continuing our efforts to upgrade aging heating and cooling infrastructure to use less gas and electricity, and seeking new sources of materials and supplies that are more environmentally friendly.

Supporting independent learners is at the heart of all we do. From new initiatives like *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* to our long - standing tradition of presenting programs that celebrate our colorful local history, we support learners across every generation. Our intention is that our new plan will help create a framework for sustaining this mission for generations to come.



Staff Development Day - September 2017

Statement from the Trustee Candidate



Katie Capelli

I have been fortunate to grow up in Saratoga Springs and live my life within our vibrant community. My husband and I own Four Seasons Natural Foods, a downtown business, and I teach movement classes to adults in Saratoga at Bloom and Wesley. I have two children, ages 9 and 14, who are students at the Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs for which I have volunteered extensively. As a family, we spend lots of time at the library enjoying many community offerings and of course, borrowing lots of books! I am hoping to be

of service to the Board of Trustees through my personal experiences with event organizing, parent education and enrichment, creative engaged problem solving, green building certification, residential/commercial construction, and artistic expression through many different mediums including expressive arts, movement, ceramics, textiles and mixed media.

I believe in the importance of our library as a center of cultural life for all Saratogians and treasure its presence for my family and community. I am inspired by the mission and vision detailed in the new Strategic Plan the library has adopted and hope I can be helpful in bringing these goals to fruition.



Panelist, Honorees, and Girl Scouts at "The Empowerment Project"



Brain Gym at Saratoga Senior Center

What are we voting for?

- Budget: The public will be voting on a proposition to collect \$5,103,600 in school district property taxes in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 to operate the Saratoga Springs Public Library. This is the same amount that was approved for FY2017-18, with no increase.
- Kathleen "Katie" Capelli, of Saratoga Springs, is running unopposed for election to the library's Board of Trustees.

Who can vote?

Any school district resident who is a registered voter is eligible to vote. Please call Marjorie Johnson at 584-7860, ext. 253 for information about absentee ballots.

What happens if the budget doesn't pass?

Although a vote is not legally required for a zero-growth budget, the library's Board and Administration want to be certain that citizens have the opportunity to weigh in on the budget proposal. Unlike public school budgets, the law does not allow for any changes if the budget is defeated, and unless the library board decides to hold a second budget vote (highly unlikely), the library would still receive the same amount appropriated in FY 2017-2018. Should the proposed budget not pass, the library board will reconsider how the funds are allocated.

What will be happening in the coming year?

With more than 811,00 physical items borrowed in 2017, an 8% increase in borrowing of digital materials, and a 16% increase in meeting room use over 2016, library use continues to be very high. The proposed budget will not only allow us to continue to meet the high demand for library services, but also allow us to continue to make improvements and repairs to our aging mechanical systems and place new emphasis on our sustainability efforts.

Impact on Taxes?

Because the proposed tax levy remains the same as in the previous fiscal year, no change in tax impact is anticipated.

Saratoga Springs Public Library's Proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget

Budget Line Item	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
Books	\$265,000	\$265,000
Magazines and Microfilm	\$25,000	\$25,000
Reference and Electronic Resources	\$50,000	\$60,000
Computer Software	\$10,000	\$10,000
Audio & Visual Materials	\$115,000	\$110,000
Supplies	\$52,000	\$55,000
Postage	\$15,000	\$14,000
Miscellaneous and Bank Charges	\$5,000	\$5,000
Insurance	\$68,500	\$80,000
Heat	\$13,000	\$11,000
Electricity	\$96,000	\$85,000
Phone & Internet	\$20,000	\$20,000
Sewer Tax	\$8,000	\$8,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$75,000	\$70,000
Equipment	\$63,000	\$70,000
Conferences & Training	\$35,000	\$35,000
Professional Services	\$80,000	\$60,000
Printing	\$20,000	\$20,000
Program Expenses	\$70,000	\$80,000
Automation	\$115,000	\$115,000
Capital Projects	\$198,100	\$300,000
Retirement	\$400,000	\$350,000
Social Security	\$220,000	\$226,600
Health Insurance	\$630,000	\$600,000
Disability Insurance	\$5,000	\$5,000
Salaries	\$2,835,000	\$2,935,500
Total Operating Budget	\$5,503,600	\$5,615,100
Non-school District Levy Income	\$400,000	\$511,500
Required from School District Levy	\$5,103,600	\$5,103,600



Hanging with Jake in the Teen Room



Biketoga Award for Bike to Work Day Challenge 2017



The "Tooth Fairy" visits the Treehouse Room

Other interesting facts about your library

- The library building is 58,626 square feet on three floors.
- Our library collection has over 224,000 items:
 - More than 176,000 books and magazines.
 - Over 47,000 non-print items, including movies, music, and audiobooks.
 - 19,544 items were added in 2017.
- Hours: We are open seven days a week, 70 hours per week–year round.
- The library's 57 full-time equivalent staff members are comprised of full-time and part-time librarians, clerks, maintenance workers, cleaners, and other support staff.
- Approximately 45 volunteers donated 2,550 hours in 2017 in various capacities at the library.
- Each season we offer more than 60 free computer education classes open to anyone 16 years old regardless of residency.

INFORMATION

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Noon – 5:00 p.m.

SARATOGA ROOM HOURS

Local History Collection	
Monday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Or by appointment 584-7860 ext. 254

TEEN ROOM HOURS

Monday–Thursday	2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FRIENDS BOOK SHOP HOURS

Used books for sale, operated by The Friends of Saratoga Springs Public Library. 518-584-7860 ext. 333

Monday–Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

BREAD BASKET BAKERY CAFÉ HOURS

Coffee, Espresso, Pastries, Soups, Salads, Sandwiches, and Snacks.
Matthew Tallman, Proprietor

Monday-Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

E-mail Reference Questions: sar-eref@sals.edu

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