

2007 ANNUAL REPORT



Seneca Falls Library

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Seneca Falls Library Invitations

As an Association Member, you are cordially invited to attend the

Seneca Falls Library Annual Meeting.

The meeting will be held June 9, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at the Seneca Falls Library, 47 Cayuga St. As a member you are entitled to vote at the meeting. On the agenda for the annual meeting will be the election of Trustees and a forum to explain the pending July 22 vote to increase the library tax by .12/\$1,000 assessed valuation. We will be seeking support from our members to come out and vote. Library meetings are open to the public, but you must be an association member to vote.

Public Hearing

On July 15, 2008 at 6 p.m. there will be a Public Hearing on the Library vote. This will be followed at 7 p.m. by the Board of Trustees meeting - another opportunity to seek answers to your questions.

These dates are different than the original schedule.



Vote

All Residents of the Seneca Falls School District, 18 years or older, are cordially invited to come and vote for the increase in library tax line item.

The increase being requested is .12/\$1,000 assessed valuation bringing the total tax to .30/\$1,000 assessed valuation. For most homeowners this is less than the cost of one book. We need you support, so come on <u>July 22, 2008 from 12 noon until 8:00 p.m.</u>, cast your vote, support the library.

Seneca Falls Library, 47 Cayuga St. 315-568-8265 x4 www.senecafallslibrary.org

Letter from the 2007 Board President

Dear Members and Library Supporters,

The Seneca Falls Library is holding a vote in the library on July 22, 2008 to seek an increase of \$52,000 in Library funding. The projected tax increase for residents of the Seneca Falls Central School District is .12¢ per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Library revenues have remained static since 2003, although the price of everything from utilities to books has risen. For example, the average price of a book is up 25% from \$12 to \$15. The library's aim is to provide up to date materials and technology, but that becomes more challenging with escalating costs.

Membership donations, interest earnings, grants, book sales, and other fundraisers cover half of our library operating cost; the balance comes from public sources, including the Town of Seneca Falls and Seneca Falls School District taxpayers.

Public use of the Library has grown considerably in the past five years. The library is now a cultural center for the community, offering not only books and other media for patrons but also new technology, performances, exhibits, educational classes and lectures. Please consider supporting the continuation of this progress.

Residents in the Seneca Falls Central School District are eligible to cast a ballot so mark your calendar to vote (at the library) on July 22, from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

Best Wishes,

Lawrence Driscoll

President, Board of Trustees, 2007

Are you a current member of the Seneca Falls Library? If so, you are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, June 9, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. Please know that your library memberships is active for 12 months from the donation date.

The Seneca Falls Library Mission Statement and Operations Report for 2007

Mission Statement

The mission of the Seneca Falls Library is to serve the community's educational, informational and leisure needs through the provision of literary materials, programs, meeting venues and multimedia services.

New York State Annual Library Report

Visitors - 35,819 Circulation - 38,870 Patrons - 5,701 Programs 96 attended by 2,395 Computer users - 10,423 Number of holdings - 31,536

In Memoriam 2007

Ethel Bishop



The library recently lost a true friend and supporter with the passing of Ethel Bishop.

Mrs. Bishop served as the librarian of the Mynderse Library for twenty years. She was the librarian when I received my first library card and I will never forget the day I was finally old enough to get a library card. I set out for the library with my signed application card and a pocket full of coins. In those days, it cost \$1.00 for a library card. It was Mrs. Bishop behind the circulation desk and it was Mrs. Bishop that set up my library card and showed me where the juvenile books were located. As I grew older, I was able to find my own reading material, but I had another task that Mrs. Bishop was happy to help with. My grandmother was an avid mystery reader. She never found the time to go to the library, so it became my job to find four or five mysteries she hadn't read. Believe me, it was quite a job. I can't tell you how much time Mrs. Bishop and I spent pulling mysteries off the shelf and examining the cards hoping to find one that didn't have my grandmother's name it. We became very good and proficient at it.

When I became the new librarian at the Mynderse Library, Mrs. Bishop was always available with a word of encouragement or an answer to a question. I will always be grateful to Mrs. Bishop and I will never forget her.

Michael Caraher

Library Vote

In November of 2003, the Seneca Falls Library moved from the former Mynderse Library building on Fall Street to a new building on Cayuga Street.

The new structure has enabled the library to become a cultural center for the community, offering not only books and other media for patrons but also performances, exhibits, classes and lectures right here in Seneca Falls.

About half of the library's funding comes from public sources, including Seneca Falls school district taxpayers. The library last sought an increase in funding from taxpayers in 2002, the year before its move. To meet library needs, the library is seeking from Seneca Falls school district taxpayers a funding increase from \$75,000 to \$127,000, up \$52,000. The tax rate for library support would go from 18 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value to 30 cents per \$1,000, an increase of 12 cents per \$1,000. The library board of trustees is aware that this is a difficult economic climate to ask for more funding, but we believe the public has embraced the new library and will understand ongoing support is vital to its continued success.

This additional funding will:

• Allow the library to maintain current hours, services and programs, which are all free of charge.

The library is now open 60 hours a week, up from 40 in the old building.

And there are more than just books. Twelve Internet access computers and two children's computers are heavily used. The library also hosted 96 programs last year and its public meeting room is used by more than 40 community groups.

• Enable the purchase of more books and media.

That budget has remained static since 2003. The library aims to provide up-to-date materials, but that becomes more challenging with escalating media costs.

• Keep the library financially stable.

Although the library has no mortgage thanks to the generosity of private donors and local and state government funding that covered construction costs, we face rising operating and maintenance costs.

• Help us strengthen the library/school connection.

Currently the library offers tours to elementary students, summer reading camp, has hosted spelling bees, run book clubs and has a pre-school story hour. Teen programs are now beginning and we would like to foster greater library usage among older students.

The library has grown considerably in usage and offerings since 2003. Please consider supporting this progress by voting to increase funding from school district residents. Before the vote a public hearing will be at 6 p.m. July 15th at the Seneca Falls Library, 47 Cayuga St. The vote will be from noon to 8 p.m. July 22nd, also at the library, 47 Cayuga St. Those seeking absentee ballots may contact the school district offices at 568-5500, ext. 7.

For more information, please visit the library's Web site at www.senecafallslibrary.org or call Larry Driscoll, Board President, at 568-9698.

FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	116,614
Accounts Receivable	73,525
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Insurance	4,225
Investments	
Smith Barney-375-08407-16-129	
1073 · Cash Account	1,168
1070.1 · Stocks and Bonds	730,517
1072 · Money Market	91,327
Total Smith Barney-375-08407-16-129	823,013
Smith Barney-375-22327-14-011	,
1082 · Money Market	38,972
Total Smith Barney-375-22327-14-011	38,972
Smith Barney 375-15252-17 011	
1095 · Money Market	47,469
1097 · Stocks	7,003
Total Smith Barney 375-15252-17 011	54,472
Total Investments	916,458
1499 · Undeposited Funds	250
Total Other Current Assets	920,933
Total Current Assets	1,111,073
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Fixed Assets	
1510 · Land	87,116
1520 · Building and Improvements	2,633,240
1530 · Land Improvements	6,877
1540 · Equipment	79,504
1660 · Accumulated Depreciation	(336,114)
Total Fixed Assets	2,470,625
TOTAL ASSETS	3,581,699
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Equity	
Net Assets	
Endowment Fd - Board Designated	37,831
Unrestricted Building	2,575,463
Unrestricted Net Assets	912,734
Temp Restricted	140,755
Total Net Assets	3,666,783
3900 · Retained Earnings	(32,384)
Net Income	(52,699)
Total Equity	3,581,699
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	3,581,699

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Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets	2007
Public Support and Revenue:	
Seneca Falls School	\$75,000
Town Seneca Falls, Fayette, Tyre	62,500
Grants	18,241
United Way	4,500
Contributions	45,274
Library Fees & Fines	8,315
Memberships	21,299
Special events	4,027
Dividends and Interest	34,383
Net realized/unrealized gains (losses)	5 1,5 05
On investments	28,510
	302,049
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	<u> 1,805</u>
Total Unrestricted Public Support and Revenue	303,899
- 	202,033
Expenses: Program services:	
Salaries and benefits	105 245
Insurance	105,245 7,898
Library materials	28,467
Building expense	45,592
Advertising	2,347
Depreciation	72,388
Total Program Services	261,937
_	201,937
Supporting services:	45.004
Salaries and benefits	45,986
Office and postage	18,822
Board liability	1,245
Professional fees Bad debts	5,229
	0
Investment fees	10,181
Special events Total supporting convices	12,074
Total supporting services Total Expenses	93,537
-	\$355,474
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	(\$51,575)
Changes in temporarily restricted Net Assets:	
Public Support:	70.5
Contributions	725
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(1,850)
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	(1,125)
Total Change in Net Assets	(52,700)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	3,634,399
Net Assets at End of Year	\$3,581,699

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x4 to report the error. We will add your

name in the next newsletter.



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You are cordially invited to attend the Seneca Falls Library
Annual Meeting on June 9,
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Only current members are eligible to vote.

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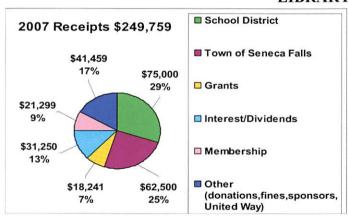
The Seneca Falls Library at a Glance

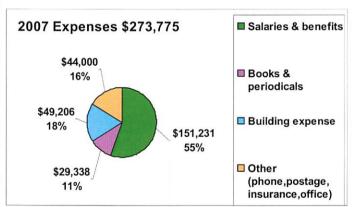
The new Seneca Falls Library opened in late 2003 at 47 Cayuga St. Its additional space has enabled the library to dramatically expand services, which have been well received and used by the public.

USAGE

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2007</u>	Net Change
Operating hours:	40 per week	60 per week	Up 50 %
Cardholders:	3,913	5,701	Up 46 %
Circulation:	22,699	38,870	Up 71 %
Attendance:	16,629	35,819	Up 115 %
Holdings:	24,102	31,536	Up 31 %
Computer users:	3,796	10,423	Up 175 %
Program attendance	1,142	2,395	Up 110 %
Meeting room groups:	5	45	Up 900 %

LIBRARY FINANCES





TAXPAYER IMPACT

To meet library needs, the library is seeking from Seneca Falls school district taxpayers a funding increase from \$75,000 to \$127,000, up \$52,000. The tax rate for library support would go from 18 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value to 30 cents per \$1,000, an increase of 12 cents per \$1,000. The taxpayer impact would be:

	Current Library Tax	New Library Tax	Net Change
\$100,000 Home Assessment =	\$18	\$30	\$12

If approved, the change would go into effect with the 2008-09 school tax bills.

THE VOTE

- ~ A public hearing will be held July 15, 6 p.m., at the Seneca Falls Library.
- ~ THE VOTE will be July 22, noon to 8 p.m., at the Seneca Falls Library, 47 Cayuga St.
- ~ For information on absentee ballots, please call the school district office at 568-5500, ext. 3210.