

JANUARY 2026

THE FRED & HARRIETT TAYLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

UNDERSTANDING YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 2026 BUDGET VOTE



STRONG LIBRARIES BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES

TO OUR COMMUNITY:

The Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library has been a vital community resource for Hammondspport, Urbana, and Wayne for 150 years, providing materials, programming, and support. We strive to remain sustainable for at least another 150 years. As we have carefully evaluated the rising costs for staff, building & grounds maintenance, programs, materials, and more, it is glaringly apparent that we need to request an increase in our budget. We are one of only a few libraries not currently funded through facilitation of the school budget, launching the campaign at this point is a matter of equity. This budget adjustment will sustain our library and allow us to continue to be the community center we are. We look forward to offering new, innovative programs and opportunities for all of you! Thank you for your support.

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(JUST SOME OF!) OUR FREE LIBRARY SERVICES IN 2026

150 years of serving Hammondspport, Urbana, & Wayne!



Rural Community Needs

- Free High-Speed WiFi
- Public Computers & Open Charging Stations
- Printing & Faxing
- Library of Things (Projectors, Fishing Poles & More!)
- Rooms/Space available for community use

Free Access to Literature & Information

- Books
- Audio Books, Yoto Players & DVDs
- Digital Books, Magazines, E-Audio & More
- Language Learning with Mango App
- TV & Movie Streaming with Kanopy
- Free Passes for Local Museums & Parks
- IT Support for the Community

Always Something To Do: Healthy & Happy Community

- Family Programs
- Early Literacy Programs
- Summer Reading
- Classes for Art, Music & More
- Health & Wellness Classes (Yoga, Walking & More)
- Play Area for Kids with Legos, Puppets & More!



A Needed Space: Bringing Community Together

- Volunteer Opportunities
- School Programs from Early Literacy to Life Skills
- Meeting & Programming Spaces for the Community
- History Room
- Coffee Bar
- Seed Library
- Take-Home Projects
- Makerspace
- After School Secure Space
- Social Groups (Knitting, Threads, Mahjong, MAC Club)
- Cooling & Heating Center
- Homeschool/Additional Education Kits & Materials
- Emergency Shelter with Red Cross



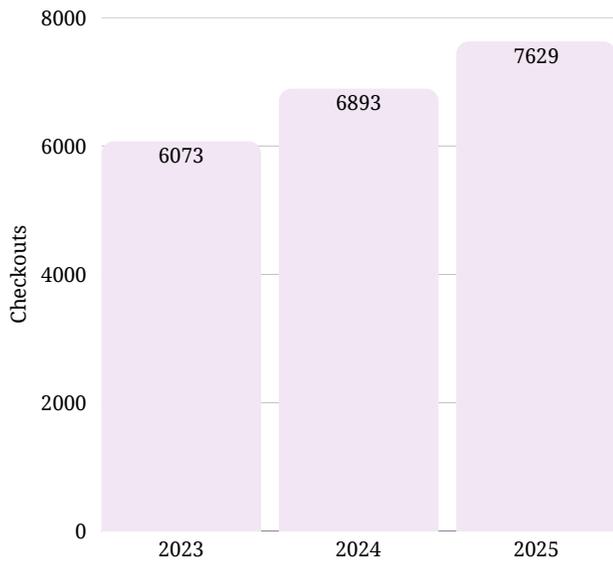
Needed Access to Resources: Local Collaborations

- Free Resources (Gun Locks, COVID Tests, Fliers)
- Collection Center for Food Bank, Toy Drive, SPCA, Warm Clothes
- Host Location for Social Services (Office of the Aging, Alzheimer's Association, VA, Speech Therapy, the ARC)
- Tourist attraction with attractive family programs
- Public Restrooms



LIBRARY QUICK FACTS:

DIGITAL LIBRARY CHECKOUTS BY YEAR



**In 2025, overall checkouts
were up EVERY MONTH
over 2024.**

**Over 18,000
library visits
last year!**

LITERACY - FREE PROGRAMS - FREE RESOURCES - LIFTING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER



**5,241 people attended
library programs
last year!**

**The library offered
470 programs
in 2025!**

Life Skills Day with
Hammondsport Central School Seniors!

PROGRAMS, SERVICES, COMMUNITY!



K-12 Hammondspport School
Art Show w/ Jazz Band

Pre-K Thanksgiving Pageant



Halloween festivities

including handing out free books!

Open IT and other tech help



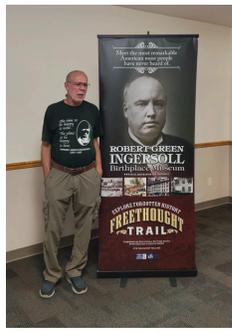
Walking, Yoa,
Mediation, and
other health
classes



Easter Egg hunt



Summer Reading Programs



Art Classes all year

All kinds of lectures!

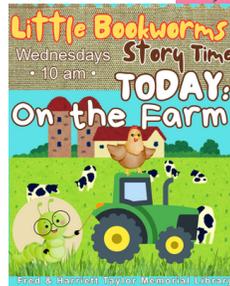
Treasure hunt time

Annual Cookie Walk

Annual Pre-K Visit w/ book gifts



Hammondsport Heritage Day



Little Bookworms early literacy & open play, both weekly

4th Grade Give-Back Visit



Fundraisers for local programs

Longest Table Annual Fundraiser

ALL THIS AND MORE!!

THE NUMBERS

UNDERSTANDING YOUR LIBRARY'S BUDGET

HOW WILL THE BUDGET IMPACT MY TAX BILL?

	Proposed Library Levy	*Proposed Annual Library Tax Bill (for a home assessed at \$100,000)	Library Tax Bill Increase for Town of Urbana Residents	Increase per Week for Town of Urbana Residents
Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library	\$425,000	\$55.87	\$36.81	\$0.71

**Proposed Annual Library Tax Bill would support Taylor Memorial Library and Pulteney Free Library.*

Area Libraries with Similar School District Levies	2025/2026 Tax Rates	Tax Bill for a Home Assessed at \$100,000
Wellsville	1.091	\$109.10
Alfred-Almond	0.8466	\$84.66
Dansville	0.7575	\$75.75
Friendship	0.7144	\$71.44
Hornell	0.6923	\$69.23
Wayland-Cohocton	0.646	\$64.60
Whitesville	0.5817	\$58.17
Hammondsport-Pulteney (Proposed Library Rate)	0.5587	\$55.87
Bath	0.5523	\$55.23
Cuba-Rushford	0.5231	\$52.31
Odessa-Montour	0.4944	\$49.44



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2027 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET:

Revenue	
Local Taxpayer Public Funds	\$425,000.00
Gifts, Donations and Fundraising	\$93,580.00
State and Municipal Aid	\$6,491.30
Investment Income	\$19,500.00
Grants	\$2,050.00
Total	\$546,621.30

Expenses	
Personnel	\$239,371.18
Inventory	\$20,453.13
Programming	\$45,200.00
Operations and Facilities	\$65,875.00
Capital & Special Projects	\$121,687.62
Administrative and Other	\$54,034.38
Total	\$546,621.30

Your investment is equal to the value of:



3 Books

OR

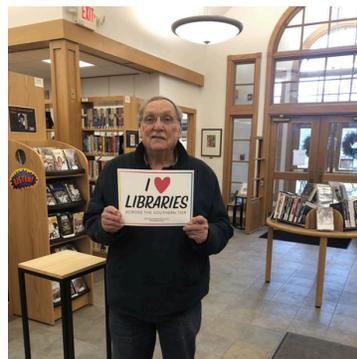


2 E-Books and
3 Audiobooks

OR



6 Programs
Attended



LET'S BREAK IT DOWN

FRED & HARRIETT TAYLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUDGET

REVENUE EXPLAINED:

Local Taxpayer Dollars: Funding we receive from you, our patrons & local taxpayers.

Gifts, Donations, Fundraising: This includes large gifts from a local companies and benefactors, as well as individual gifts from donors through our annual appeal and fundraisers. This amount is variable year-to-year based on giving and allows us to continue to offer new and exciting opportunities for our community.

Grants: Another variable category, grants are written throughout the year to fund special projects and ideas. These funds are allocated based on the specific ask.

State & Municipal Aid: Funding received through Steuben County, voted on by the legislatures.

Investments Income: Funds that we make based on careful investment. These are automatically rolled into our building fund for planned and future upkeep and emergencies.

EXPENSES EXPLAINED:

Personnel: Funds used to pay and support our happy and healthy staff. They are the heart of the Library and keep it running smoothly and with new ideas and innovations!

Inventory: Buying power for keeping our library collection up to date and well maintained.

Programming: Funds used for supplies, presenters, and everything needed to provide hundreds of programs every year.

Operations & Facilities: Keeping our beautiful building and grounds clean, well-cared for, and ready to be the gem it is in our lovely lake community.

Administrative & Other: Money allocated for office, technical support, and all of the many things that pop up when running a public, human-oriented entity.

Capital & Special Projects: Investment income is rolled into the building fund, while all other variable funds collected from fundraising, grants, or donations are applied to the next year. This funding category is variable based on what we have collected. Funds are then carefully allocated to capital projects, needs, and community desires. Examples of how these funds can be utilized include but are not limited to:

- Expanding our Library of Things with community input
- Elevator repairs
- Easier walkway from front to back of our building
- Afford larger-scale staff training & conference attendance
- Expanding our hours
- Bring in more popular programs for all ages
- Pay musicians/artists/speakers
- Update outdated electronics
- Employ a local high school student as an intern
- Offer better literacy incentives to kiddos
- More collaborations with other groups (school, scouts, summer rec, etc.)
- New ideas our community brings to us!

More community fun like Pancake Day!

