

Western Sullivan Public Library

2025-2026 Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election

Budget Information Sheet

The Western Sullivan Public Library is dedicated to serving the Sullivan West Central School District and surrounding areas.

Our mission is to provide our communities with welcoming centers of information and discovery and provide our patrons with tools for lifelong learning, creativity and enrichment. We open our doors to every open mind.

Our Library Buildings

Delaware Free Branch

Originally the Callicoon National Bank built in 1913, this branch is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Jeffersonville Branch

From a bus garage built in 1924, to a library in 1983, the community came together to transform the building.

Tusten-Cochecton Branch

Our youngest branch, built in 1990, is home to the Tusten Historical Society, a seed library, and the Tusten Heritage Community Garden.

Proposed Budget Highlights

The 2025-2026 proposed budget includes the addition of a part-time Building and Grounds person who would travel to our three branches, a part-time Library Page for the months of July and August, and a paid Treasurer as required by NYS.

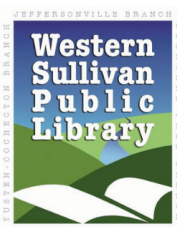
The library continues to see an increase in our digital collection so we will continue to expand the collection with additional purchases.

Proposed Budget Cost Drivers

The NYS Minimum Wage increase, the rising costs of insurance and NYS Retirement are contributors to the increase in staffing expenses.

IT costs are expected to increase this year.

Building Expenses includes \$35,000 that will be used for upcoming capital projects including the replacement of the HVAC on the main floor at Jeffersonville and cooling upgrades at the Tusten-Cochecton Branch.



Scan the QR code or visit our calendar at [WSPOnline.org](https://www.wsplonline.org) for more information!

Delaware Free Branch	45 Lower Main Street, Callicoon	(845) 887-4040
Jeffersonville Branch	19 Center Street, Jeffersonville	(845) 432-4350
Tusten-Cochecton Branch	198 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg	(845) 252-3360

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Voter Registration:

Register at the District Clerk's Office, 33 Schoolhouse Rd., Jeffersonville, NY 9:00am-3:00pm, by April 18, 2025.

To see if you are registered to vote, go to <https://bit.ly/SWAmIRegisteredToVote>

Note that the library budget vote is held at the library branches, not the Delaware Youth Center.

Absentee Ballots:

Apply at the District Clerk's Office at least 7 days before the vote if ballot is being mailed and no later than one day before the vote if ballot is picked up personally by the voter.

Budget Information Meeting:

Monday, April 14, 2025 at 5:00pm at the Delaware Free Branch, 45 Lower Main St, Callicoon, NY

Budget Vote and Trustee Election:

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 2:00pm-8:00pm at all library branches

Proposed 2025-2026 WSPL Budget Summary

The library is committed to providing excellent service to our community. The 2025-2026 Proposed Budget reflects this commitment by allocating funding to maintain our buildings, collections, and programs, and to slightly increase the digital materials, library materials, and technology. The state-mandated minimum-wage increase, rising insurance premiums and utilities costs have the most impact on the proposed budget.

Anticipated Expenditures	2024-2025	2025-2026
Staffing Expenses	\$641,760	\$683,224
Insurance	\$176,520	\$192,991
Utilities	\$38,550	\$37,550
Library Supplies	\$19,500	\$19,500
Library Materials	\$128,875	\$129,527
Building Expenses	\$47,600	\$62,600
Equipment & Fixtures	\$6,500	\$7,180
Programming	\$13,000	\$12,500
Misc. Operating Expenses (Professional Services, Professional Development, Election & Budget Vote, Publicity, Volunteer Recognition)	\$55,500	\$53,700
Total Expenditures	\$1,127,805	\$1,198,772
Anticipated Revenues		
Fees and Interest	\$6,500	\$6,500
Registration Fees	\$3,500	\$3,500
Donations and Book Sales	\$3,700	\$3,700
Grants	\$5,000	\$5,000
PILOTs (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)	\$20,000	\$20,000
Total Revenue	\$38,700	\$38,700
Proposed Tax Appropriation	\$1,095,105	\$1,160,072

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MISSION STATEMENT

The WSPL shall provide our communities with welcoming centers of information and discovery and provide our patrons with tools for lifelong learning, creativity and enrichment. We open our doors to every open mind.

Library Director

Audra Everett

Branch Managers

Alexa Simonelli, Narrowsburg

Laura Moran, Callicoon

Jennifer Olsen, Jeffersonville

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Multimedia Tech: Dale Blagrove