To our community members,

2024 will mark the 20th anniversary of the opening of the three-story Mahopac Public Library facility at 668 Route 6. Our community has always been at the forefront of our mission which is to provide programs and services that meet the needs of individuals of all ages and abilities. If it has been a while since you visited the Library, please stop in and see the changes that were made to our building while it was closed for the renovation project. You can update your library card, find a good read, attend a program, or simply sit in a quiet space and take in the view of Lake Mahopac. We do hope you will come to the Library for our annual vote on June 6; it is our pleasure to welcome you to participate in all of the opportunities available at your hometown library.

~ Michele Capozzella, Library Director and CEO

Mahopac/Mahopac Central School District residents have the opportunity to vote in the Mahopac Public Library’s Annual budget vote and Trustees Election on Tuesday, June 6th, at the Library. The budget plan was unanimously approved by the Library’s Board of Trustees at its March 23, 2023 meeting. The proposed 2023-2024 operating tax levy of $2,814,709.00 reflects a 0% percent increase and remains under the tax cap.

The Library budget supports:
- Access to a diverse collection of books, magazines, DVDs, audio- and e-books, e-readers, Homeschool kits, museum passes, WiFi hotspots, video games and online resources.
- A wide range of programs for all ages and abilities including early literacy activities, technology classes, concerts, art exhibits, book groups, movies, author visits, gaming clubs, and much more.
- Public computer use and free WiFi throughout the Library campus.
- Use of meeting and study rooms.
- Scanning, copying, and faxing technology.
- Online access to databases; digital books, music, comics, movies, and magazines; digital job information resources.
- Specialized collections including the Autism Resource Center, the Foundation Center, Land Use resources, Parenting titles, foreign language resources, and the Job Information Center material.
- Operational expenses including insurance, building and office supplies, equipment maintenance, phone and internet services.
- Staff salaries and benefits.

Who is eligible to vote? You are eligible to vote if you are a Mahopac Central School District resident who is registered for either Mahopac Central School District elections or general elections.

Do you need an absentee ballot? Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Library’s Main Desk. They must be completed and returned to the Election Clerk before ballots can be issued.

The completed absentee ballot application must be received by the Election Clerk:
- no later than Tuesday, May 30, 2023, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, and
- no later than Monday, June 5, 2023, if the ballot is to be provided to the voter in person.

Absentee ballots must be received by the Election Clerk no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, in order to be counted by the Election Inspectors.

Vote at the Library:
Tuesday, June 6: 7:00 am - 9:00 pm
EUGENE BOESCH (Incumbent)

Eugene has lived in Mahopac with his wife, Amy, for over 35 years. He has a Ph.D in Anthropology and has worked for more than 45 years as a professional archaeologist and historian.

A member of the Library’s Board of Trustees for five years, Eugene serves on several committees including Board Development and Nominating, By-Laws and Policy, Personnel, the Long-Range Planning Committee, and most recently as a member of the Facilities Committee, which involved negotiating the complexities of the pandemic, Bond, and the Library’s renovation project. In addition, he has been the Vice-President of the Board for the past two years. Eugene hopes to continue his role as a Trustee as he finds the work stimulating and rewarding. He has gained insight into the operation of a large library and its relationship to the local community. In addition, he is able to serve and support the Mahopac community, and do his part to make reading and learning a part of the lives of our residents. He looks forward to continuing that pursuit if re-elected.

EDGARDO RIVERA

Ed Rivera is a veteran and married father of two kids who moved to Mahopac with his family in early 2022 and is excited to support the mission of the Mahopac Library. He is currently a Senior Director of Operations & Finance at a nonprofit organization based in New York City. His fifteen years of experience in finance and administration, both in nonprofit and local government, will make him an asset on the Library Board of Trustees. Ed is a regular Library patron and is looking forward to serving the community while on the Board of Trustees of the Library.

IRENE CASSETTA (Incumbent)

Irene has been a Claims Attorney since 2019 and is working in Mt. Kisco, NY, for Tokio Marine / Houston Casualty Company. After spending 30 plus years serving her community as an Assistant District Attorney, she retired from the Office of the Bronx District Attorney in 2018 as Chief of the Narcotics Bureau.

Irene moved to Mahopac in 2017, and has served as a Library Trustee for the past three years: as a member of the Advancement and Public Relations Committee, the By-Laws and Policy Committee, and as the Board Secretary since 2021.

As a CCD teacher, Irene volunteered at St. Barnabas Church in the Bronx, and at St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac. She received her Juris Doctor degree from Syracuse University College of Law and is a graduate of Fordham University where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

DIANE TRAVIS

Diane believes that a community’s finest asset is its library. Books open doors to the world, and librarians provide the keys to knowledge. Mahopac Library connects the community to information and provides so many services that connect people to people. Having lived in Mahopac for 45 years, she has used and enjoyed many of the Library’s services and feels very fortunate to have this wonderful resource available to her and to the community.

If elected to the Board of Trustees, she welcomes the opportunity to give back to the Library and the community by assisting in, and supporting, the Library’s mission. As a ‘people’ person, Diane is interested in serving on the Personnel and the Advancement and Public Relations Committees.

Diane was employed for forty-four years as an English teacher in the Lakeland School District where she served as the English Department coordinator, and as a liaison with PACE University.

She is also a lector and active member of her church.
PROPOSED BUDGET FY2023-2024

Shall the Board of Trustees of Mahopac Public Library be authorized to expend the sum of $3,008,509.00 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for library purposes, and levy the necessary taxes therefor?

EXPENDITURES

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REVENUES

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AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES | 2,814,709 | 2,814,709 |

Where does the money go?
- Programs and Services
- Building and Grounds
- Bond Principal & Interest payments
- Administration

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Mahopac Public Library tax levy has not increased in the last five (5) fiscal years (FYE 6/30/2019-FYE 6/30/2024). An Operating Contingency account has been established, by a motion of the Library Trustees, so that unexpected increases in expenses are covered using previously collected levy funds. This enables us to maintain the levy at its current level as long as possible.

Programs and Services 74.75% of the budget:
The Library Materials line has increased to accommodate the addition of the Comics Plus database, and to implement new cybersecurity measures on computers used by patrons and staff.

Building and Grounds 13.70% of the budget:
The Utilities line remains the same as the previous year. Due to the timing of the fiscal year budget, it is too early to see a significant savings in gas and electricity as a result of the renovation project. Once the HVAC portion of the project is complete, the cost of our utilities should decrease.

The Insurance line has been adjusted to reflect the increase in Directors & Officers (D&O) and the Errors & Omissions (E&O) insurance policies. Our carrier is soliciting for new quotes based on the recent energy efficiency upgrades to the building; we expect a reduction in this cost by the end of 2023.

Bond Principal and Interest Payments 7.35% of the budget:
This distribution is the annual repayment of the Library bond that was approved by voters at the FY2022-2023 budget vote.

Administration 4.20% of the budget:
This portion of the budget includes an increase in the cost of Office Supplies, Professional Fees, and Election Expenses.

If you have questions about the budget, or the Library’s programs and services, contact the Director, Michele Capozzella, at director@mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 107.
Library Hours
Monday-Thursday
9:30 am - 8:00 pm
Friday
9:30 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday
9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday
1:00 - 5:00 pm
(Closed Sunday:
July 1 through Labor Day)

VOTE: TUESDAY, JUNE 6
7:00 am - 9:00 pm at Mahopac Library

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Library Director and CEO

Photos: Above, Fulmar Road 2nd grade
students visit MPL; Clockwise from right:
Young Girl by Dariana Soto - 3rd Grade;
Middle School Book Group meeting with Librarian Paul
Murphy; K-2 grade book club Book Nook with Emma
Covitz-Burke; Mouse with Sword by Damian Morocho -
3rd grade; Heart by Stella Smiegucki - 2nd grade;
Reading with Rosie, the ARF dog.

Friends of Mahopac Public Library Executive Board: Karyn Reichbach, President; Karen Kellogg, Vice-
President; Kim Doyle, Treasurer; Susan Grant, Recording Secretary; Jeanne Rehberg, Corresponding Secretary.