

## **BUDGET RE-VOTE FAQs**

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, the Library's proposed FY 2008 operating budget was defeated by 379 to 333 votes. The Board of Trustees of the Library will propose an amended budget for a re-vote on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **What changes have been made to the June 13th budget?**

The June 13<sup>th</sup> proposed budget reflects a reduction from the April 11<sup>th</sup> budget.

The April 11<sup>th</sup> budget proposed an increase of 6.98% over the current year's operating budget, while maintaining the current level of library programs and services.

The June 13<sup>th</sup> budget proposes an increase of 3.7% over the current year's operating budget, while reducing library hours by 3 hours per week, and cutting some programs.

### **If the June 13<sup>th</sup> budget proposes an increase over current expenses, why will hours and services be cut?**

The increased demands on our library have a direct impact on the budget. The success of our new library is evident: an average of 19,000 people use the library each month — an increase of 2,000 over last year. An average of 24,000 items are borrowed — up 2,000. An average of 4,500 patrons use our computers — up 2,000. And we hold an average of 200 programs per month — an increase of 70 over last year. The library has worked hard to maintain — and to reduce — costs wherever possible, but as library use increases, expenses increase, at the same time that fewer cash reserves are available for the library's use now than in the past. The proposed 3.7% increase in the FY2008 budget is not enough to maintain current levels of hours and service. *Therefore, the June 13<sup>th</sup> budget proposes an increase of 3.7% over the current year's operating budget, while reducing library hours by 3 hours per week, and cutting some programs.*

### **If the June 13th budget passes, how will it affect my taxes?**

	FYE 6/30/07	Proposed FYE 6/30/08		
<u>house assessment</u>	<u>annual taxes</u>	<u>annual taxes</u>	<u>annual increase</u>	<u>monthly increase</u>
\$200,000	\$205.44	\$213.04	\$ 7.60	\$ 0.63
\$400,000	\$410.87	\$426.08	\$ 15.20	\$ 1.27

### **If the June 13th budget fails to pass, what happens then?**

If the June 13<sup>th</sup> budget does not pass, the library will continue to operate at the 2006-2007 level (last year's budget) as allowed by law. However, since this year's total expenditures would not cover the necessary increases in certain categories to maintain current levels of operation, further cuts in hours and/or programs would be necessary to balance the budget.



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**Library Hours:**

Monday ~ Thursday:

9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday:

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1 to 5:00 p.m.

(In July & August the library  
closes on Sundays and  
opens on Saturdays from  
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

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**BUDGET RE-VOTE INFORMATION**



***PLEASE REMEMBER  
TO VOTE!***

**RE-VOTE** on Wednesday, June 13, 2007!

**RE-VOTE** at Mahopac Public Library, 668 Route 6

**RE-VOTE** from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.