



MPL Budget Bulletin 2008 ~ 09

Mahopac Public Library

Dear Voters:

Mahopac Public Library has enjoyed exceptional backing from the community in the past. We appreciate your support. People of all ages in the Mahopac Central School District enjoy the wide range of materials and services the library provides—from books, magazines, and movies to story times, art shows, concerts, book discussions, yoga, knitting and quilting, and Internet access. Our programs for every age group, our popular meeting rooms, and our relaxing, comfortable environment have helped to make the library the heart of the community.

There will always be a reason to go to the library and this is especially true in challenging economic times. People come here to read the newspapers and magazines that they no longer subscribe to, to borrow movies, to attend an entertaining or informational program. They come here to look for jobs, get help with their résumés, learn new skills.

On Wednesday, June 4, 2008 we are asking you to vote on the 2008-2009 library budget. As you review the budget figures on page 3, please reflect on the important role Mahopac Public Library plays in providing all of these services to the community. In response to user demand, we are requesting a modest increase over last year's budget per household so that we can restore the hours and programs that were cut in 2007-2008. In addition to the budget vote, there is one vacant position on the Board of Trustees for which to cast your ballot. A brief biography of the candidate nominated for this important position is below.

Regina C. Morini:

Regina has worked in County Government for more than twenty-five years, and has served on numerous boards for many organizations, including the Putnam Hospital Foundation, United Way of Putnam County, and the Lake Mahopac Rotary Club. Regina also served on the Board of Trustees of the Mid-Hudson Library System, and has been a lifelong Mahopac resident.

Need an Absentee Ballot?

Applications for absentee ballots are available at the library's Information Desk. They must be completed and returned to the Election Clerk before ballots can be issued. The completed application must be received by the Clerk no later than Wednesday, May 28, 2008 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter and no later than Tuesday, June 3, 2008 if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 4, 2008.

Stats at a Glance:

MPL Facts & Figures

Library Attendance: 239,197
Books at the Library: 104,966
Magazine & Newspaper titles: 260
DVDs, Audio Books, Videos: 10,829
Public Computers: 43

MPL Resources & Reference

Borrowed Materials: 289,299
Reference Queries Answered: 140,673
Total Computer Use: 56,357
Database Usage: 12,596

MPL Programs

Adult Programs: 1,104
Young Adult Programs: 445
Children's Programs: 901

(Twelve-month statistics are for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.)

These are some of the more than 100 groups that have met this year at Mahopac Public Library:

4-H Clubs

*American Red Cross of Greater NY
Austin Road School PTA
Biomedical Learning Cooperative
Boy Scouts of America
Carmel Historical Society
Chabad Jewish Center
Citizens for Belden House
Communities That Care
Concerned Residents of Carmel & Mahopac
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County
Delta Kappa Gamma
Eastern Putnam S.E.P.T.A.
Enoch Crosby Chapter of NSDAR
Girl Scouts of Westchester/Putnam
Hudson Valley Blood Services
Hudson Valley Weather Observers
Jack & Jill of America, Inc.
Jimmy McDonough Scholarship Fund
Lake Mahopac Garden Club
Lake Mahopac Rotary Club
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Mahopac Central School District
Mahopac Chamber of Commerce
Mahopac Education Foundation
Mahopac Hills Association
Mahopac National Bank
Mahopac Point Home Owners Association
Mahopac Sports Association
NAMI of Putnam County
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Northern Westchester Chess Academy
NYS Fire Service Academy
Patterson/Putnam Democratic Committee
People to People Student Ambassadors
Petra Productions, Ltd.
Primerica Financial Services
Prudential, Holmes & Kennedy, World Savings Bank
PARC (Putnam Associated Resource Center)
Putnam Children's Discovery Center
Putnam Chorale
Putnam County Department of Health
Putnam County Historical Preservation Advisory Commission
Putnam County Open Space Alliance
Putnam County Polymer Clay Guild
Putnam County Youth Bureau Focus Group
Putnam Family Support & Advocacy, Inc.
Putnam Independent Living Services
Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center
Relay for Life
Riverkeeper, Inc.
Rotary Club of Carmel
Shore Estates Owner's Association*

*Somers Central School District
Sullivan Financial Group, Inc.
Superior Mortgage Co., Inc.
Support Connection, Inc.
Toys for Tots
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
VESID/NYS Educational Department
Water Club Condominiums
Williamsburg Ridge HOA, Inc.*

Mahopac Public Library has Programs and Services for All Ages and Interests Check our Web site (www.mahopaclibrary.org)

Materials for All Ages:

- Fiction, non-fiction, biographies, & reference collections
- Current & classic videos, DVDs, audio books on tape, CDs, and downloadable audio books
- CD-ROMs, music CDs, and cassettes
- Magazine and newspaper subscriptions

Electronic & Information Services for All Ages:

- Reference assistance & reader's advisory
- T-1 and wireless Internet access
- Microsoft Office Suite instruction
- Computer workshops
- Genealogy
- Internet instruction for eBay, Google searches, etc.
- Multimedia computer stations for children
- Online access to magazines & newspapers
- Home access to reference databases
- Electronic reserves, renewals, and interlibrary loans

Programs:

- Concerts & lectures
- Art exhibits
- Crafts workshops
- Book groups for children, young adults, and adults
- Health & personal safety workshops
- Story times for preschoolers
- Theater groups for children & young adults
- Yoga classes

Special Services:

- Teen library council
- Test proctoring
- Literacy volunteers
- Tax forms
- Multiple meeting rooms
- Fund raising information
- Job & career information
- Community service opportunities
- Space for MCSD Advanced Placement Exams
- Mahopac Sports Association online registration

**Mahopac Public Library
Proposed Budget 2008 – 2009**

EXPENDITURES	2007 – 2008	2008 – 2009
Personnel	1,102,278	1,203,949
Benefits	146,719	174,143
Library materials (books, software, etc.)	178,155	186,200
Supplies	14,000	14,500
Staff Development	4,000	4,000
Telephone	7,500	7,500
Internet (T-1)	12,000	12,000
Utilities (gas, electric, water)	114,000	114,000
Dues	650	650
Building repairs & maintenance	10,000	10,000
Building contracts	30,000	32,000
Equipment contracts	9,000	9,000
Library programming	7,000	7,000
Professional fees	22,500	24,000
Printing & postage	19,850	20,150
Election & legal notices	1,500	1,500
Computer maintenance contract	51,500	51,500
Insurance	26,900	29,200
Furniture, fixtures & equipment	17,000	18,000
Capital improvements	15,000	15,000
Bond repayment	605,669	606,869
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,395,221	2,541,161

REVENUES		
Fines, fees & gifts	40,000	50,000
Interest income	1,000	5,000
Grants	15,500	15,500
Town of Carmel	50,000	50,000
Putnam County	76,000	86,000
Previously collected tax levy	50,000	35,000
TOTAL REVENUES	232,500	241,500

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	2,162,721	2,299,661
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PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Trustees of Mahopac Public Library be authorized to expend the sum of \$2,541,161 for library purposes for the 2008 – 2009 fiscal year and levy the necessary taxes thereof?

HOUSE ASSESSMENT	6/30/2008	6/30/2009	INCREASE
\$200,000	\$213.04	\$225.18	\$ 12.14
250,000	266.30	281.48	15.18
300,000	319.56	337.78	18.22
350,000	372.82	394.07	21.25
400,000	426.08	450.37	24.29



**Mahopac
Public Library**

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Mahopac, NY 10541

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Library Hours:

Monday ~ Thursday:

10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday:

10:00 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
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

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BUDGET VOTE INFORMATION

The Annual Meeting of the Mahopac Public Library
will be held on Tuesday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the library.
There is one vacant trustee position, and the candidate
will attend the Annual Meeting.

VOTE on Wednesday, June 4, 2008
VOTE at Mahopac Public Library, 668 Route 6
VOTE from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.