

# Western Sullivan Public Library

## 2026-2027 Library Budget Vote 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.

### 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 2026-2027 proposed budget includes additional funds for digital materials, including ebooks and audiobooks, whose usage increased 14% in 2025.

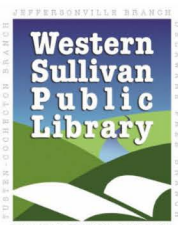
Building Expenses include \$35,000 that will be used for upcoming capital projects including the replacement of the HVAC on the main floor at Jeffersonville.

The staff continue to come up with innovative programming ideas and secure grants to avoid increases to the programming budget line.

#### 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.

The budget for utilities reflects the increased electric costs at the three branches.



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

<i>Delaware Free Branch</i>	45 Lower Main Street, Callicoon	(845) 887-4040
<i>Jeffersonville Branch</i>	19 Center Street, Jeffersonville	(845) 432-4350
<i>Tusten-Cochecton Branch</i>	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 17, 2026.

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 13, 2026 at 5:00pm at the Tusten-Cochecton Branch, Narrowsburg, NY

### Budget Vote and Trustee Election:

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 2:00pm-8:00pm at all library branches

## Proposed 2026-2027 WSPL Budget Summary

The library is committed to providing excellent service to our community. The 2026-2027 Proposed Budget reflects this commitment by allocating funding to maintain our buildings, collections, and programs, 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	2025-2026	2026-2027
Staffing Expenses	\$683,224	\$721,235
Insurance	\$192,991	\$227,869
Utilities	\$37,550	\$39,550
Library Supplies	\$19,500	\$20,550
Library Materials	\$129,527	\$129,233
Building Expenses	\$62,600	\$62,600
Equipment & Fixtures	\$7,180	\$7,180
Programming	\$12,500	\$12,500
Misc. Operating Expenses (Professional Services, Professional Development, Election & Budget Vote, Publicity, Volunteer Recognition)	\$53,700	\$53,200
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,198,772</b>	<b>\$1,273,917</b>
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
PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)	\$20,000	\$10,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$38,700</b>	<b>\$28,700</b>
<b>Proposed Tax Appropriation</b>	<b>\$1,160,072</b>	<b>\$1,245,217</b>

### WSPL Board of Trustees

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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.

### Library Director

Audra Everett

### Branch Managers

Laura Moran, Callicoon

Jennifer Olsen, Jeffersonville

Alexa Simonelli, Narrowsburg

**Adult Services:** Ciera Moore

**Youth Services:** Callison Stratton

**Multimedia Tech:** Dale Blagrove