

Keep Our Libraries Open

Our libraries are the heart of our community and do more than loan books and other materials. They serve as sources of information about our local townships as well as gathering places for people of all ages. No community centers exist within our school district; as a result, our libraries offer community-related events year-round. But our libraries cannot survive unless we obtain sustainable funding. **In fact, without this funding, the libraries are at risk of closure.**

To date, six public libraries in Chautauqua County have been successful in obtaining sustainable funding via New York State Education Law 259. Let's help the Stockton Libraries (Stockton and Cassadaga Branch Library) and the Sinclairville Library achieve this goal!



Facts About Our Libraries: 2023

- 14,925 patrons visited our libraries
- 2,637 library card holders
- Over 19,300 materials loaned
- Over 2,900 electronic books checked out
- Over 12,000 new items added (including electronic materials)
- 3 libraries are open over 3,000 hours a year

Sustaining Our Libraries



**Mary E. Seymour Memorial
Free Library**



Cassadaga Branch Library



Sinclairville Free Library

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Cassadaga Valley Central School District (CVCSD) is the largest land area district in Chautauqua County, serving eight townships. We are the only school district with three library buildings offering needed services to our rural residents:

- Loan of books, magazines, DVDs, audio books
- Printing, faxing, copying
- Free Wi-Fi access & computer use
- Book clubs
- Story times
- Adult & Children's programming
- Summer reading program
- Tutoring space
- Community space
- Access to 38 libraries with one library card
- Collaboration with the school district
- Collaboration with the senior housing community



Our library directors and volunteers perform outreach to the community to better serve our patrons and CVCSD residents. Our library patrons have access to 38 other libraries in our system with just their local library card!

A Path to Sustainable Funding

New NYS Law 259 allows our Library Boards to ask the Cassadaga Valley Central School District (CVCSD) voters to approve sustainable library funding on the school district ballot.

Look for our funding proposition on the May 21st ballot to ensure the future of our three libraries.

How much will this cost?

Arkwright	\$0.79 /\$1,000
Charlotte	\$0.39 /\$1,000
Cherry Creek	\$0.41 /\$1,000
Ellery	\$0.39 /\$1,000
Ellington	\$0.27
Ellicott	\$0.32/\$1,000
Gerry	\$0.35 /\$1,000
Pomfret	\$2.07/\$1,000
Stockton	\$0.28 /\$1,000

For example, in the town of Stockton at the rate of \$0.28/\$1,000, the annual cost would be:

\$25,000	\$ 7.07
\$50,000	\$ 14.15
\$75,000	\$ 21.22
\$100,000	\$ 28.29
\$150,000	\$ 42.44
\$175,000	\$ 49.51
\$200,000	\$ 56.58

Based on 2023 rates

Library funds are separate from school district funds and are clearly marked on the tax bills

Visit VOTE INFO on our websites to calculate your annual rate

The Situation

The libraries that serve residents in the Cassadaga Valley Central School District receive modest financial support from local townships. As a result, making ends meet is becoming more difficult. Securing sustainable funding guarantees continued access to our libraries for all Cassadaga Valley Central School District residents.

The Proposition

Shall the sum of \$130,000 be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Cassadaga Valley Central School District for the purpose of funding the operation of the Stockton Libraries (Stockton & Cassadaga combined) at \$62,000 and the Sinclairville Library at \$68,000, which shall be paid to the public libraries for the support and maintenance of the libraries; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Cassadaga Valley Central School District?

Vote May 21st

1 pm – 8 pm

Cassadaga High School Gym

Visit the **VOTE INFO tab on our websites for more information.**

stocktonlibraries.org/vote-info/

sinclairvillelibrary.org/