

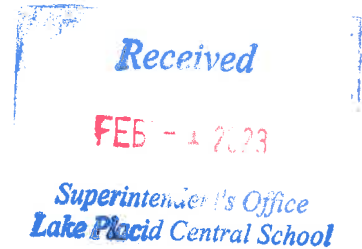
E.M. Cooper Memorial Public Library



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January 27th, 2023

Mr. Daniel Cash, President
Members of Lake Placid School Board of Education
Cummins Road
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Dear Mr. Cash and School Board Members:

The Board of Trustees of the Wilmington E.M. Cooper Memorial Library respectfully asks your consideration in submitting a proposition to increase the amount of funding provided by the Lake Placid Central School District to our library.

Please place on your agenda for discussion the following proposition:

"Shall funding be increased by \$645 for the Wilmington E.M. Cooper Memorial Public Library from \$16,090.00 to \$16,735.00 annually?"

It's the time of year again for our annual budget review and as in recent years annual income has grown nominally while operational costs are increasing faster and higher. But if we look for the positive in this we can recognize that the increases reflected in our operating and capital project expenses are the things that will enable us to improve and expand the services we offer our patrons.

In 2022 we were fortunate to receive approval for our NYS library construction grant. This funding enabled us to move forward with our long planned interior renovation project which will improve the library and extend our ability to serve our community more effectively and efficiently. However even while we were granted 75% of our estimated project cost and fundraised an over \$12,000 toward this capital project, we still faced a budget gap with the reality of project cost increases (materials and labor).

On a very bright note, we are thrilled that our children's programming continues to welcome a "regular" audience of children not only from Wilmington but also neighboring communities! And we are always happy to welcome more new faces as word spreads through the region. This program is so well loved that even during the library closure for our renovation project we were able to continue the children's series at our local community center. The library also added adult programming this fall which was very well received and we look forward to more adult programs as well as adding an after-school "homework support" group in the 2023.

With continued interest in programs like these our strategic plan includes more "open" hours and program to support pre-school and school aged children which would benefit from additional staff to support this initiative as it grows.

We appreciate your consideration in placing this request on your agenda for discussion. We hope you will be in favor of placing this request before the taxpayers of the Lake Placid Central School District and will word the proposition to assure the current funding of \$16,090.00 will remain in place should the proposition be voted down.

Please contact Wendy Grossmann, President at 518-524-2991 should you have questions and to relay your decision.

Sincerely,


Wendy Grossmann – President