

2024-2025 Trustees

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HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Friday & Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Closed on Sunday and Monday

2024 BY THE NUMBERS

Our collection includes 18,482 items. We had 21,192 visitors. 36,187 items were borrowed or otherwise accessed. 5,414 books and materials were borrowed through Inter-Library Loan and we shared 4,494 items with patrons at other libraries.

Provided access to computers and online resources for 12,366 sessions. 3,395 people attended the library's 442 programs for children, teens and adults. The library's 54 summer reading programs involved 542 children, teens and adults.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

The Library and Friends of the Library supported prizes, snacks, pizza and volunteer coordination to 60 CRCS students participating in the Battle of the Books from Radez and Golding.

Staff added a new collection of books for English Language Learners.

Daisy Brown Scrapbook collection is online at nyheritage.org.

Community organizations or individuals reserved meeting rooms to host 555 meetings, tutoring, or programs including early voting.

THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Serving our communities for over 100 years!

Cobleskill, New York

Proposed 2026 Operating Budget & 2025 Trustee Election



Vote Date: May 20, 2025

9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Cobleskill-Richmondville High School



If you have not visited the Library recently, stop in and make sure to get a NEW Library Card!

April 2025

2026 Proposed Tax Levy Request

On May 20 Cobleskill-Richmondville voters will have the opportunity to vote on the Library's proposed spending plan. The tax levy request approved annually by voters in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District is \$475,200. Staff continue to seek grants and donations. The Friends of The Community Library hold fundraisers and gifts and fees provide about 6% of the additional income.

Proposed 2026 Budget

The proposed budget for 2026 is \$505,600 up from \$476,986. It is expected that the renovation project will be completed early 2026 and expenses will increase as we bring utilities online, expand collections and address technology needs as well as staffing.

The renovation/expansion work is funded through grants and donations and is not part of this budget.

Resources: books, DVDs, databases, supplies, etc.	\$37,255
Programs: performers, guest speakers and supplies	\$14,400
Technology: computers, printers and software	\$14,500
Administration: professional services, supplies, mail, phone, promotional materials, etc.	\$25,675
Facilities: maintenance, service, utilities, insurance	\$71,780
Personnel: wages, benefits, travel, insurance, retirement, etc.	\$341,990
Total Expenses	\$505,600
Tax Levy Request	\$475,200
Additional Income: grants, donations, interest	\$30,400
Total Income	\$505,600
Total Budget	\$505,600

The Community Library Board of Trustees Election

Three seats on the 11-member Board of Trustees are open for election this year. There are two five-year and one four-year seats. We have one candidate, Denise Klug, and a write-in option is available for the other positions.

Denise Klug has attended several Board meetings and expressed interest in becoming a trustee. Denise is a Cobleskill-Richmondville graduate and after 20 years in the Navy returned to co-operate the family farm. Her husband is a mail carrier and her son attends Radez Elementary School. Denise is passionate about volunteering to benefit the community. Complete candidate bios are available at communitylibrarycobleskill.org.

YOUR LIBRARY

The Community Library is a member of the Mohawk Valley Library System (MVLS), a fine free system. Along with the Southern Adirondack Library System, MVLS is part of a large network providing library resources to every person in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District. Inter-Library Loan is available to all borrowers and can be done from home or at the Library. Books, movies, music and more can be ordered from any of the 57 libraries in the 8 counties served.

During Library hours patrons may use the public internet-connected computers, stand-alone educational computers, fax machine and copier. Wi-Fi services is available on Library property. Chromebooks, DVD player, CD/RW drives, binoculars, fishing poles, museum passes, ukuleles, 1,000 books before kindergarten book bags and board games are available to borrow. Access to numerous databases too.

With your Library card you have access to downloadable books, audiobooks and over 4,000 magazines through the Libby app. Libby is connected with Cobleskill-Richmondville School District SORA cards.

Ancestry.com can be found on the public computers in the Library.

2024 Renovation/Expansion Highlights

Ganem construction out of Latham installed new basement windows and finished up some brickwork. Absolute Fire from Selkirk installed the fire suppression system. Vaysen design studio completed room renderings for the Annex which are on display in the library. Construction funds for this project continue to be supported through grants and donations and is not included in the tax levy request.

