

2025-2026 Trustees

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2025 BY THE NUMBERS

Our collection includes 17,978 items. We had 19,112 visitors. 35,574 items were borrowed or otherwise accessed. 5,210 books and materials were borrowed through Inter-Library Loan and we shared 3,494 items with patrons at other libraries. Provided 1,686 reference transactions.

Provided access to computers and online resources for 12,054 sessions. 3,864 people attended the library's 384 programs for children, teens and adults. The library's sixty-nine summer reading programs involved 663 children, teens and adults.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

The Library and Friends of the Library hosted a Roof Slate Fundraiser that brought in \$4,500 for the renovation project. Special thanks to the artists and all who participated and supported the event. Community organizations or individuals reserved meeting rooms to host 813 meetings, tutoring, or programs including early voting.

2025 Renovation Highlights

Thanks to support from Fennimore Asset Management, Assemblyman Tague, and Cobleskill Partnership. The Library secured grants and donations to create a new sign in front of the building that has a larger letter board to share more library information with the community.

THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Serving our communities for 105 years!

Cobleskill, New York

Proposed 2027

Operating Budget & Tax Levy Request
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2026 Trustee Election

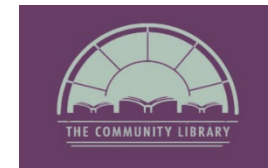


Vote Date: May 19, 2026

9:00 am – 9:00 pm

AT

Cobleskill-Richmondville High School



LIBRARY 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
April 2026

2027 Proposed Tax Levy Request

On May 19 Cobleskill-Richmondville School District voters will have the opportunity to vote on the Library's proposed spending plan. The tax levy request is \$546,480.

2027 Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for 2027 is \$562,695 up from \$505,600. Staff continue to seek grants and donations to supplement the budget. The Friends of The Community Library hold fundraisers, and gifts and fees provide about 11% of the additional budgeted income.

Budget Note: The renovation/expansion project is funded through grants and donations and is not part of this budget. The new sign was funded through donations and grants.

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| Resources: books, DVDs, databases, supplies, etc. | \$35,122 |
| Programs: performers, guest speakers and supplies | \$11,000 |
| Technology: computers, printers and software | \$14,500 |
| Administration: professional services, supplies, mail, phone, promotional materials, etc. | \$48,193 |
| Facilities: maintenance, service, utilities, insurance | \$74,680 |
| Personnel: wages, benefits, travel, insurance, retirement, etc. | \$379,200 |
| Total Expenses | \$562,695 |
| 2027 Tax Levy Request | \$546,480 |
| Additional Income: grants, donations, interest, etc | \$16,215 |
| Total Income | \$562,695 |

The Community Library Board of Trustees Election

Three seats on the 11-member Board of Trustees are open for election this year, two five-year and one one-year seats. Candidate bios are below and available at communitylibrarycobleskill.org/Trustees.

Nathan Davis has lived in Cobleskill with his wife, Sarah, and their daughter for just over a decade. His two stepsons lived with them before growing up and moving away. He has served on the Library board for the past three years, chairs the Building and Grounds Committee and, he is currently the Vice President. Nathan grew up in Laurens, NY before attending Union College in Schenectady. He spent thirteen years as a Patent Agent with a focus on the nanotechnology, chemistry, semiconductor, and pharmaceutical industries. After living in Schenectady, he was looking for a community that would be good for raising children and feel more like home. After moving to Cobleskill, he wanted to stop working in Albany and missing out on all that the community has to offer, so he went into business for himself. He has since taken over ownership of a storied 175-year-old brand which has resided in NY for its entire history. Nathan and his family have been huge fans of the Library. He first started donating to raffles, and after two years of his daughter loving the Battle of the Books and being very appreciative of how much the library does for

students, he decided that he would like to be more involved and give back to the library that holds the community together. Nathan is the past Master of the Cobleskill Masonic Lodge, a past member of the board of the Polish Community Center, Vice President of the United Pipe Clubs of America and is currently serving on the Ethics Committee for the Village of Cobleskill.

Tania Konwinski, originally from Northern California, relocated to NY in 2014 and moved to Warnerville in 2023. Tania owns Rose Hollow Design. In addition to her design work, she is the Program Director at The Waterfall Center for Bioregional Learning, managing their wildfire awareness initiative. Tania graduated from University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) in 2011 with a BA in Cultural Geography. Tania is a passionate supporter of the literary arts and brings to the board several years' experience as the operations manager of a large historic arts building in south Brooklyn. Tania was appointed to the Library Board in November 2025.

Colleen Mahar joined the Schoharie County Child Development Council - Head Start program as Center Director in Schoharie in 1995. Over the last 31 years, Colleen had many roles with the agency and is now the Executive/Head Start Director. After her first child, she moved to Cobleskill from Otsego County and a year later, they welcomed their second son to the family. They enjoyed raising a family in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District and volunteering for many activities through the years. Her work as a leader in the Schoharie County Child Development program has prepared her to be a valuable member of the Library Board of Trustees. Not only does the mission and the values of the Schoharie County Child Development Council and the Library align, the practical skills and experiences she has gained in her various roles support a position on the Library Board, especially the importance of collaboration and communication. Colleen has experience in strategic planning, grant writing, and supervision. Through her work with Head Start children and families, she has a passion for family literacy programming. She continues to integrate literacy building opportunities across the Head Start and Early Head Start programs to best prepare children and families for success in public school and beyond. Colleen looks forward to the opportunity to serve the community and to share her time and energy to support the library team.

YOUR LIBRARY

As a member of the Mohawk Valley Library System (MVLS), every resident of the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District has access to: inter-library loan public internet-connected computers, copier and free fax machine. Wi-Fi services is available on Library property and Ancestry.com can be found on the public computers. Your Library card offers access to e-books, audiobooks and over 4,000 magazines through the Libby app, Chromebooks, binoculars, fishing poles, museum passes, ukuleles, "1,000 books before kindergarten" and board games are available to borrow. Additional resources: Educate Station, historical Daisy Brown scrapbooks, and Comics Plus.