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# Voters Approve Albany Public Library Budget

### Three Trustees Also Elected

ALBANY, NY—Albany city residents voted today to approve a 1.0 percent increase in the annual tax levy to support the Albany Public Library. The 2017 budget was approved by a final vote of 2,284 to 1,228.

The approved 2017 library operating tax levy is \$6,652,455. The owner of a \$150,000 home in the city of Albany will pay about an extra \$2.30 for the library next year. The **estimated** homestead rate for the 2017 library tax is \$1.54 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

“We are very pleased that Albany residents voted to continue supporting Albany Public Library with their tax dollars,” said APL Executive Director Scott Jarzombek. “The budget approval allows us to keep providing the branch libraries, services, programs, and resources our users expect and trust. The Albany Public Library leaders, staff, and trustees truly appreciate the confidence and support our community has in its libraries.”

Tonight, voters also elected three library trustees: Karen Strong, Matthew Finn, and Brenda Robinson. Strong and Finn were elected to five-year terms, while Robinson will serve a one-year term.

The place order, candidates, and vote totals were:

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| 1. Karen Strong    | 2,075 |
| 2. Matthew Finn    | 1,717 |
| 3. Brenda Robinson | 1,615 |
| 4. Mitzi Lawrence  | 1,423 |

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*Albany Public Library (APL) educates, entertains, and empowers our community. APL operates seven award-winning branches serving the residents of Albany. Each month, about 74,000 people use the libraries to borrow materials, attend programs, access computers, and research information. More than 85,000 books, DVDs, and other materials are circulated each month. The libraries also provide 45,000 WiFi sessions and 13,000 public computer sessions monthly. Visit APL online at [www.albanypubliclibrary.org](http://www.albanypubliclibrary.org). Look for the free “Albany Public Library Mobile” app for Apple and Android devices. And, follow @AlbanyNYLibrary on social media.*

