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PRESS RELEASE

Voters Approve Albany Public Library Budget

Three Trustees Also Elected

ALBANY, NY—Albany city residents voted today to approve a 1.5 percent increase in the annual tax levy to support the Albany Public Library. The 2018 budget was approved by a final vote of 2,165 (76%) to 691 (24%).

The approved 2018 library operating tax levy is \$6,981,873. The owner of a \$150,000 home in the city of Albany will pay about an extra \$3.49 for the library next year. The **estimated** homestead rate for the 2018 library tax is \$1.57 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

“We are very pleased that residents voted to continue supporting Albany Public Library branches, services, materials, and programs with their tax dollars,” said APL Executive Director Scott Jarzombek. “The budget approval allows us to continue the current level of library service, as well as meet patron demand for more programming, outreach, and meeting room availability. 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: Sarah Shearer, Brenda Robinson, and Jenna Pitera. All three will serve five-year terms, which begin in July.

The place order, candidates, and vote totals were:

1. Sarah Shearer 1,433
2. Brenda Robinson 1,215
3. Jenna Pitera 1,201
4. Arlene Way 1,186
5. DTraecelle Carter 939

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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 67,000 people use the library to borrow materials, attend programs, access computers, and research information. More than 64,000 books, DVDs, and other materials are circulated each month. The library also provides 42,000 WiFi sessions, 13,000 public computer sessions, and 350 programs monthly. Visit APL online at www.albanypubliclibrary.org. Use the free “Albany Public Library Mobile” app on Apple and Android devices. Listen to the library’s “Albany Made” podcast on iTunes, Pocket Casts, and Sound Cloud. And, follow @AlbanyNYLibrary on social media.

