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PRESS RELEASE

Voters Approve Albany Public Library Budget

ALBANY, NY—Albany city residents voted today to approve a 2.0 percent increase in the annual tax levy to support the Albany Public Library. The 2019 budget passed with a final vote of 2,385 to 846, which is an approval of 74 percent.

The approved 2019 library operating tax levy is \$7,153,022. The owner of a \$150,000 home in the city of Albany will pay about an extra \$4.89 for the library next year. The **estimated** homestead rate for the 2019 library tax is \$1.66 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

“We are very pleased that residents voted to continue supporting Albany Public Library with their tax dollars,” said APL Executive Director Scott C. Jarzombek. “The budget approval allows us to meet patron demand for more hours, programming, eBooks, and meeting room availability while continuing service at seven neighborhood locations across the city. The Albany Public Library leaders, staff, and trustees truly appreciate the confidence and support our community has in its libraries.”

There were no library trustee seats up for election this year.

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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 66,000 people use the library to borrow materials, attend programs, access computers, and research information. More than 57,000 books, DVDs, and other materials are circulated each month. The library also provides 7,000 WiFi sessions and 12,000 public computer sessions each month. APL hosts 350 programs and provides 700 meeting rooms monthly. Visit APL online at www.albanypubliclibrary.org. Use the free “UHLS 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.

