



Newburgh Free Library BUDGET VOTE

Tues., May 17, 2022

Polls are open 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

PROPOSITION 2 - The Newburgh Free Library Budget

Shall the Board of Education of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of **\$5,574,000** for library purposes for the year **July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023** for the support of the Newburgh Free Library, to enable the library to provide free library services for the benefit and free use of all residents of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District?

Highlights 2021 - 2022



Effectively and impactfully navigated through a pandemic to customize and innovate our in-house services while also building out our 24/7 digital library through enhanced programming, technology support, and resources that have reached thousands beyond our targeted audience.



Provided one-on-one and group support to bridge the gaps of language; technology access and proficiency; reliable WIFI access; and social support networks.



We have collaborated with numerous service, arts, cultural organizations and small business programs to expand upon our funding, programs, skill development and other community wide endeavors to leverage funds and expand our reach.



Embarked on our first, of a 5 phase, NYS Department of Library Development Construction Aid project. Phase 1 will enhance and expand our Local History Resource Center and also create a state-of-the-art Tech Hub digital equity lab.



For a complete schedule of monthly events and programs, visit our website and click on the "Calendar of Events" tab.



2021

Year in Review



Library
Visitors:
136,240

Free
Library
Programs
& Classes:

569



SORA

Public library-school connection

Allows students access to
public library ebooks from
NECSD schools.



2020: 1767

2021: 6934

300% Increase

**NEW: Free New York Times/Wall
Street Journal digital access**



FREE SERVICES

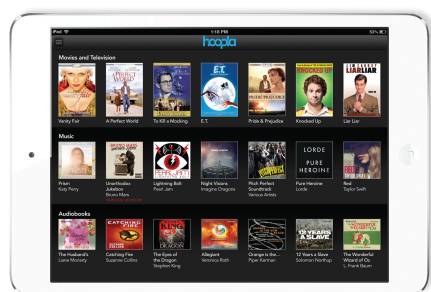
Printing
Copies
Fax Service



Active
Card
Holders:
25,258

ECONTENT

Use of digital resources like Hoopla and Libby by Overdrive continue to rise with close to 50,000 checkouts in 2021.



Reference
Questions
answered:

145,658



Visits to
the library's
website:

188,329

Items added: 20,915



Now including:
Video Games



Up by:

67%



Most Popular:



Fiction (Adult) - The Four Winds
Fiction (Youth) - The Deep End
Fiction (YA) - One of us is Lying

Blu ray - (Adult) Nomadland
DVD (Adult) - Midsomer Murders
DVD (Youth) - Paw Patrol



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