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# For every dollar invested in Albany Public Library, THE COMMUNITY GETS $4 BACK in programs and services including books, DVDs, CDs, classes and workshops, tutoring, job creation and more.

The response to the five new and renovated libraries has been remarkable. Since the first branch opened, we've signed up more than 10,000 new library holders!

In 2010:

- Over 1.1 million people walked through our doors—up 19 %
- Over 1.3 million items were taken out and used by you, your friends, family and neighbors—up 20 %
- Close to 192,000 people used the Library's computers—up 23 %

But the costs of operating our five new and improved libraries are higher than expected and the library now faces a $1 million deficit. The 2012 budget proposes an increase that will allow us to keep our improved libraries open and continue providing services. If the budget fails, hours, materials, and programming—such as story times—will be cut drastically.

**On TUESDAY, MAY 17TH, you'll have the opportunity to vote on the Library's budget.**
**The increase for a home assessed at $150,000 is just 91 cents per week—less than a cup a coffee.**

**For more information go to www.albanypubliclibrary.org**