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Wednesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m. at the Library

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, June 5th from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Library

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Dear Neighbor,

It's that time of the year again and we wanted to give you the information you need to make an informed decision when you vote on the Finkelstein Memorial Library's budget on Tuesday, June 5th.

The Finkelstein Memorial Library Board of Trustees proposes a 2012-13 budget of $7.4 million. This represents an increase from 2011-12 of less than 1.8%. If the budget is approved, library taxes, the largest source of revenue to fund the budget, would increase from $6.7 million to $6.8 million, or $6 per home in East Ramapo with a fair market value of $391,000.

This year's budget proposal preserves our overall hours of operation, enhances our collections, programs, and computer access and makes modest investments in new technologies such as e-books. The Library achieves these and other improvements by controlling expenses in a variety of areas including salaries, networking, and utilities.

Finkelstein Memorial Library is a critical resource for toddlers, children, teens, working adults (and those seeking work), and seniors during these tough economic times. Our community depends upon the Library for everything from job hunting to health information, from homework help to tax return preparation, from homebound services to Internet access.

From 2008, when the recession hit, to 2011, more and more people are using the Library.

	2008	**2011**
Visits	448,071	464,193
Number of public computer users	105,226	115,452
Circulation	723,502	782,967
Number of Program Sessions	869	1535
Program Attendance	20,959	23,798

Finkelstein Memorial Library has truly become the community living room, a place where all are welcome, staffed by an outstanding group of professionals who care about, and take pride in, the diverse patron base we serve.

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- In addition to voting on the library's budget, voter will also have the opportunity to vote on one board seat.

For more information go to www.finkelsteinlibrary.org or call the Library's Acting Director, Erica Grodin, at 352-5700, ext. 231.

Thank you.
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