

DO RESIDENTS OF OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS SUPPORT THEIR LIBRARIES THIS WAY?

Yes. Taxpayers in Lockport pay \$ 1.00 per thousand, Medina's rate is \$1.35 per thousand, Royaltown Hartland's rate is \$.24 per thousand, Lyndonville's rate is \$.35 per thousand. Corfu's proposed rate of \$.24 per thousand is among the lowest in the area. The NYS Board of Regents policy urges this community-based funding for public libraries in order to provide secure and sustainable operating income.

HOW WILL LIBRARY TAX DOLLARS BE USED?

The community-based funding will pay for operating expenses, salaries, building operations and maintenance, enhanced library programs and services as well as the purchase of new materials.

HOW MANY EMPLOYEES DOES THE CORFU FREE LIBRARY CURRENTLY HAVE?

There is one salaried part-time librarian and two part-time employees. One part-time employee works 15 hours a week and the other works 14 hours a week. None of them receive any benefits, health insurance or retirement funds.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS BEFORE OR AFTER THE PUBLIC MEETING?

There will be two sessions at the Corfu Free Library for residents. They will take place on Saturday, April 22 from 10 AM-12 PM, and on Tuesday, April 25 from 6-8 PM. Residents can also contact Board President Kristie Miller at 599-4266.



CORFU FREE LIBRARY

7 Maple Ave.
Corfu NY 14036

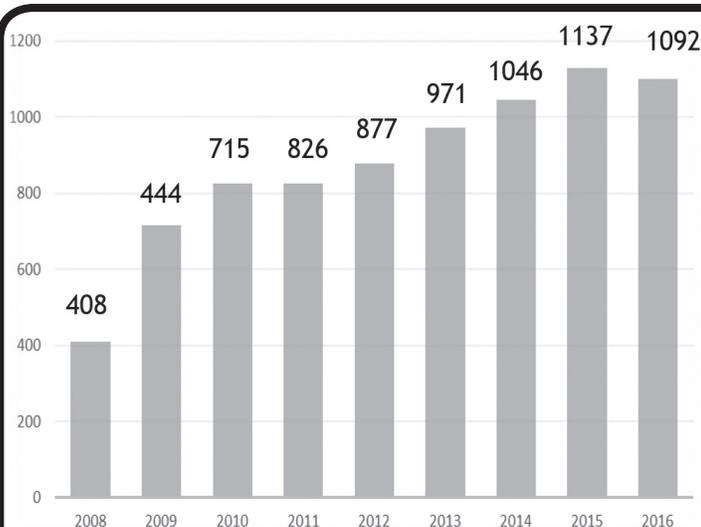
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Regarding Corfu Free
Library's Vote to become a School
District Public Library.

Tues., April 18 at 7 PM
Pembroke Community Center
116 E. Main St.
Corfu NY 14036

POSTAL CUSTOMER

CORFU FREE LIBRARY



Number of Registered Borrowers 2008-2016

Patron & Library Usage

7% Increase Inter-library Loans 2015-2016

8% Increase in Circulation 2015-2016

Please visit our website at
www.CorfuFreeLibrary.org to read
our Strategic Plan and view the results
of our Patron Survey.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING REGARDING THE CORFU FREE LIBRARY

For Pembroke Central School District Residents Regarding the
Proposed Vote to Allow the Corfu Free Library to Become a
School District Public Library



**Tues., April 18, 2017 at 7 PM - Pembroke Community Center
116 E. Main St., Corfu NY 14036**

Details of the proposed district initiative and funding will be presented by Kristie Miller, Pres., Corfu Free Library Board of Trustees. Residents of the Pembroke Central School District are encouraged to attend.

MEETING DETAILS

The Board of Trustees of the Corfu Free Library has formally requested that the Pembroke Central School District hold a vote on whether the Corfu Free Library's governance and funding structure should change to a School District Public Library. The voters will be asked to vote on the proposition on May 16, 2017 at the same time and place of the Pembroke School budget vote.

The Corfu Free Library's Board of Trustees invites all residents of the school district to attend an informational public meeting on Tuesday, April 18 at 7 PM at the Pembroke Community Center, 116 E. Main St. in Corfu, to learn about the proposed transition of the library to a school district public library.

The Corfu Free Library Board of Trustees has decided to pursue becoming a school district public library in order to stabilize its funding and provide elected representation to the taxpayers. Corfu is not alone in this effort. In fact, the New York State Board of Regents urges libraries like the Corfu Free Library to become districts in order to subject library funding questions to a direct public vote.

As a school district public library, the Corfu Library's service area would be the same as the school district's, thus the name School District Public Library. The library's community-based funding would be voted upon by the qualified voters who live in the school district.

The library itself would remain housed in the same building and be staffed by the same professionals and governed by an independently elected board of Trustees. The school district would collect taxes on behalf of the library and turn those funds over to the library. The school district would have no direct control over the operations of the library.

The change to become a school district public library is being proposed as a means to provide enhanced library services to all residents of the school district and to provide a secure and sustainable source of operating income for the library, which has seen increased use of services by local residents in recent years.

If passed, the voters would vote to establish the school district public library with \$95,000 in community-based funding, and no longer receive the portions of funding from the Towns of Pembroke and Darien, Village of Corfu, and Genesee County. This proposed level of community-based funding amounts to an estimated 24 cents per \$1,000 of assessed values on properties within the school district. (Any future changes to the annual amount of this community based support would be required to be put to vote again.)

WHY CHANGE?

The library has operated with a flat budget over the past several years, while library use, patron visits and the number of borrowers have increased. The Corfu Free Library has not been able to address basic maintenance issues and order the materials to meet patron needs. The impact of New York State's mandatory minimum wage laws in effect from 2017-2021 will create significant budget shortfalls for the library. Without a secure and sustainable source of operating income, the future of the Corfu Free Library is uncertain.

Without stable funding, it is likely that the number of hours the library is open would eventually have to be reduced, that there would be reductions in staffing and programs, and that there would be even fewer purchases of books, periodicals, and other materials and services. Residents are encouraged to attend the April 18, 2017 meeting to learn more about this initiative.

For questions prior to the meeting, contact Board President Kristie Miller at 599-4266.