

Albert Wisner Public Library Operating Budget Comparison: FY 2025/2026 vs. FY 2026/2027

Code	Income Item				
		FY 2025/2026		FY 2026/2027	
4000	Library Operating Taxes	\$1,823,649		\$1,951,304	
4020	Library Charges	\$11,400		\$11,400	
4040	Investment Interest	\$100,000		\$100,000	
4080	Gifts	\$40,250		\$40,250	
4120	Grants (unrestricted)	\$7,900		\$6,800	
4150	Reserve Appropriation	\$106,385		\$136,350	
	Total	\$2,089,584		\$2,246,104	
	Expense Item				
5000	Salaries & Benefits		\$1,309,934		\$1,421,254
	Salaries	\$1,061,500		\$1,107,930	
	Medical/Dental/Vision	\$151,540		\$212,431	
	Workers' Comp/ Disability/Staff Training	\$15,690		\$16,136	
	FICA	\$81,204		\$84,757	
	NYS Retirement	\$0.00		0.00	
5100	Library Materials		\$220,500		\$229,750
	Books	\$94,500		\$97,000	
	Audiovisual	\$118,000		\$124,000	
	Serials	\$8,000		\$8,750	
5025/6	Programming & Outreach		\$57,000		\$61,000
5300	Technology/Equipment		\$105,100		\$115,900
	Equipment	\$87,350		\$92,500	
	Telecom/Internet	\$6,000		\$6,000	
	Maintenance	\$11,750		\$17,400	
5400	Building Maintenance		\$251,500		\$269,000
	Utilities	\$54,000		\$54,000	
	Cleaning/Upkeep	\$58,000		\$56,250	
	Other Maintenance	\$139,500		\$158,750	
5500	Professional Fees/Insurance		\$97,250		\$100,250
5600	Office Supplies & Publicity		\$48,300		\$48,950
	Total		\$2,089,584		\$2,246,104

Albert Wisner Public Library
Operating Budget Annotations

Fiscal Year 2026/2027 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027)

Debt service for the library bond is not included in the Library's annual operating budget. It is listed as a separate item on the annual WVCSD school tax bill. This rate decreased by 16% in 2017, through a combination of savings from refinancing and by using the funds from the 2016 sale of the former Colonial Avenue library building to pay down the principal. This lower rate will remain the same. The library bond will be paid off in 2037.

- **SALARIES and BENEFITS: Acct Code 5000** -- covers the cost of staff salaries and benefits for 19.5 FTE library employees. The Library complies with NYS minimum wage. Other benefits include FICA, health insurance, disability and workers' compensation, paid time off, staff development and training.
- **LIBRARY MATERIALS: Acct Code 5100** -- covers the purchase of all library materials used by the public and staff. Items include books, DVDs, books on CD, video games, online research database subscriptions such as Ancestry Library Edition and Consumer Reports, e-books and other digital content subscriptions to Hoopla and Kanopy, as well as e-readers, magazines, newspapers. Microfilm and binding of local history materials is included here also.
- **PROGRAMMING: Acct Code 5200** -- covers the cost of Library programs such as the Children's Summer Reading Program, story times, lectures and presentations, book discussions and enrichment programs for people of all ages. The Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation provides additional private support for programs such as concerts, dramatic performances, museum passes, the Library of Things, and the Warwick Children's Book Festival. The demand for quality programs throughout the year for all ages continues to be high. The Friends of the Library and the AWPL Foundation commit to donating \$10,000 and \$30,000, respectively, to support the operating budget.
- **TECHNOLOGY/EQUIPMENT: Acct Code 5300** -- covers the telecommunications costs of providing fiber optic internet service, computers, printing, scanning and Wi-Fi in the Library, as well as the purchase, repair and maintenance of all Library equipment. This budget line includes fees paid to the Ramapo Catskill Library System for providing full technical support for the Library's computer and Wi-Fi network. It also covers costs associated with maintaining the Library's website, which provides 24/7 access to the RCLS public access catalog and to program registration, reservations for museum passes and items in the Library of Things, research databases and more.
- **BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Acct Code 5400** -- covers utilities, custodial supplies, routine building maintenance and repair such as HVAC and elevator maintenance, plumbing and electrical work, security and fire safety alarm systems, snow removal and landscaping/grounds upkeep.
- **PROFESSIONAL FEES/INSURANCE: Acct Code 5500** -- covers bookkeeping and payroll services, accounting, consulting and attorney fees, plus the Library's membership in the American Library Association, the New York Library Association and the Orange County Library Association. Because of stagnant NYS funding to its public libraries, the Ramapo Catskill Library System levies an annual service fee for all member libraries that covers costs for delivery of inter-library loans, staff professional development training and other administrative support from RCLS. The cost of insurance for the building and its contents is included here, as is liability insurance and Director's and Officer's insurance.
- **OFFICE/SUPPLIES: Acct Code 5600** -- includes office and library supplies, postage, bank fees and the cost of publicity for the Library, including the fees associated with holding the annual vote, and the graphic design, printing and mailing of the Library's quarterly printed newsletter.