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	2025-2026	2026-2027
ITEMS	FINAL	PROPOSED
Salaries	\$2,375,586	\$2,430,332
Library Equipment	\$5,000	\$0*
Computers	\$15,000	\$15,000
Furniture	\$8,000	\$5,000
Books and eBooks	\$245,500	\$257,500
Online Reference Databases	\$32,000	\$32,000
Audio Books and Music CDs	\$20,000	\$20,000
DVDs	\$23,000	\$23,000
Periodicals	\$16,000	\$16,000
Contingency	\$1,000	\$1,000
Computer Software and Licensing	\$12,000	\$12,000
Office and Library Supplies	\$38,000	\$43,000
Telecommunications	\$30,000	\$30,000
Computer Equipment	\$5,500	\$5,500
Postage and Freight	\$12,000	\$13,500
Public Relations	\$34,000	\$43,000
Programs	\$98,200	\$103,200
Conference and Travel	\$11,000	\$9,000
SCLS Member Library Support	\$40,000	\$40,000
Professional Fees	\$35,000	\$36,000
Membership Dues	\$4,000	\$4,500
Equipment Service	\$20,000	\$22,000
Copiers	\$12,000	\$15,000
Partnership of Automated Libraries	\$24,000	\$26,000
Fuel and Utilities	\$155,000	\$165,000
Custodial Supplies	\$17,000	\$15,000
Building Maintenance	\$42,000	\$45,000
Insurance	\$63,000	\$64,250
Building Improvements	\$59,000	\$35,000
Building Services	\$58,200	\$60,200
Election Expenses	\$3,000	\$3,000
Payroll Fees	\$5,000	\$6,000
Retirement	\$340,000	\$375,000
Social Security	\$170,000	\$170,000
Workers Compensation	\$12,000	\$11,000
Unemployment	\$2,000	\$2,000
Disability	\$5,000	\$6,000
Health Insurance	\$880,000	\$890,000
Transfer for Debt Service	\$445,500	\$444,700
BUDGET GRAND TOTAL:	\$5,373,486	\$5,494,682
	FINAL	PROPOSED
Copiers:	\$4,000	\$4,000
Interest:	\$50,000	\$80,000
NY State Incentive Aid:	\$5,700	\$5,700
Rental Fees:	\$1,650	\$1,650
Miscellaneous:	\$6,000	\$7,000
TOTAL INCOME:	\$67,350	\$98,350
	BUDGET TOTALS	FINAL
Amount Raised by Taxes:	\$5,306,136	\$5,396,332
% Tax Increase:		1.70%

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