

# MIDDLEPORT FREE LIBRARY

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PUBLIC INFORMATION  
MEETING

May 25, 2011





# MIDDLEPORT FREE LIBRARY

- CURRENTLY A “FREE ASSOCIATION LIBRARY”
  - PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED BY THE NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN 1929
  - GRANTED ABSOLUTE STATUS IN 1947
  - IS A PRIVATE ENTITY – GOVERNED BY A CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
  - BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED BY THE MIDDLEPORT FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
  - HAS NO DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCES

# MAJOR SOURCES OF INCOME:

- VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT - \$12,000
- NIAGARA COUNTY - \$7,400
- ROY-HART SCHOOL - \$6,367
- TOWN OF ROYALTON - \$5,000
- TOWN OF HARTLAND - \$3,500
- ANNUAL FUND DRIVE - \$12,000
- BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

# MAJOR SOURCES OF INCOME

(con't):

- GRANTS
- FINES AND COPY FEES
- MEMORIALS
- BOOK SALES
- FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FUNDRAISERS:
  - CHOCOLATE EVENT
  - SILENT AUCTION
  - THEME BASKET SALES



# MAJOR EXPENSES:

- PERSONNEL COSTS:
  - \$45,000:
    - 4 EMPLOYEES
    - PAY RAISES VERY INFREQUENT (LAST ONE IN 2008)
    - NO BENEFITS
    - NO RETIREMENT
  - PAYROLL EXPENSES: \$5,800
- BOOKS, PERIODICALS, CDs, AUDIO AND VISUAL MATERIALS, BOOKS ON TAPES: \$13,600
- AUTOMATED LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FEE THROUGH NIOGA: \$5,700

# MAJOR EXPENSES (con't):

- UTILITIES: \$4,240
- INSURANCES: \$1,700
- PROGRAMS: \$1,000 (DONATIONS KEEP COSTS DOWN)
- BUILDING & GROUNDS EXPENSES: \$1,000 (COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS)
- PHONE: \$550
- LIBRARY SUPPLIES: \$550 (USED INK CARTRIDGE PROGRAM TO OFFSET COSTS)

YEAR AFTER YEAR  
THE LIBRARY FACES  
A SHORTFALL  
BETWEEN INCOME  
AND EXPENSES



AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION AMONGST  
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS AND  
MEETING WITH A CONSULTANT

THE BOARD PASSED A RESOLUTION TO  
TRANSITION TO AN

“ASSOCIATION DISTRICT LIBRARY”

# ASSOCIATION DISTRICT LIBRARY

- NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION LAW – SECTION 259 (1)(a)
- LIBRARY CAN REMAIN A PRIVATE ASSOCIATION
- CAN SECURE FUNDING VIA PUBLIC VOTE ON OUR BUDGET
- WHEN APPROVED, WOULD REVISE CHARTER FROM CURRENT VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT TO THE ROYALTON-HARTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
- TRUSTEES VOTED UPON BY THE PUBLIC AT THE ANNUAL LIBRARY MEETING

# ACTION ITEMS:

- PRESENTED FORMAL WRITTEN FUNDING PROPOSITION TO THE ROY-HART SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR A PUBLIC VOTE ON THE LIBRARY'S BUDGET
  - SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED ON 12/9/10
- ALSO REQUESTED LIBRARY VOTE BE HELD AT SEPARATE LOCATION AND DATE FROM SCHOOL'S BUDGET VOTE
  - SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED ON 12/9/10



## ACTION ITEMS:

- ROY-HART SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE TO BE HELD ON JUNE 7, 2011 AT THE MIDDLEPORT FREE LIBRARY

MIDDLEPORT FREE LIBRARY  
PROPOSED BUDGET  
FOR PUBLIC VOTE:

\$103,000

# COMPARISON TO OTHER LIBRARIES IN NIOGA SYSTEM WITH TAXPAYER VOTED BUDGET:

LIBRARY	2010 BUDGET	CHARTERED POPULATION
LOCKPORT	\$1,278,258	37,071
N. TONAWANDA	\$1,256,346	33,262
BATAVIA	\$1,143,872	19,244
ALBION	\$560,324	15,861
MEDINA	\$491,866	11,454
LEROY	\$289,500	8,511
<b>MIDDLEPORT *</b>	<b>\$103,000</b>	<b>9,600</b>
HOLLEY	\$96,062	9,651
LYNDONVILLE	\$68,150	4,099
CORFU	\$20,250	4,530

\* PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET; POPULATION FOR R-H SCHOOL DISTRICT



	2010 BUDGET	2011 PROPOSED BUDGET
BOOKS	10,000	15,000
GRANT - BOOKS/AUDIO VISUAL	1,300	-
PERIODICALS	1,300	1,300
AUDIO VISUAL MAT'LS	1,000	2,000
PERSONNEL	45,000	55,000
PAYROLL EXPENSES	5,800	6,400
UTILITIES (HEAT, ELECTRICITY, WATER)	4,240	4,650
TELEPHONE	550	400
BUILDING REPAIRS/SUPPLIES	1,000	2,000
ALMS FEE	5,700	6,500
INSURANCES	1,700	1,700
LIBRARY SUPPLIES	550	2,000
COPIER EXPENSES	900	1,000
POSTAGE	90	200
ACCOUNTING & PROF. FEES	0	1,000
MISCELLANEOUS	700	250
FUND DRIVE	350	-
PROGRAMS	1,000	2,500
PROPERTY TAXES	100	100
CONSULTING FEES	1,000	-
COMPUTER/SOFTWARE	0	1,000
TOTAL:	82,280	103,000

# COST TO TAXPAYER:

TOWN	2010-2011 (AV) TAX RATE/\$1,000	EST. ANNUAL COST FOR \$85,000 ASSESSED VALUE HOME	
ROYALTON	0.251095	\$21.34	
HARTLAND	0.282129	\$23.98	
LOCKPORT	0.251095	\$21.34	
ALABAMA	0.253631	\$21.56	
RIDGEWAY	0.251095	\$21.34	
SHELBY	0.251095	\$21.34	

FV TAX RATE: 0.251095 OR \$21.34/YEAR

# IN LAYMAN'S TERMS:

- APPROVED BUDGET WOULD COST THE AVERAGE TAXPAYER WITH \$85,000 ASSESSED VALUE HOME APPROXIMATELY \$21.34 ANNUALLY
- THAT'S EQUIVALENT TO:
  - PURCHASE OF ONE BEST SELLER BOOK OR DVD
  - ONE TRIP TO A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR
  - ONE EXTRA-LARGE COFFEE EACH MONTH FOR A YEAR
  - ONE DOZEN DONUTS, FOUR TIMES PER YEAR
  - ONE MATINEE MOVIE, 3 PER YEAR



# TAX-PAYER APPROVED BUDGET WOULD:

- REMOVE TAX LINE ITEMS ON VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT, TOWNS OF ROYALTON AND HARTLAND
- SEPARATE LINE ITEM ON R-H SCHOOL BUDGET
- ELIMINATE FUND-RAISING REQUESTS
- ALLOW FOR AN INCREASE IN CHILDREN AND ADULT PROGRAMMING
- ALLOW FOR SCHEDULED UPGRADES AND/OR PURCHASES OF COMPUTERS AND SOFTWARE
- ALLOW FOR SCHEDULED BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE
- GREATER SELECTION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS (BOOKS, CDs, DVDs, ETC.)
- POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF LIBRARY HOURS



Children's

Reading  
Area



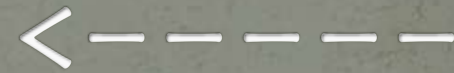
# LIBRARY SERVICES AVAILABLE:

- FREE USE OF THE MEETING ROOM
  - Lewis-Wilmot Fund meetings
  - Boy Scout, Cub Scout and Brownie meetings
  - Tutoring of students
  - Neighbor Watch Group meetings
  - AYSO soccer parents' meetings
  - LOYAL football meetings
  - Teen Drama club meeting
  - Adult book club meetings
  - Friends of the Library meetings
- NEW GROUPS ARE WELCOME TO USE THE MEETING ROOM
- CHAIR LIFT AVAILABLE





Computer Area



Reading Area



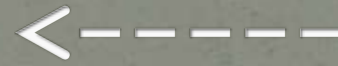
# LIBRARY SERVICES AVAILABLE

(con't):

- MATERIAL CIRCULATION TO ALL PATRONS
- INTER-LIBRARY LOAN FEATURE
- CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
- DRAMA CLUB PROGRAM
- ADULT BOOK CLUB
- TAX FORMS
- WI FI
- LOCAL NEWSPAPERS
- COMPUTER AND INTERNET ACCESS
- COPIER AND FAX SERVICES
- LOCAL HISTORY MATERIALS
- REPOSITORY FOR FMC DOCUMENTS
- ROY-HART YEARBOOKS



Meeting  
Room



Story Hour  
Area





PUBLIC VOTE ON MIDDLEPORT FREE LIBRARY  
BUDGET WILL BE HELD

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011  
12 NOON – 8:00 P.M.

AT THE MIDDLEPORT FREE LIBRARY  
9 VERNON STREET  
MIDDLEPORT, NEW YORK

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

# WHO IS A QUALIFIED VOTER?

- CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES
- AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE
- RESIDENT OF THE ROYALTON-HARTLAND  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR AT LEAST  
30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE VOTE
- IS NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED FROM VOTING  
UNDER SECTION 5-106 OF THE ELECTION LAW
- DO NOT NEED TO BE A “REGISTERED VOTER”

# SAMPLE PAPER BALLOT

MIDDLEPORT FREE LIBRARY

9 Vernon Street

Middleport, New York 14105

BALLOT

June 7, 2011

12:00 Noon – 8:00 P.M.

PROPOSITION

**Shall the Board of Education of the Royalton-Hartland Central School District of Niagara County, New York annually appropriate \$103,000 for the support and maintenance of the Middleport Free Library, to be raised annually by tax upon taxable property of said School District, pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law, commencing with the 2011-2012 budget year?**

Place an "x" in the box in front of your choice. Any other marking will void this ballot.

Yes

No

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

THIS

PUBLIC HEARING



QUESTIONS???