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Library announces vote...

Victor, NY – The Victor Farmington Library announces that residents in the Victor Central School District will vote on an approximately three cent tax increase per \$1,000 in assessed property value proposal to the library's yearly tax funding, effective for the 2021 calendar year. The vote will take place by mail this year. Residents of the Victor Central School District will receive ballots in the mail by May 23, 2020. Voters are asked to return their ballots by mail so that they arrive at the school by **Tuesday, June 9th**.

The proposal amounts to an estimated increase from \$22.00 to \$25.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value on properties in the Victor Central School District. For a home assessed at \$300,000, the tax bill to support the library would be an additional \$9.00 a year or \$0.75 a month.

The Victor and Farmington communities relied heavily on the library throughout 2019, with over 116,000 visitors, nearly 140,000 items circulated, and total program attendance of 13,428 for 890 programs. The meeting rooms were used over 400 times by the public in addition to regularly scheduled library events.

"The Victor and Farmington communities have continued to grow at a rapid pace over the last twenty five years and the library has become too small to adequately serve the residents. We see over 400 people here a day on most days", says Tim Niver, director of the library. "With that in mind, we are seeking to construct a new library that can sufficiently fulfill the needs of the community. The modest increase from \$0.22 to \$0.25 per thousand dollars of assessed value would be used for architectural and engineering fees to help us understand what it will take to reach our ultimate goal of a library we can all be proud of. It would also mitigate increased operating costs including higher material costs and the NYS minimum wage increase."

News and information about the library tax vote including information to inform voters is available online at www.victorfarmingtonlibrary.org/vote, and will be updated throughout the election. People with questions can also contact Tim Niver, Library Director, at 585-924-2637 or tniver@pls-net.org.

About the Victor Farmington Library

The mission of the Victor Farmington Library is to promote and nurture a sense of community by offering the space and resources for educational, recreational, and cultural enrichment for patrons of all ages. The library serves the residents of the Victor Central School District and is part of the Pioneer Library System. It is located at 15 West Main Street, in Victor. They can be reached at 585-924-2637 and the website is www.victorfarmingtonlibrary.org.