

## 2022-2023 Trustees

Ken Hotopp - President  
Julia Walter - Vice President  
Virginia Downs - Secretary  
Linda Carpenter – Finance Officer  
Virginia Downs – Assistant Finance Officer  
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Janet Sand

## Staff

Kimberly Zimmer—Director  
Cob-director@mvls.info  
Don LaPlant – Adult Services Librarian  
Courtney Little – Library Assistant  
Amy Mele – Library Clerk  
Jackie Barbato – Library Clerk  
Heather Heckman – Library Clerk  
Beth Eckel – Library Page  
Annabella Mele – Library Page

## HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.  
Wednesday & Friday 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
Closed on Sunday and Monday

## The Future

The Long-Range Plan of Service was updated in January 2023 to include a new objective of using triple bottom line to achieve sustainability. Through the tasks of establishing environmentally sound practices, practicing socially equitable partnerships, programs and services, and economic feasibility.

By the end of 2023 new clerical employee compensation will be at least \$15/hour.

Development of a new website and logo are underway.

By the end of 2023 we plan to have new library cards.

Renovations will continue in the Annex.

THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
Serving our communities for over 100 years!  
COBLESKILL, NEW YORK

PROPOSED  
2024  
Operating Budget  
&  
2023 Trustee Election



Vote Date: May 16, 2023

9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Cobleskill-Richmondville High School

If you have not visited the Library recently, stop in  
and make sure to get a Library Card!

May 2023

## 2024 Proposed Budget and Tax Levy Request

The Community Library operates on a very modest budget. The proposed budget for 2024 is for \$378,370, over 15% of which is covered by state aid, grants, donations, and the fundraising activities of The Friends of the Library. The remainder is funded by taxes approved annually by voters in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District.

### COLLECTION

Books	\$	20,000
Serials	\$	1,700
Electronic	\$	7,000
Digital (DVD, CD, Etc.)	\$	5,000
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>33,700</b>

### BUILDING & EQUIPMENT

Fuel	\$	5,500
Electric	\$	13,000
Water	\$	500
<b>Utility Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,000</b>
Building Maintenance and Repair	\$	1,303
Service Contracts	\$	30,100
Insurance	\$	10,000
<b>Total Building &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>60,403</b>

### PERSONNEL

Salaries, Benefits and Taxes	<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>251,393</b>
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### MISCELLANEOUS

Office Costs	\$	15,574
Programming	\$	17,300
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>32,874</b>

### TOTAL EXPENSE

	\$	378,370
<b>Taxpayer Request</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>321,000</b>
Other Sources (State Aid, Grants, Reserves, Private Donations)	\$	57,370
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>378,370</b>

## The Community Library Board of Trustees Election

Four seats on the Board of Trustees are open for election this year.

The candidates:

Five-year term incumbent Virginia Downs

Five-year term incumbent Julia Walter

Three-year term Nathan Davis

One-year term incumbent Fred Barnes

### Meet the Candidates

Candidate bios are available at [communitylibrary.mvls.info](http://communitylibrary.mvls.info).

## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Only a year late, the Library celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of providing service to the area. Senator Oberacker and Assemblyman Tague joined us to mark this significant milestone.

The Library began renovation work on the Annex with support from The Town of Cobleskill and Lamont Engineering. Hazardous materials were removed during the summer and fall. The windows were taken for restoration at Millworks in Sharon Springs.

Games A Plunder helped to expand our gaming collection with a donation of 11 games.

## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

Our collection includes over 40,700 items from print, audio, eBooks, magazines, newspapers, movies, museum passes, Chromebooks to board games.

We had over 16,165 visitors. 33,413 items were borrowed or otherwise accessed. 4,050 books and materials were borrowed through Inter-Library Loan and we shared 4,879 items with patrons at other libraries.

Provided access to computers and online resources for over 11,800 sessions. 2,848 people attended the Library's 246 programs for children, teens and adults. The Library's 34 summer reading programs involved 436 children and teens.

Community organizations or individuals held 297 meetings in the building.

## YOUR LIBRARY

The Community Library is a member of the Mohawk Valley Library System (MVLS), a fine free system. Along with the Southern Adirondack Library System, MVLS is part of a large network providing library resources to every person in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District. Inter-Library Loan is available to all borrowers and can be done from home or at the Library. Books, movies, music and more can be ordered from any of the 57 libraries in the 8 counties served.

During Library hours patrons may use the public internet-connected computers, stand-alone educational computers, fax machine and copier. Chromebooks and museum passes are available to borrow. Wi-Fi services is available on Library property.

With your Library card you have access to downloadable books, audiobooks and over 4,000 magazines through the Libby app. Libby is connected with Cobleskill-Richmondville School District SORA cards.

Your Library card provides access to Creativebug an online collection of crafting tutorials.

Ancestry.com can be found on the public computers in the Library.