



**2026 Gloversville Public Library Vote  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)  
[www.gloversvillelibrary.org/election](http://www.gloversvillelibrary.org/election)**

**What is the Gloversville Public Library vote on?**

The vote will include the Library’s budget proposition and Library Trustee Election for one seat.

**How does this budget compare to last year’s?**

We have been listening to voters, therefore this year’s proposed tax levy increase is half of what was passed last year. This \$906,388 proposal continues the thoughtful rebuilding of some hours, staff, collections, and programs, after the budget defeat two years ago. The Library remains committed to restoring operations responsibly over time, in ways that minimize the burden on taxpayers.

**Will you be increasing your hours and/or bringing back my favorite program/service?**

The 2026-27 proposed budget will allow us to add curbside service on Mondays – giving patrons access to library collections six days a week. It will also provide a modest increase in our book and programming budgets, the return of Local History Room open hours on Saturdays, as well as a new Summer Reading Program (SRP) for adults and a significantly enhanced SRP for children.

**When and where is the vote?**

The vote is on May 19, 2026, from 11 AM - 8 PM. Most school district residents vote at Gloversville High School Gym, 119 Lincoln Street, Gloversville, but Bleecker residents vote at Bleecker Town Hall, 575 County Highway 112, Gloversville. The Gloversville Enlarged School District will once again run the voting process, and the Library’s tax levy and trustee candidates will appear on the same ballot as the school budget. *Please note the vote **will not** be held at the Library.* Absentee ballots are available this year through the Gloversville Enlarged School District (GESD) at [www.gesdk12.org/page/boeelection](http://www.gesdk12.org/page/boeelection).

**Who is eligible to vote?**

Anyone registered to vote in the Gloversville Enlarged School District is eligible to vote in the Library election. That includes residents of the City of Gloversville, as well as the Towns of Bleecker, Caroga, Johnstown, and Mayfield. If you are not registered to vote, you have up until 10 days before the vote to register with the Fulton County Board of Elections, visit: [www.fultoncountyny.gov/voter-information#Elections\\_Voter\\_Registration](http://www.fultoncountyny.gov/voter-information#Elections_Voter_Registration)

**How will this affect property taxes?** If passed, the Library’s proposed 2026-27 Budget, homeowners with \$100,000 assessed value could expect a \$30.56 increase which is equal to the cost of buying one standard hardcover book, and less than the \$70 spent monthly by average American families on streaming services.

City or Town	Percentage of Tax Levy	Rate per \$1,000	Annual Tax on \$100,000 Assessed Value	* These rates apply only to properties within the Gloversville Enlarged School District. (STAR does not apply to the library tax rate.)
Gloversville City	54.7%	1.3480	\$134.80	
Town of Bleecker *	15.3%	0.9370	\$93.70	
Town of Caroga *	0.2%	2.5922	\$259.22	
Town of Johnstown*	29.6%	1.8562	\$185.62	
Town of Mayfield *	0.2%	2.1968	\$219.68	

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