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## Why does the Stanford Free Library need more space?

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■ Our library is very busy. Our **per capita circulation** of 5.31 is in the **upper third** of all the libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System.

- Currently some of our facilities including the **Sylvia Kallmann Community Room** are not completely handicapped and senior accessible.
- Additional space is needed to **expand our children's area, develop a new young adult section, and provide more shelving for media materials and adult popular fiction.**
- **Our building is becoming too small** to house our growing collection of books, books on CD, DVDs, magazines and more.
- Our library **needs a public restroom** on the main floor.
- Space is needed for more patron **computers and quiet study areas.**
- Library **staff needs more work and storage space** to more efficiently process library resources.

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**Please Vote!**  
Tuesday, November 7  
Stanford Town Hall

## About the Library's Vote

**Chapter 414** of the New York State law allows public libraries to include a proposition on the general election ballot to raise public money to support their operations. If approved, requested funds are itemized in the town's operating budget, and are collected directly from taxpayers. *This process gives voters a direct say on the library's budget.*

**For additional information contact:**

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### Why is the library asking for a change in funding?

- ▶ In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the community's demand for library services. **Since 2000:**
  - The number of programs offered at the library has increased 3x.
  - Program attendance has doubled.
  - Computer usage has increased 61%.
  - Borrowing of DVDs has increased 129%.
  - Library visits have increased 52%.
  - The number of materials checked out of the library has nearly doubled.
- ▶ **A stable, reliable funding source is required to:**
  - Meet the rising demand.
  - Allow for prudent planning in accordance with the recommendations of the 2004 Long Range Planning Committee.
  - Establish a Capital Building Fund.

### What will the increase cost?

- ▶ The increase will cost **\$20 per \$100,000** assessed value.
- ▶ This increase is equivalent to the **cost of 2 or 3 hardcover books** for the average homeowner.
- ▶ **This increase will help us meet the growing demand for services by providing:**
  - More library hours.
  - More recorded books, CDs and DVDs.
  - A greater selection of current books.
  - A stable and predictable funding stream.



Comments from  
Stanford Residents  
about the Library

*"It's one of the best resources in our community."*

*"It is a vital link in our effort to educate our children."*