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**LIBRARY FINANCIAL FACT SHEET**

**What is Rose Memorial Library trying to do?**

 23-year old “Anita” came to the library needing to study for a big exam on Saturday, only to find the Kennedy Room filled with senior citizens holding a lively book discussion, so she couldn’t concentrate.

 The Library is attempting to provide essential library services for the community of Stony Point, within a reasonable budget, adequate physical space and desirable materials.

**Who?** Our base is the 15,000 people who live in the Town of Stony Point… all ages – from 3 months to old age and everyone in between.

The Rose Memorial Library District is the 6th largest in Rockland County

(out of 17) but our tax budget is currently 1/6th the size of the three libraries with comparable size populations in the county.

**What’s wrong with the current library?** It’s a wonderful place, cozy and atmospheric but it’s too small. We have no meeting room, no real space for teens and tweens, and study space is compromised by regular flow of business.

“Nana Wilma” was told the

library is handicapped

accessible, but when she

needed to use the restroom

she found the “lift” left her

at the lower level, walking

into the children’s room

darkened for a family film.

**$700,000+ a year seems like a lot of money. Why are you asking for so**

**much?** Any building projectthese days is a costly undertaking and the

Library has been stretched thin in recent years. Besides the renovation costs

we need to raise sufficient annual operating funds to run the new library.

 **Can you give us a rough breakdown?** Yes, the increase of $717,371 is

projected to be divided about 50/50 between annual debt payments on the

proposed building renovations and costs to operate the new building. The

acquisition of the property will cost $1,425,000 and the renovations and furnishings are

estimated at about $4,000,000. .

**What about grants and other money for the project?**  The library’s own Reserve Fund would contribute funding, and we have expectations for State grants, as well as proceeds from the sale of the current Library and the property at 61 East Main. All of these represent considerable assets, but the actual figures are unknown at this time.

**How will the project be financed?** We have already been talking with financial experts and have received encouragement that if the budget referendum passes we should be able to obtain financing at a favorable rate as a non-profit. Both bank mortgages and bond financing are being professionally investigated, including discussions with local lenders. In addition, there will be opportunities for private donations, memorials and pledges from the public, to help reduce the cost of financing.

**What about the annual operating budget?** During the first budget yearafter thepassage of the referendum we will be holding operating costs in the current library as close to existing circumstances as possible. We shall be expending money for reimbursable construction costs and temporary loan financing. Salaries and benefits would be $452,750, building and operational expenses $115,500, construction related expenses at $370,000, library materials $60,000, programming $17,500, and debt reduction would be about $65,000. Contingency expenses at $155,071 would bring us to a total first-year new budget of $1,245,750.

**And what about the following year?** In the second yearwe hope to be in the new building before end of 2019, and our budget will then shift from construction mode to normal operations. With a new much larger building we will need to have a modest increase of staff to enable us to operate in a safe and efficient manner. The major areas for personnel increases would be mostly part-time positions in the adult reference area, public computer technology services, and youth services.

**And the budget changes in year 2 and following?**  Salarieswould come to about$599,900, benefits at $86,892; building and operations to $149,000, debt reduction to about $313,000, library materials at $85,000 and programming at $21,000. ($1,271,792)

**How much will it cost us?** The town-wide increase of $717,371 would cost a typical residential homeowner about $90 per year – translated into $7.50 a month or $1.73 a week. To this you would add whatever are your current library taxes, probably about $2.50 to $3.00 per month.

**How does this compare with other public libraries with comparable populations in Rockland County?** Even if Rose Memorial Library, with a population of 15,059 reaches the proposed funding level of $1,272,371, it still compares favorably to the other three libraries in the County. In 2016, Pearl River, with a population of 15,564, had public funding of $2,220,904; Nyack, population 14,699, had funding of $2,856,999; and Nanuet, population 13,468, had funding of $2,812,300.

3 year old Crystal, wants to go to the “Silly Songs for Kids with Mr Kurt” show but the list is full, just like it was last month.

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|  | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** |  |
|  | **Budget** | **Revised** | **Projected** |  |
| **Revenue** |  |  |  |  |
| North Rockland School District |  $ 200,000  |  $ 200,000  |  $ 200,000  |  |
| Town of Stony Point Current |  255,000  |  255,000  |  972,371  |  |
| Town of Stony Point Increase |  |  717,371  |  38,500  |  |
| Fundraising |  16,850  |  18,000  |  18,000  |  |
| Library Charges |  11,100  |  13,000  |  11,000  |  |
| Investment Income |  32,000  |  25,000  |  25,000  |  |
| State Aid  |  4,375  |  4,450  |  4,500  |  |
| Other Income |  14,700  |  3,000  |  3,000  |  |
| Fund Balance  |  60,449  |   |   |  |
|  |  $594,474  |  $ 1,235,821  |  $ 1,272,371  |  |
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| **Expenditures** |  |  |  |  |
| Salaries Note A |  $351,750  |  $ 374,250  |  $ 599,429  |  |
| Benefits Note A |  65,717  |  68,000  |  86,892  |  |
| Pension Note A |  |  10,500  |  18,000  |  |
| Books, AV & materials |  56,770  |  60,000  |  85,000  |  |
| Construction Project Note B |  |  370,000  |  |  |
| Debt Reduction Note C |  |  65,000  |  313,000  |  |
| Building & Maintenance |  43,350  |  47,500  |  65,000  |  |
| Organizational Expenses |  42,205  |  46,000  |  55,000  |  |
| Technology & Equipment |  18,432  |  22,000  |  29,000  |  |
| Programming |  16,250  |  17,500  |  21,000  |  |
| Contingency/Adjustments |   |  $ 155,071 |   |  |
|  |  $ 594,474  |  $ 1,235,821  |  $ 1,272,321  |  |
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| Notes: |  |  |  |  |
| A. Salaries: We expect to not need additional staff until near the end of 2018/start of 2019 |
| B. Construction Project: In 2018 we intend to use some of the increase to the budget for  |
|  construction soft-costs and reimbursables |  |  |  |
| C. Debt Reduction: For at least the year 2018 we expect to "pay interest only" or collateralized interest before the debt becomes payable  |

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rose Memorial Library’s Director, James Mahoney, at 845 786-2100, ext 10 or jmahoney@rcls.org