

ALDRICH PUBLIC LIBRARY

FY 2027 Municipal Request – Barre City



What We Are Asking For

We are requesting **\$312,000**

- 5% increase from FY26
- **\$1.81** increase per resident
- **\$37.57** total contribution per resident
- In FY24, for libraries in Vermont serving populations of over 5,000, the average cost per resident is **\$44.90** and the median is **\$40.27**

Sources

- U.S. Census: www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/barrecityvermont/PSTo45224
- Vermont Department of Libraries Annual Report: <https://libraries.vermont.gov/services-vermont-libraries/news-and-data/public-library-statistics>

Facts and Figures About the Aldrich

- The Aldrich Public Library is the 5th largest library building by square footage (20,000) in Vermont
- Not including the York Branch
- One of four libraries in the entire state to operate a branch library
- Serving the 6th largest population in the entire state

Sources

- Vermont Department of Libraries Annual Report:
<https://libraries.vermont.gov/services-vermont-libraries/news-and-data/public-library-statistics>

Increases from FY26 to FY27

Payroll Expenses - \$35,500 increase

4% union-negotiated wage increases; additional staffing

Overhead & Maintenance + Capital Improvements - \$12,500 increase

Cost of repairs; lighting upgrades; matching funds for potential grants; HVAC upgrades

Insurance - \$4,700 increase

Health insurance increases; standard increases on all of our insurance policies

Technology - \$5,500 increase

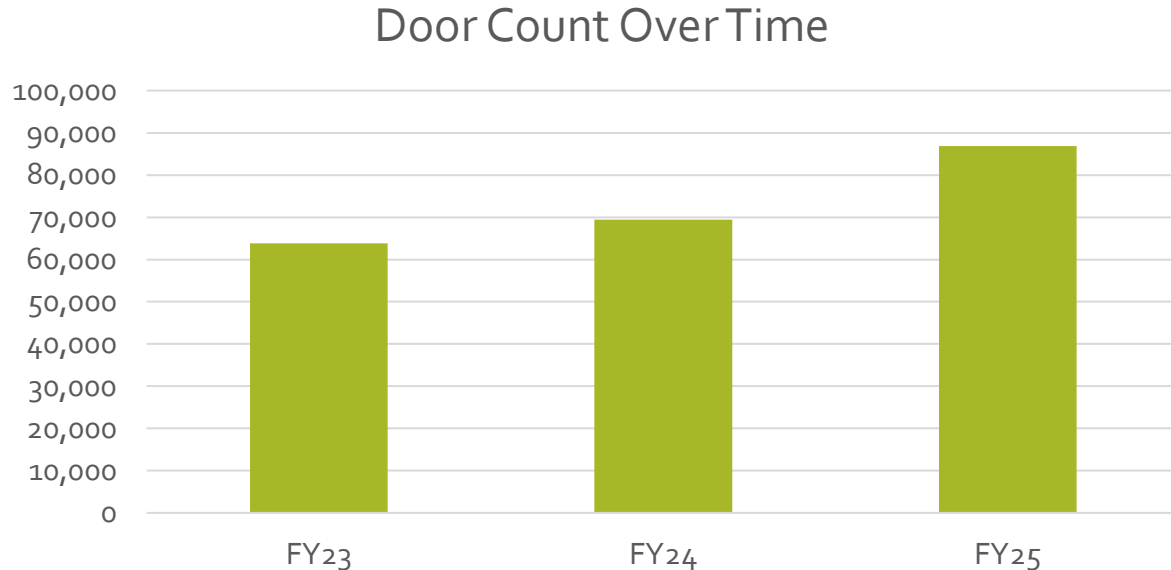
First phase of replacing aging computers and hardware

Utilities - \$2,850 increase

Increase based on actuals

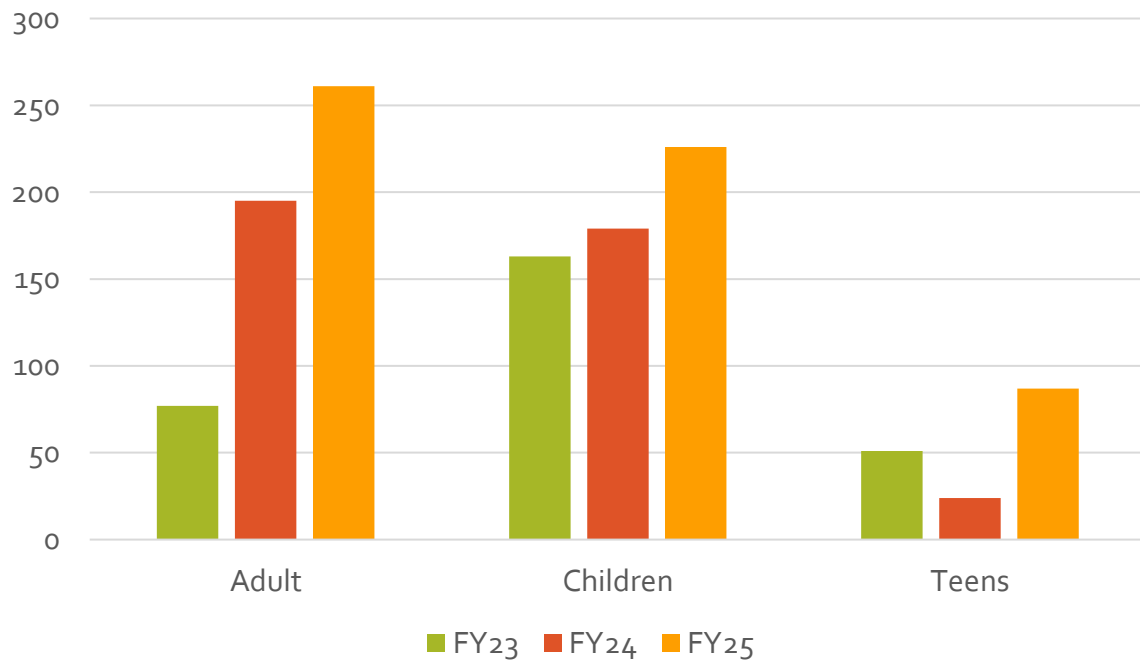
Door Count Increased by 25% from FY24 to FY25

- In FY2025, **86,847 people** visited the Aldrich Public Library



Why Are People Visiting the Aldrich?

Programs and Events Offered



Why Else Are People Visiting the Aldrich?

- **71,302** Checkouts
- **5,088** Computer Sessions
- **5,171** Digital Database Visits
- **550** Community Meetings



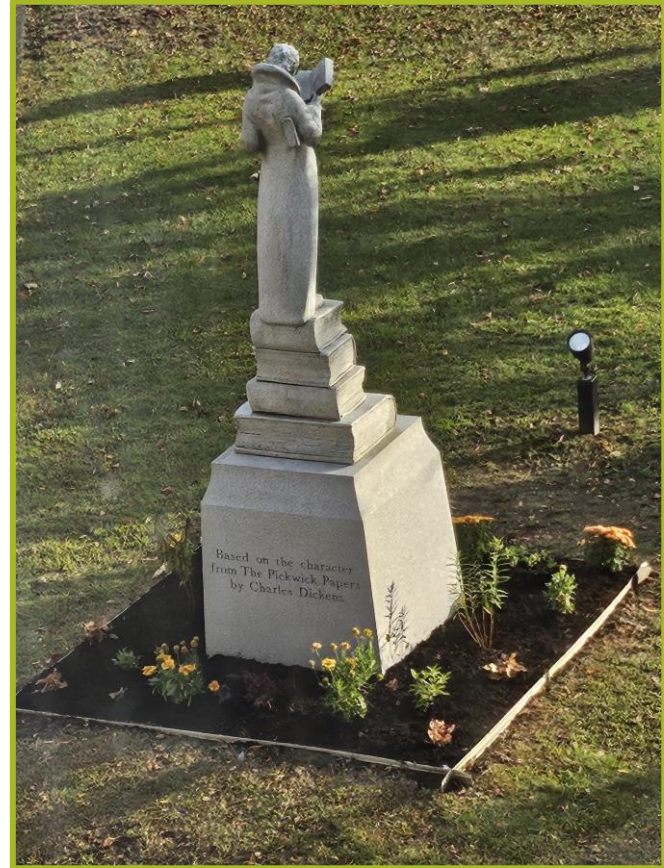
**Save the date for our Spring
Fling fundraiser on Saturday,
April 18, from 6 to 9 p.m.**



**Join us for music, local food
and desserts, and a unique
night out at the library.**



**Thank
you for
your
support!**



Aldrich Public Library FY 2027 Budget

The Aldrich Public Library is a core civic institution serving residents of Barre City and Barre Town across all ages and backgrounds. As a trusted public space, the library provides access to information, technology, education, and connection while offering a safe, welcoming environment for the entire community. This proposed budget reflects our continued commitment to fiscal responsibility, transparency, and alignment with the library's strategic plan.

The primary goals of this budget are to present a balanced and sustainable financial plan; align resources with strategic priorities; invest in capital improvements that enhance building safety and functionality; strengthen staffing to improve Main Desk coverage; and support essential technology upgrades to keep staff and patron systems secure and current. Taken together, these investments ensure that the Aldrich can continue to exceed patron expectations and deliver high-quality public library service in a time of rising costs and growing community need.

This draft budget projects a 13 percent increase in total income and an 8 percent increase in expenses. Revenue growth reflects a combination of responsible endowment draws, increases in municipal appropriations, and ongoing community support, while expense growth is driven by necessary investments in staffing, infrastructure, technology, and building safety. The following narrative outlines how these funds will be stewarded carefully and strategically to sustain the library's essential role in Barre.

Thank you for your consideration of this budget. We understand the importance of fiscal discipline and remain committed to serving the residents of Barre with the best possible library resources and programs. We look forward to continuing to work with the community, city officials, and partners to fulfill the expectations set forth in this proposed FY27 budget.

See you at the library!
Kristin J. Baumann, Director



Revenue

QUICKBOOKS CODE	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
40000 - Books and Media					
40100 - Friends of the Library	\$ 2,576.04				
40110 - Adopt an Author	\$ 3,635.81	\$ 3,992.88	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,488.98	\$ 3,800.00
40200 - Memorial Gifts	\$ 2,315.00	\$ 2,489.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 2,200.00
40300 - Book Sales		\$ 663.20		\$ 20.00	\$ 150.00
40600 - Lost / Paid	\$ 977.85	\$ 406.32	\$ 250.00	\$ 459.23	\$ 400.00
40700 - Personal Books Purchased	\$ 556.64			\$ 53.00	
40800 - Library Publications	\$ 552.00	\$ 70.00			
40900 - Donation Box		\$ 1,199.23	\$ 300.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 450.00
Total 40000 - Books and Media	\$ 10,613.34	\$ 8,820.63	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 3,526.21	\$ 7,000.00

Revenue in the Books and Media category supplements the library's materials budget and supports the ongoing maintenance of a current and diverse collection. These funds come from the Adopt an Author program, memorial gifts, sales of books by local authors, a front-desk donation box, and payments for lost or damaged materials.

42000 - Circulation Desk	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
42050 - Postage	\$ 19.90	\$ 8.40		\$ 118.55	
42100 - Computer Use	\$ 27.00	\$ 140.58		\$ 189.73	\$ 175.00
42200 - Copies	\$ 2,402.54	\$ 2,988.30	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,622.85	\$ 2,500.00
42250 - Research Fees	\$ 20.60				
42300 - Fines	\$ 2,547.29	\$ 1,864.99	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,177.52	
42400 - Non Residents	\$ 1,908.00	\$ 2,250.20	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,768.15	\$ 2,250.00
Total 42000 - Circulation Desk	\$ 6,925.33	\$ 7,252.47	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,876.80	\$ 4,925.00

Circulation Desk income consists of small operational revenue generated at the front desk, including patron printing and 3D printing fees, as well as non-resident library card fees for users living outside of Barre. According to the Vermont Department of Libraries' Annual Report, most libraries serving populations of similar size do not charge non-resident fees. The library increased its non-resident fee last year.

42500 - Donations	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
42600 - Donations - Clubs and Organs	\$ 16,342.79	\$ 23,320.69	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 18,000.00
42700 - Donations - Individuals	\$ 16,892.87	\$ 11,306.65	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 14,995.49	\$ 16,000.00
42800 - Donations - Business	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 5,524.64	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 8,000.00
Total 42500 - Donations	\$ 39,485.66	\$ 40,151.98	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 40,595.49	\$ 42,000.00

This section reflects a strong level of community support through donations given outside of formal fundraising efforts. We are grateful to the many donors who choose to support the library, including the annual contribution from the Barre Rotary Club's Heritage Festival breakfast held on the Library Lawn.

42990 - Annual Appeal	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
43000 - Appeal Individuals	\$ 24,220.72	\$ 28,934.91	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 28,805.05	\$ 28,500.00
43100 - Appeal - Business	\$ 3,080.00	\$ 2,256.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 807.00	\$ 3,000.00
43200 - Appeal - Clubs and Organs	\$ 300.00	\$ 850.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total 42990 - Annual Appeal	\$ 27,600.72	\$ 32,040.91	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 29,812.05	\$ 32,500.00

The Annual Appeal is one of the library's largest fundraising efforts. This budget reflects continued momentum from the appeal, along with a focused strategy to grow returns. We are proud to have reduced production and mailing costs while refining our outreach tactics, allowing the appeal to generate stronger net returns in support of library operations.

44000 - Fundraising Activities	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
44050 - Fundraising Spring Fling	\$ 23,219.31	\$ 22,308.61	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 23,000.00
44001 - Fundraising Activities - Other		\$ 29,576.24	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Total 44000 - Fundraising Activities	\$ 23,219.31	\$ 51,884.85	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 23,500.00

The Spring Fling is the library's largest fundraising event and remains a consistent source of revenue. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, April 18. Like the Annual Appeal, this budget reflects continued refinement of fundraising tactics to support modest, sustainable growth in net returns. The Spring Fling also demonstrates the library's strong engagement with local businesses and vendors, resulting in an event that reflects and celebrates the Barre community.

This section also allows for other fundraising efforts, such as last year's matching campaign; however, like many nonprofits, staff capacity limits our ability to expand additional events.

46000 - Investments Transfers	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
46010 - Investment Income - APL Trust	\$ 29,760.00	\$ 63,375.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 42,400.00
46050 - Investment Income - APL Restricted Trust	\$ 10,240.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,800.00
46100 - Elizabeth Campbell Fund	\$ 26,250.00	\$ 30,928.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 16,033.00	\$ 30,000.00
46300 - York Fund Distribution	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 64,000.00
46400 - Investment Income - Donald Allen Funds	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 21,600.00
46450 - Investment Income - Don Allen Restricted Funds		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 76,000.00
Total 46000 - Investment Transfers	\$ 150,250.00	\$ 234,303.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 101,033.00	\$ 244,800.00

Investment transfers come from the library's endowment funds to support operations. For this year, we are projecting a 22% increase in transfers. Our current trustee investment policy draws 4% based on a three-year average. Strong investment oversight by the trustees, along with community donations, has supported growth in the endowment, allowing us to responsibly increase the funds available for use.

46690 - Library Programs	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
47000 - Library Program - Authors at Aldrich		\$ 180.00	\$ 250.00		
47100 - Library Program - Children's	\$ 9,242.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 4,000.00
47300 - Library Program - Adults	\$ 320.00	\$ 443.98	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,000.00
47400 - Library Program - Young Adults	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Total 46690 - Library Programs	\$ 12,562.00	\$ 9,223.98	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 7,475.00	\$ 10,000.00

All library program revenue is provided by the Friends of the Aldrich Public Library, and we are grateful for their ongoing support. Programming at the Aldrich is a key resource for Barre residents of all ages. The Friends raise funds through book sales, the annual *Light Up the Library* event, and raffles. Their volunteerism is essential to our mission and remains an integral component of this budget.

	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
48000 - Meeting Room Rental	\$ 850.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 800.00

The meeting room rental fee is outlined by a Board policy that pertains to after-hours use as well as the for-profit status of the meeting itself.

48850 - Municipal Appropriations	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
49000 - Municipal Barre Town APPR	\$ 200,120.00	\$ 200,120.00	\$ 206,125.66	\$ 103,061.50	\$ 247,500.00
49100 - Municipal City of Barre APPR	\$ 250,170.00	\$ 280,872.00	\$ 296,980.20	\$ 148,490.00	\$ 312,000.00
Total 48850 - Municipal Appropriations	\$ 450,290.00	\$ 480,992.00	\$ 503,105.86	\$ 251,551.50	\$ 559,500.00

For Barre City, we are requesting \$312,000, a 5% increase from FY26, which represents a \$1.81 increase per resident and a total contribution of \$37.57 per resident. By comparison, libraries in Vermont serving populations over 5,000 had an average cost per resident of \$44.90 and a median of \$40.27 in FY24.

For Barre Town, we are requesting a 20% increase in appropriations. This request is based on a ten-year historical analysis of the Consumer Price Index and town budget growth. We believe this represents a fair and equitable approach to supporting the library while ensuring we cover essential operating costs within a balanced budget.

	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
49200 - Bank Interest Income	1,554.30	\$ 728.07	\$ 900.00	\$ 378.82	\$ 900.00
Total Income	\$805,761.13	\$875,791.69	\$ 825,405.86	\$ 443,198.87	\$ 930,925.00

EXPENSES

60000 - Program Books and Media	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
60100 - Books/Media Adults	\$ 11,770.72	\$ 11,288.77	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4,124.05	\$ 12,000.00
60200 - Books/Media Children's	\$ 9,464.05	\$ 10,759.06	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 2,152.15	\$ 9,000.00
60300 - Books/Media Audio-Visual	\$ 512.97	\$ 101.28	\$ 750.00	\$ 35.12	\$ 350.00
60400 - Books/Media Periodicals/Renew	\$ 3,957.05	\$ 4,756.67	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,994.79	\$ 4,750.00
60500 - Books/Media Young Adults	\$ 2,093.09	\$ 2,120.81	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 651.13	\$ 2,700.00
60600 - Books/Media Large Prints	\$ 723.88	\$ 661.62	\$ 800.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 750.00
60700 - Books/Media York	\$ 289.28	\$ 115.13	\$ 500.00	\$ 38.99	\$ 1,000.00
60800 - Adopt an Author	\$ 2,352.09	\$ 2,749.89	\$ -	\$ 3,416.86	
60900 - Digital Books and Media	\$ 1,659.27	\$ 2,703.65	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,043.45	\$ 6,000.00
Total 60000 - Program Books and Media	\$ 32,822.40	\$ 35,256.88	\$ 35,750.00	\$ 16,516.54	\$ 36,550.00

This section represents the heart of our library. While book publishing costs have increased, the materials budget remains largely the same, which means fewer new print purchases. You will notice a shift in funding from audio-visual materials, such as CDs and DVDs, toward digital books, which patrons can access through *Libby*, our e-book and e-audiobook app. These adjustments are guided by circulation data and usage trends, and we are hopeful that future budgets will allow for an expanded book budget for both print and digital materials.

	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
61000 - Banking and Payroll Fees	\$ 1,882.31	\$ 1,941.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,014.96	\$ 2,000.00
61100 - NSF Check	\$ 69.00	\$ 25.00			
61300 - Bookkeeping	\$ 12,068.30	\$ 12,620.58	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 6,550.41	\$ 13,000.00
61350 - Prof Services and Legal Fees	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,400.00		\$ 9,000.00

This category represents our professional financial services, including an external bookkeeper, a separate external financial review, and fees for our payroll company. There are minimal price increases based on actuals and contracts.

	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
61400 - Dues and Memberships	\$ 7,166.34	\$ 11,560.75	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,943.60	\$ 11,500.00
61500 - Equipment Purchases	\$ 1,085.64	\$ 722.99	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
62000 - Fundraising Expenses	\$ 10,431.01	\$ 9,316.79	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 1,603.30	\$ 8,500.00

The Dues and Memberships budget line represents the costs for Museum Passes (which patrons can check out), Follett Destiny (our library catalog system), Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Barre Rotary, Zoom, Amazon Business Prime, the Green Mountain Library Consortium (our e-book vendor), Vermont Library Association, and the American Library Association.

Fundraising Expenses represents the costs of our fundraising efforts.

	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
62300 - Grant Expenses	\$ 24,156.85	\$ 7,159.19			
62301 - Grant Exp - Other		\$ 30,397.97	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,367.65	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL 62300 - Grant Expenses	\$ 24,156.85	\$ 37,557.16	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,367.65	\$ 5,000.00

Grant applications are on-going projects at the Aldrich. We seek out and apply for grant funds that will preserve the building, provide library resources and support programming. Grant funding is a competitive landscape with limited funds and resources which dictates this conservative budget line. As part of our strategic plan, we have developed an annual grant schedule to keep track of opportunities and applications.

	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
63100 - Office Supplies	\$ 4,314.27	\$ 6,138.86	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,977.55	\$ 6,000.00

This includes standard office supplies as well as processing supplies- the materials used to prepare a book for circulation and make it a “library book.”

	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
63220 - Technology Expenses					
63225 - Hardware	\$ 3,197.94	\$ 2,345.27	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 854.63	\$ 10,000.00
63275 - Equipment Repairs and Maintenance		\$ 817.47	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,362.53	\$ 3,000.00
63280 - Licenses	\$ 4,313.75	\$ 28.79	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 160.50	\$ 4,000.00
63220 - Technology Expenses - Other					
Total 63220 - Technology Expenses	\$ 7,511.69	\$ 3,191.53	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 3,377.66	\$ 17,000.00

This budget line covers all computers and software for staff and patrons. In FY25, public computers were used for 5,088 sessions, a 20% increase from FY24. Patrons rely on library computers and Wi-Fi (not included in this total) for a wide range of activities: printing Amazon return labels, registering with the Vermont DMV, paying bills, completing schoolwork, job searches and applications, flood recovery claims, staying connected, receiving technology assistance, or simply accessing the internet when they lack devices at home. Maintaining adequate technology is essential to meet demand and provide a safe, secure, and modern computing environment.

These technology expenses also reflect the age of our equipment and the need for replacements and repairs. Best practices suggest upgrading approximately 20% of computers annually to ensure efficiency, safety, and a positive user experience. This year, we are working with our technology vendor to begin replacing patron computers. This budget proposal reflects the next phase in our plan.

64000 - Programs	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
64100 - Authors at Aldrich		\$ 151.47	\$ 250.00		
64200 - Library Program Exp Adults	\$ 981.99	\$ 776.33	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,167.59	\$ 3,000.00
64300 - Library Program Exp Children	\$ 4,713.27	\$ 6,340.10	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,351.77	\$ 4,000.00
64400 - Library Program Exp Seniors					
64500 - Library Program Exp Young Adult	\$ 2,310.62	\$ 1,695.17	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,066.88	\$ 3,000.00
Total 64000 - Programs	\$ 8,005.88	\$ 8,963.07	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 6,586.24	\$ 10,000.00

These expenses correspond directly to the revenue provided by the Friends of the Aldrich Public Library. Thanks to the efforts of the Friends, we are able to provide a robust schedule of free programs for all ages.

65195 - Payroll Expenses	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
65200 - Salaries/Wages	\$ 401,367.96	\$ 439,199.36	\$ 441,500.00	\$ 207,518.98	\$ 475,000.00
65275 - SUTA			\$ 1,000.00		
65300 - Fica/Medicare	\$ 31,398.31	\$ 34,803.76	\$ 34,600.00	\$ 17,877.62	\$ 35,600.00

66000 - Retirement	\$ 11,082.27	\$ 9,221.37	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 4,905.20	\$ 13,000.00
Total 65195 - Payroll Expenses	\$ 443,848.54	\$ 483,224.49	\$ 488,100.00	\$ 230,301.80	\$ 523,600.00

The wage increase reflects the staff's union-contracted increase of 4%. We remain staffed with six full-time employees (including myself) and six part-time employees. This budget includes additional hours at the main circulation desk to meet current demand, expand our ability to serve Barre through an improved patron experience, and support collection work and increased programming.

The Aldrich is proud to foster professionalism in our library through training and education opportunities. Several of our librarians hold Master's degrees in Library and Information Science, and several staff members hold the Certificate of Librarianship through the Vermont Department of Libraries. Two staff members are currently enrolled in the certificate program. These credentials remain crucial to operating a current, relevant, and high-quality library for Barre.

66395 - Insurance	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
66100 - Health Insurance	\$ 59,470.55	\$ 58,697.27	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 41,276.00	\$ 75,000.00
66400 - Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 794.00	\$ 1,026.68	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 401.32	\$ 1,250.00
67400 - BOP Insurance	\$ 10,357.00	\$ 11,970.07	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,352.68	\$ 12,050.00
67700 - Insurance Officers & Directors	\$ 1,207.70	\$ 400.36	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 807.34	\$ 1,250.00
67800 - Cyber Liability Insurance		\$ 948.98	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,171.54	\$ 1,700.00
Total 66395 - Insurance	\$ 71,829.25	\$ 73,043.36	\$ 86,550.00	\$ 53,008.88	\$ 91,250.00

The library carefully manages insurance to protect staff, assets, and public investment. This budget reflects modest increases in health insurance through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont and adjustments to Cyber Liability, the Business Owner's Policy, and Workers' Compensation based on actuals. These measures ensure the library operates safely, responsibly, and sustainably.

67100 - Postage	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
67105 - Pitney Bowes Rental	\$ 124.17	\$ 511.15	\$ 525.00	\$ 255.78	\$ 525.00

67101 - Postage - Other	\$ 4,548.68	\$ 4,542.17	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,695.02	\$ 4,575.00
Total 67100 - Postage	\$ 4,672.85	\$ 5,053.32	\$ 5,025.00	\$ 2,950.80	\$ 5,100.00
67200 - Printing	\$ 6,490.52	\$ 6,324.99	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,763.33	\$ 5,000.00
67300 - Publicity	\$ 645.73	\$ 2,826.60	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 184.44	\$ 2,000.00

This category includes postage, printing, and publicity costs. The library is currently benefiting from a newly negotiated printing contract that has produced cost savings. Budgets in this section also cover our Pitney Bowes machine and postage, primarily for our Interlibrary Loan service. Interlibrary Loan allows us to provide access to statewide resources for Barre patrons. Additionally, funds are set aside for publicity, supporting mailings, our email newsletter, and other community engagement materials.

68000 - Overhead and Maintenance	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
68400 - Janitorial Services	\$ 34,075.83	\$ 37,520.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 17,360.00	\$ 40,000.00
68450 - Janitorial Supplies	\$ 2,082.07	\$ 2,205.19	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 747.22	\$ 2,500.00
68500 - Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 14,762.40	\$ 10,426.97	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 12,557.68	\$ 15,000.00
68520 - Building Repairs - York	\$ 441.22	\$ 13.98	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,500.00
68550 - Service Contracts	\$ 6,111.06	\$ 11,135.51	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 13,183.08	\$ 30,000.00
68600 - Snow Removal - East Barre	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 2,500.00
68625 - Snow Removal - Washington St	\$ 7,060.00	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
Total 68000 - Overhead and Maintenance	\$ 65,532.58	\$ 73,051.65	\$ 94,000.00	\$ 43,847.98	\$ 101,500.00

The Overhead and Maintenance budget reflects a modest increase, even as library usage continues to grow. This section supports building repairs and upkeep, keeping our historic facility clean, and maintaining essential service contracts. In recent years, the library has established service agreements for our HVAC system, roof, internet, fire extinguishers, alarm monitoring, elevator, and wheelchair lift to ensure the building remains functional, accessible, and safe for generations to come. These contracts also help control costs over the long term while protecting the library's assets.

	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
68050 - Capital Improvements	\$ 29,784.39		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,883.17	\$ 15,000.00
69900 - Professional Development	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,287.14	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 154.76	\$ 1,725.00

As part of our strategic plan, the library developed a Capital Improvement Plan to guide long-term investments while ensuring necessary maintenance is not deferred. This approach allows us to strategically plan for building upgrades and improvements that support the library's mission and the community for years to come.

As noted earlier in the narrative, education and training opportunities are important for the Aldrich staff. The professional development funds allow for the full staff to attend the Vermont Library Association conference, and attend other relevant trainings and workshops.

70100 - Utilities	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
69100 • Telephone/Internet Washington S	\$ 5,602.97	\$ 9,721.04	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 4,217.08	\$ 10,500.00
71000 • Electricity/East Barre	\$ 2,093.40	\$ 2,179.23	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 800.82	\$ 2,200.00
71100 • Electricity Washington St	\$ 24,495.07	\$ 24,665.56	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 13,989.13	\$ 25,000.00
71200 • Heat East Barre	\$ 1,405.22	\$ 1,222.55	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 2,500.00
71300 • Heat Washington St	\$ 17,006.82	\$ 22,482.75	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 3,196.80	\$ 23,000.00
71400 • Water/Sewer East Barre	\$ 628.27	\$ 652.03	\$ 750.00	\$ 613.70	\$ 750.00
71500 • Water/Sewer Washington St	\$ 1,502.75	\$ 1,688.83	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,062.01	\$ 1,750.00
Total 70100 - Utilities	\$ 52,734.50	\$ 62,611.99	\$ 62,850.00	\$ 23,879.54	\$ 65,700.00

Changes in utility costs reflect year-to-date actuals compared with the previous fiscal year. Despite modest increases, the library continues to work with vendors and board members to monitor usage, identify efficiencies, and explore opportunities for cost savings.

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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 801,322.05	\$ 841,718.65	\$ 864,875.00	\$ 414,912.61	\$ 930,925.00
Over/Under	\$ 4,439.08	\$ 34,073.04	(\$ 39,469.14)	\$ 28,286.26	\$ 0.00

QUICKBOOKS CODE	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY26 YTD (12.31.2026)	FY27 Proposed
40000 - Books and Media					
40100 - Friends of the Library	\$ 2,576.04				
40110 - Adopt an Author	\$ 3,635.81	\$ 3,992.88	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,488.98	\$ 3,800.00
40200 - Memorial Gifts	\$ 2,315.00	\$ 2,489.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 2,200.00
40300 - Book Sales		\$ 663.20		\$ 20.00	\$ 150.00
40400 - Gifts					
40500 - Clubs & Organizations					
40600 - Lost / Paid	\$ 977.85	\$ 406.32	\$ 250.00	\$ 459.23	\$ 400.00
40700 - Personal Books Purchased	\$ 556.64			\$ 53.00	
40800 - Library Publications	\$ 552.00	\$ 70.00			
40900 - Donation Box		\$ 1,199.23	\$ 300.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 450.00
Total 40000 - Books and Media	\$ 10,613.34	\$ 8,820.63	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 3,526.21	\$ 7,000.00
42000 - Circulation Desk					
42050 - Postage	\$ 19.90	\$ 8.40		\$ 118.55	
42100 - Computer Use	\$ 27.00	\$ 140.58		\$ 189.73	\$ 175.00
42200 - Copies	\$ 2,402.54	\$ 2,988.30	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,622.85	\$ 2,500.00
42250 - Research Fees	\$ 20.60				
42300 - Fines	\$ 2,547.29	\$ 1,864.99	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,177.52	
42400 - Non Residents	\$ 1,908.00	\$ 2,250.20	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,768.15	\$ 2,250.00
42450 - Circulation Desk - Other					
Total 42000 - Circulation Desk	\$ 6,925.33	\$ 7,252.47	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,876.80	\$ 4,925.00
42500 - Donations					
42600 - Donations - Clubs and Organs	\$ 16,342.79	\$ 23,320.69	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 18,000.00
42700 - Donations - Individuals	\$ 16,892.87	\$ 11,306.65	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 14,995.49	\$ 16,000.00
42800 - Donations - Business	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 5,524.64	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 8,000.00
42850 - Prior Year PayPal Donations					
Total 42500 - Donations	\$ 39,485.66	\$ 40,151.98	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 40,595.49	\$ 42,000.00
42990 - Annual Appeal					

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43000 - Appeal Individuals	\$ 24,220.72	\$ 28,934.91	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 28,805.05	\$ 28,500.00
43100 - Appeal - Business	\$ 3,080.00	\$ 2,256.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 807.00	\$ 3,000.00
43200 - Appeal - Clubs and Organs	\$ 300.00	\$ 850.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total 42990 - Annual Appeal	\$ 27,600.72	\$ 32,040.91	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 29,812.05	\$ 32,500.00
44000 - Fundraising Activities					
44050 - Fundraising Spring Fling	\$ 23,219.31	\$ 22,308.61	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 23,000.00
44001 - Fundraising Activities - Other		\$ 29,576.24	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Total 44000 - Fundraising Activities	\$ 23,219.31	\$ 51,884.85	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 23,500.00
45000 - Grants					
45300 - Grant Resource Sharing Postage	\$ 636.48				\$ 625.00
45400 - Grants - Misc	\$ 81,773.99	\$ 9,668.80	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 4,375.00
Total 45000 - Grants	\$ 82,410.47	\$ 9,668.80	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 5,000.00
46000 - Investments Transfers					
46010 - Investment Income - APL Trust	\$ 29,760.00	\$ 63,375.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 42,400.00
46050 - Investment Income - APL Restricted Trust	\$ 10,240.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,800.00
46100 - Elizabeth Campbell Fund	\$ 26,250.00	\$ 30,928.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 16,033.00	\$ 30,000.00
46300 - York Fund Distribution	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 64,000.00
46400 - Investment Income - Donald Allen Funds	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 21,600.00
46450 - Investment Income - Don Allen Restricted Funds		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 76,000.00
46600 - Dividends and Interest					
90000 - Market Value Fluctuation					
Total 46000 - Investment Transfers	\$ 150,250.00	\$ 234,303.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 101,033.00	\$ 244,800.00
46690 - Library Programs					
47000 - Library Program - Authors at Aldrich		\$ 180.00	\$ 250.00		
47100 - Library Program - Children's	\$ 9,242.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 4,000.00
47300 - Library Program - Adults	\$ 320.00	\$ 443.98	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,000.00
47400 - Library Program - Young Adults	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
47500 - Warming Shelter Program					

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Total 46690 - Library Programs	\$ 12,562.00	\$ 9,223.98	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 7,475.00	\$ 10,000.00
48000 - Meeting Room Rental	\$ 850.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 800.00
48850 - Municipal Appropriations					
49000 - Municipal Barre Town APPR	\$ 200,120.00	\$ 200,120.00	\$ 206,125.66	\$ 103,061.50	\$ 247,500.00
49100 - Municipal City of Barre APPR	\$ 250,170.00	\$ 280,872.00	\$ 296,980.20	\$ 148,490.00	\$ 312,000.00
Total 48850 - Municipal Appropriations	\$ 450,290.00	\$ 480,992.00	\$ 503,105.86	\$ 251,551.50	\$ 559,500.00
49200 - Bank Interest Income	1,554.30	\$ 728.07	\$ 900.00	\$ 378.82	\$ 900.00
Total Income	\$ 805,761.13	\$875,791.69	\$ 825,405.86	\$ 443,198.87	\$ 930,925.00
EXPENSE					
60000 - Program Books and Media					
60100 - Books/Media Adults	\$ 11,770.72	\$ 11,288.77	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4,124.05	\$ 12,000.00
60200 - Books/Media Children's	\$ 9,464.05	\$ 10,759.06	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 2,152.15	\$ 9,000.00
60300 - Books/Media Audio-Visual	\$ 512.97	\$ 101.28	\$ 750.00	\$ 35.12	\$ 350.00
60400 - Books/Media Periodicals/Renew	\$ 3,957.05	\$ 4,756.67	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,994.79	\$ 4,750.00
60500 - Books/Media Young Adults	\$ 2,093.09	\$ 2,120.81	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 651.13	\$ 2,700.00
60600 - Books/Media Large Prints	\$ 723.88	\$ 661.62	\$ 800.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 750.00
60700 - Books/Media York	\$ 289.28	\$ 115.13	\$ 500.00	\$ 38.99	\$ 1,000.00
60800 - Adopt An Author	\$ 2,352.09	\$ 2,749.89	\$ -	\$ 3,416.86	
60900 - Digital Books and Media	\$ 1,659.27	\$ 2,703.65	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,043.45	\$ 6,000.00
Total 60000 - Program Books and Media	\$ 32,822.40	\$ 35,256.88	\$ 35,750.00	\$ 16,516.54	\$ 36,550.00
61000 - Banking and Payroll Fees	\$ 1,882.31	\$ 1,941.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,014.96	\$ 2,000.00
61100 - NSF Check	\$ 69.00	\$ 25.00			
61300 - Bookkeeping	\$ 12,068.30	\$ 12,620.58	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 6,550.41	\$ 13,000.00
61350 - Prof Services and Legal Fees	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,400.00		\$ 9,000.00
61351 - HR Consultant for Director Recruitment	\$ 8,000.00				

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61400 - Dues and Memberships	\$ 7,166.34	\$ 11,560.75	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,943.60	\$ 11,500.00
61500 - Equipment Purchases	\$ 1,085.64	\$ 722.99	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
62000 - Fundraising Expenses	\$ 10,431.01	\$ 9,316.79	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 1,603.30	\$ 8,500.00
62300 - Grant Expenses	\$ 24,156.85	\$ 7,159.19			
62305 - Full Steam Ahead Exp					
62301 - Grant Exp - Other		\$ 30,397.97	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,367.65	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL 62300 - Grant Expenses	\$ 24,156.85	\$ 37,557.16	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,367.65	\$ 5,000.00
63100 - Office Supplies	\$ 4,314.27	\$ 6,138.86	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,977.55	\$ 6,000.00
63220 - Technology Expenses					
63225 - Hardware	\$ 3,197.94	\$ 2,345.27	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 854.63	\$ 10,000.00
63250 - Software					
63275 - Equipment Repairs and Maintenance		\$ 817.47	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,362.53	\$ 3,000.00
63280 - Licenses	\$ 4,313.75	\$ 28.79	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 160.50	\$ 4,000.00
63220 - Technology Expenses - Other					
Total 63220 - Technology Expenses	\$ 7,511.69	\$ 3,191.53	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 3,377.66	\$ 17,000.00
64000 - Programs					
64100 - Authors at Aldrich		\$ 151.47	\$ 250.00		
64200 - Library Program Exp Adults	\$ 981.99	\$ 776.33	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,167.59	\$ 3,000.00
64300 - Library Program Exp Children	\$ 4,713.27	\$ 6,340.10	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,351.77	\$ 4,000.00
64400 - Library Program Exp Seniors					
64500 - Library Program Exp Young Adult	\$ 2,310.62	\$ 1,695.17	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,066.88	\$ 3,000.00
Total 64000 - Programs	\$ 8,005.88	\$ 8,963.07	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 6,586.24	\$ 10,000.00
65000 - Museum Archives					
65195 - Payroll Expenses		\$ 2,641.10			
65200 - Salaries/Wages	\$ 401,367.96	\$ 436,558.26	\$ 441,500.00	\$ 207,518.98	\$ 475,000.00

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65275 - SUTA			\$ 1,000.00		
65300 - Fica/Medicare	\$ 31,398.31	\$ 34,803.76	\$ 34,600.00	\$ 17,877.62	\$ 35,600.00
66000 - Retirement	\$ 11,082.27	\$ 9,221.37	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 4,905.20	\$ 13,000.00
Total 65195 - Payroll Expenses	\$ 443,848.54	\$ 483,224.49	\$ 488,100.00	\$ 230,301.80	\$ 523,600.00
66395 - Insurance					
66100 - Health Insurance	\$ 59,470.55	\$ 58,697.27	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 41,276.00	\$ 75,000.00
66400 - Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 794.00	\$ 1,026.68	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 401.32	\$ 1,250.00
67400 - BOP Insurance	\$ 10,357.00	\$ 11,970.07	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,352.68	\$ 12,050.00
67600 - Insurance Fine Art- Fine Art					
67700 - Insurance Officers & Directors	\$ 1,207.70	\$ 400.36	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 807.34	\$ 1,250.00
67800 - Cyber Liability Insurance		\$ 948.98	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,171.54	\$ 1,700.00
Total 66395 - Insurance	\$ 71,829.25	\$ 73,043.36	\$ 86,550.00	\$ 53,008.88	\$ 91,250.00
67100 - Postage					
67105 - Pitney Bowes Rental	\$ 124.17	\$ 511.15	\$ 525.00	\$ 255.78	\$ 525.00
67101 - Postage - Other	\$ 4,548.68	\$ 4,542.17	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,695.02	\$ 4,575.00
Total 67100 - Postage	\$ 4,672.85	\$ 5,053.32	\$ 5,025.00	\$ 2,950.80	\$ 5,100.00
67200 - Printing	\$ 6,490.52	\$ 6,324.99	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,763.33	\$ 5,000.00
67300 - Publicity	\$ 645.73	\$ 2,826.60	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 184.44	\$ 2,000.00
68000 - Overhead and Maintenance					
68400 - Janitorial Services	\$ 34,075.83	\$ 37,520.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 17,360.00	\$ 40,000.00
68450 - Janitorial Supplies	\$ 2,082.07	\$ 2,205.19	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 747.22	\$ 2,500.00
68500 - Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 14,762.40	\$ 10,426.97	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 12,557.68	\$ 15,000.00
68520 - Building Repairs - York	\$ 441.22	\$ 13.98	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,500.00
68550 - Service Contracts	\$ 6,111.06	\$ 11,135.51	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 13,183.08	\$ 30,000.00
68600 - Snow Removal - East Barre	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 2,500.00
68625 - Snow Removal - Washington St	\$ 7,060.00	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
Total 68000 - Overhead and Maintenance	\$ 65,532.58	\$ 73,051.65	\$ 94,000.00	\$ 43,847.98	\$ 101,500.00

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68050 - Capital Improvements	\$ 29,784.39		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,883.17	\$ 15,000.00
68300 - Equipment					
68650 - Depreciation					
69800 - Other Expenses					
69900 - Professional Development	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,287.14	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 154.76	\$ 1,725.00
70000 - Mileage/Misc. Reimbursement					
70100 - Utilities					
69000 - Telephone/Internet East Barre					
69100 - Telephone/Internet Washington S	\$ 5,602.97	\$ 9,721.04	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 4,217.08	\$ 10,500.00
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