

NOTICE OF INFORMATION PRESENTATION REGARDING The Hollwedel Memorial Library

For Pavilion Central School District Residents Regarding the Proposed
Vote to Allow the Hollwedel Memorial Library to Become a
School District Public Library



**HOLLWEDEL
MEMORIAL
LIBRARY**

Details of the proposed district initiative and funding will be explained in an on-line video presentation by Joan Gray, Pres., and Stephen Gould, Vice Pres. of the Hollwedel Memorial Library Board of Trustees. Residents of the Pavilion Central School District are encouraged to watch the presentation at www.HollwedelLibrary.org/vote or pick up a copy of the presentation slides at the library.

PRESENTATION DETAILS

The Board of Trustees of the Hollwedel Memorial Library has formally requested that the Pavilion Central School District hold a vote on whether the Hollwedel Memorial Library's governance and funding structure should change to a School District Public Library. The voters will be asked to vote on the proposition on May 18, 2021 at the same time and place of the Pavilion School budget vote.

The Hollwedel Memorial Library's Board of Trustees invites all residents of the school district to view an informational presentation available online at www.HollwedelLibrary.org/vote and in print at the library to learn about the proposed transition of the library to a school district public library.

The Hollwedel Memorial Library Board of Trustees has decided to pursue becoming a school district public library in order to stabilize its funding and provide elected representation to the residents of the school district. The Hollwedel Memorial Library is not alone in this effort. In fact, the New York State Board of Regents urges libraries like the Hollwedel Memorial Library to become districts in order to subject library funding questions to a direct public vote.

As a school district public library, the Pavilion Library's chartered service area would become larger than it is currently as it would become the same as the school district's, thus the name School District Public Library. The library's community-based funding would be voted upon by the qualified voters who live in the Pavilion School District.

The library itself would remain housed in the same building, staffed by the same professionals, and governed by an independently elected board of Trustees.

The school district would collect taxes on behalf of the library and turn those funds over to the library. The school district would have no direct control over the operations of the library.

The change to become a school district public library is

being proposed as a means to provide enhanced library services to all residents of the school district and to provide a secure and sustainable source of operating income for the library, which has seen a steady, growing use of services by residents in recent years. This would allow the library to be open 31 hours per week, an additional 10 hours from its current weekly schedule.

If passed, the voters would vote to establish the school district public library with \$130,000 in community-based funding. The library would no longer receive funding from the Town of Pavilion. This proposed level of community-based funding amounts to an estimated 44 cents per \$1,000 of assessed values on properties within the school district. (Any future changes to the annual amount of this community-based support would be required to be put to vote again.)

WHY CHANGE?

The library has operated with a flat and/or decreasing budget over the past several years. The Hollwedel Memorial Library has not been able to order the materials, keep up with technology and provide the programs to meet patron needs. In addition, patrons have asked for the library to increase beyond its 21 hour per weekly schedule. The impact of New York State's mandatory minimum wage laws in effect from 2017- 2021 have also created significant budget shortfalls for the library. Without a secure and sustainable source of operating income, the future of the Hollwedel Memorial Library is uncertain.

Without stable funding, it is likely that: the number of hours the library is open would eventually have to be reduced, there would be reductions in staffing and programs, and there would be even fewer purchases of books, periodicals, and other materials and services.

Residents are encouraged to view the online presentation from the link at HollwedelLibrary.org/vote to learn more about this initiative. For questions contact Board President Joan Gray at (585) 506-5642 .

HOW MANY EMPLOYEES DOES THE HOLLWEDEL MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAVE CURRENTLY?

There is one salaried part-time librarian and two part-time employees. Our two part-time employees are paid the Mandatory NYS Minimum Wage. The part-time employees do not receive any benefits, health insurance or retirement funds.

HOW WILL LIBRARY TAX DOLLARS BE USED?

The community-based funding will pay for operating expenses, salaries, building operations and maintenance, enhanced library programs and services as well as the purchase of new materials.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS BEFORE OR AFTER THE PUBLIC MEETING?

There will be two sessions at the Hollwedel Memorial Library for residents. They will take place on Sat., April 24 from 10AM to 12PM and Mon., April 26 from 6PM to 8PM at the library. Residents can also contact Board President Joan Gray at (585) 506-5642 or ask questions via email at hollwedellibrary@gmail.com.

Hollwedel Memorial Library
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INFORMATION PRESENTATION
Regarding Hollwedel Memorial Library’s Vote to become a School District Public Library online at www.HollwedelLibrary.org/video

POSTAL CUSTOMER

In Person Meetings at the library on April 24 from 10AM to 12PM and April 26 from 6PM to 8PM

HOLLWEDEL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Services

Books, DVDs, Audio Books, Periodicals,
Newspapers
Copying, Faxing, Printing
Job Search Assistance
Interlibrary Loan
Training Classes for Technology
Computer Workstations
Internet Access
Wi-Fi 24/7
Electronic Services – Overdrive, Hoopla, Libby
Meeting Rooms

Programs

Storytime
Book Club
Knitter’s Nook
Community Yoga Programs – various ages
Summer Reading
Dungeons & Dragons Club
Special One-time Adult, Family &
Youth Sessions
throughout the year