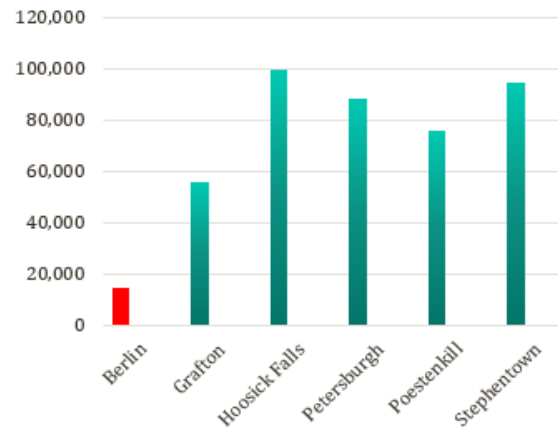


Resources available from YOUR library

- Computer services
 - Wi-Fi
 - Computers for internet access, word processing, etc.
 - Color printer
- Local collection of popular books, updated regularly
- Interlibrary loans
- Book catalog searchable online
- Special programs
 - Music presentations
 - Story time
 - Art shows
 - Competitions
- Online access to the entire Upper Hudson Library System
- Libby and Hoopla – your library card gives you free access *from any screen* to
 - Audiobooks
 - eBooks
 - Comics
 - TV shows
 - Movies
 - Magazines
 - Music

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Friends of the Berlin Free Town Library Election Day 2025 Ballot Initiative



The library

Q: How is the Berlin Free Town Library supported now?

A: The sources of the predicted operating budget for 2025 are shown.

Donations	\$11,000
Town of Berlin	\$15,000
Other Government funds	\$ 4,700
Income from Endowment	\$26,300
Total	\$57,000

Q: Should this ballot measure be approved, will it result in an increased budget for the library?

A: Yes, the budget of the library will increase by approximately \$30,000.

Q: What will the library do with the extra funds?

A: Currently, the library is only able to stay open 22 hours per week. With the additional funds provided by the ballot measure, the library will stay open much longer and hire more staff. Very importantly, the library will be able to provide additional programs for adults, children and teenagers.

The Town of Berlin has been a steady supporter of our library — and thanks to that support, the library has done a lot. However, last year the library operated on just \$15,000 in town funding — less than any other library in our area. Through creativity, community donations, and sheer determination, the library has made it work — but only for limited hours. Now, with the support of the Berlin Town Board, the library is excited to take the next step. This November, voters will see a library funding initiative on the ballot. Just a little more funding will mean a chance to expand hours, offer more programs, and build the kind of library our community can count on for years to come.

The Town of Berlin

Q: Does the Town of Berlin now support the library?

A: Yes, the Town contributes tax funds to the library every year. This year the contribution was \$15,000.

Q: If the ballot measure is approved by the voters, will support from the Town of Berlin continue?

A: No, the Berlin Free Town Library will no longer require Town funding if the initiative is passed.

The initiative

Q: What does this ballot initiative do?

A: If the voters pass this initiative, the residents of the Town of Berlin will support the Berlin Free Town Library with funds totaling \$45,000 per year.

Q: What is the question that will appear on the ballot?

A: Shall an annual contribution of the Town of Berlin for the operating budget of the Berlin Free Town Library be established in the amount of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000)?

Q: Has this method of funding a community resource been used before in Berlin?

A: Yes, the Taconic Valley Ambulance in Berlin is funded in a similar manner.

Q: Have other local towns adopted a similar ballot measure?

A: Yes, the Town of Stephentown recently passed a similar ballot measure to fund their library.

Q: What will be the levy on property owners from this measure?

A: The annual cost to support the library by this measure will be approximately \$16 per \$100,000 of property value.