



Pleasant Valley Free Library

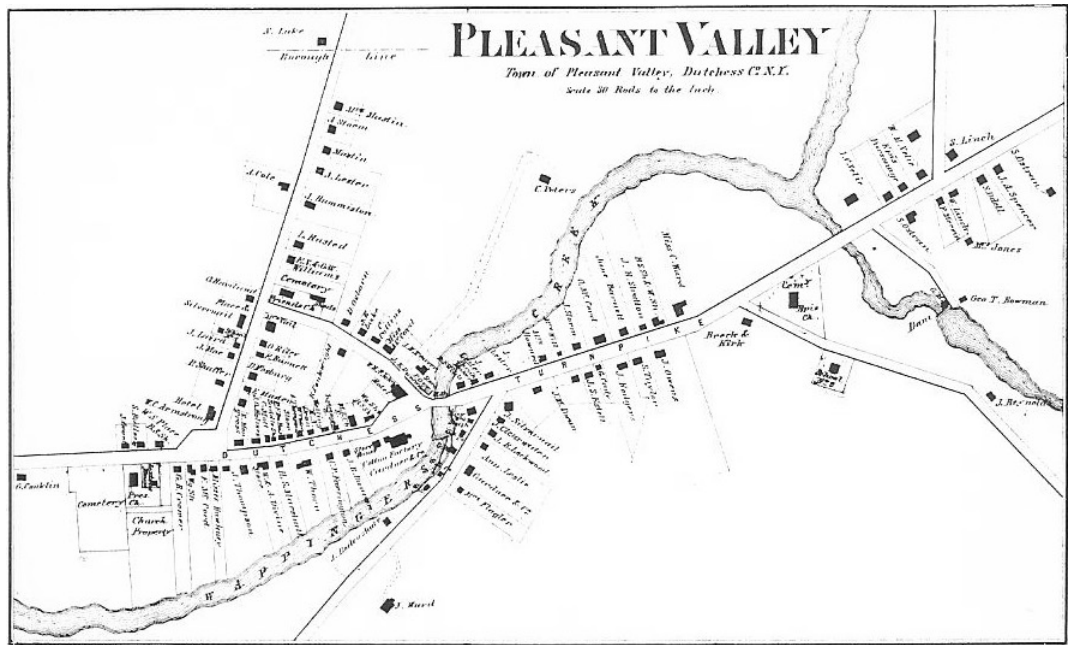
414 Ballot Vote

November 2nd

Early voting starts in October

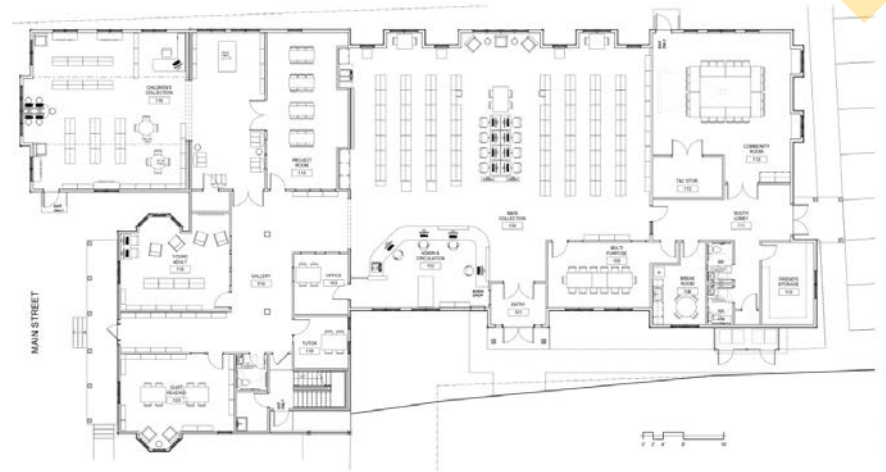
Thanks to the Staff of the Library

- 1st to open doors once Covid lockdown was lifted, staff was eager to help
- A busy place with over 60,000 visits a year and 80,000 items circulated
- Community loves the programing and use has doubled



414 – What is it?

- Money from taxes for the operations of the community library open to everyone
- Cannot be used for construction costs
- \$440,000 passed in 2018, after years of working under budget
- PV is 9th in population size among 22 Dutchess County libraries
- Ranks 13th in funding



Amount

- \$440,000 increased to \$495,000
- Amount average per person increases \$46 to \$51 per person
- Each property owner pays a percentage of their assessed value

What happens if the budget vote fails?

- Reduction in hours for the library
- Cuts to children's programming- cut staff hours
- Limits to purchases to new books & materials - rely on donations

Bigger Library? Bigger Budget?

- The budget is based on materials, staff and supplies, not the square footage
- \$440,000 designated for operations the old 4,500 sq/ft building
 - That's \$98/sq ft
- Renovated location with budget of \$495,000 in a 9,600 sq/ft building
 - That's \$51/sq ft

The new library is HUGE! (not really)

- About 1,000 sq/ft smaller than temporary space
- Second floor will not be used – no elevator to save costs
- Staffing levels remain the same
- Multiple programming rooms for everyone to enjoy!

Why we need your support!

- Material/book prices increase
- NYS Minimum wage increase
- Inflation \$1 in 2019 = \$1.10 in 2022
- Insurance funds used



VOTE!

- Our library is awesome!
- For your friends and neighbors
- For the children
- For your community

