
From: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich [mailto:rsmith@midhudson.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 4:17 PM
To: Betsy Maas <supervisor@unionvaleny.us>

Subject: Re: Agreement for Public Library System Funding (2019)

Hi Betsy,
The four impacted libraries have agreed to the terms of the one year contract. Please find the contract you provided with one very minor edit, the last item was misnumbered, corrected and signed.

I look forward to receiving the countersigned copy of the contract.

Thank you, to all members of the town board, for continuing this partnership which ensures free direct access to library services for your residents for another year.

Respectfully,
Rebekkah

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 4:02:49 PM
Subject: Re: Agreement for Public Library System Funding (2019)

Hi Betsy,
I will share this information with the four impacted libraries and get back to you by the stated deadline.
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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 3:45:47 PM
Subject: RE: Agreement for Public Library System Funding (2019)

Dear Rebekkah:

After further consideration, the Town Board would like to change the terms of the *Agreement for Public Library System Funding* to a one year agreement. The revised *Agreement*, which the Town Board has authorized me to send to you, has removed references to "three years" but commits the Town to the same first year sum of \$76, 407. We request that the libraries consider our offer and authorize you to return the executed document to us by September 25th, 2018.

If the libraries decide not to execute the contract for one year, we will include a Proposition on the November 6th ballot asking our residents to let us know if they want us to agree to the terms as you communicated them in Draft #2 (i.e., \$76,407 per year, "minimum 2% increase or the rate of inflation..." with an "Annual Report to the community" instead of the one page list of active Union Vale cardholders held in the four libraries). We will be pleased to act on behalf of our residents in the way they feel most comfortable and prefer.

Thank you for coordinating this effort. If there are any questions, the phone lines are always open.

Sincerely,

Betsy

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Town of Union Vale

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Cc: Stephanie Harrison <director@millbrooklibrary.org>; Carol Fortier <cfortier@beekmanlibrary.org>; mdebellis <mdebellis@laglib.org>; Dover Library Director <director@doverlib.org>; scigbitsy@gmail.com; yiyali@optimum.net; bferguson <bferguson@capmark.org>; boardchair@laglib.org
Subject: Re: Agreement for Public Library System Funding (2019-2021)

Good afternoon,
All four libraries' boards have considered and discussed your counteroffer provided in response to our draft *Agreement for Public Library System Funding* provided in May.

We present the attached second draft of the *Agreement* for your consideration as well as an auxiliary item:

1. The libraries acknowledge the situation created for town finances by the NYS Property Tax Cap and therefore offer the following language in this second draft to address increases for 2020 and 2021: "...2% **or the rate of inflation as per the New York State Property Tax Cap limits...**"

2. The libraries are offering to collaborate on the provision of an "Annual Report to the Community" for the residents of Union Vale just as they are required to do under Section 90.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education for their chartered service populations. This would be provided in the month of May for each year this contract covers. This report would be provided by the libraries rather than MHLS and therefore language related to this is not included in the second draft of the *Agreement*.

We thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this second draft.
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Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 1:00:58 PM
Subject: Agreement for Public Library System Funding (2019-2021)

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Beekman, Millbrook, LaGrange, and Dover Plains Libraries.

We thank you for the partnership that has been formed over the past two years between the Town and your four neighborhood libraries. As a result, the residents of Union Vale have enjoyed unrestricted access to library services and programs including more than 2.7 million items held in MHLS' 66 member libraries, early literacy classes for families, broadband connectivity to the Internet and a host of educational classes and resources for all ages that contribute to the economic vitality and social cohesion of our region.

As the budget-planning season picks up the pace for our libraries and your Town, we want to ensure lines of communication are open regarding the "*Agreement for Public Library System Funding*" currently in place which will expire at the end of this calendar year. **The respective library boards have agreed that the current agreement is working well and are willing to extend the current terms of the existing "*Agreement for Public Library System Funding*" for years 2019 through 2021.**

To that end, I have provided an updated document for your consideration, which is attached to this email. The parameters of the attached agreement are **unchanged** with the exception of the start and end date and the amount for 2019, which reflects the 2% increase over the 2018 amount.

We would appreciate an update on your timeline for the consideration of this agreement, and welcome you to contact me with that information. I will serve as the libraries' contact person for this topic.

Thank you for your review of this important service matter, we look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Rebekkah

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