

Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library

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Special News Release

For Immediate Release

Call for Library Trustee Candidates and 2016 Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library Budget Announced

Clifton Park, NY – The Board of Trustees of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library is seeking candidates for five library trustee positions that expire on December 31, 2015. Because of a recent resignation of a sitting trustee, there are now five vacant trustee terms to be filled beginning January 1, 2016. These five seats represent Clifton Park. One vacancy is the result of the expiration of an existing five year term, three openings are due to the completion of interim appointments (valid for one year) made last year and the final vacancy is due to this recent resignation. In order to qualify, candidates are required to be eligible voters residing in Town of Clifton Park. Employees of the Library, contractors and vendors to the Library are ineligible. Clifton Park Residents will vote for the trustees as part of the annual Library Budget vote scheduled for September 17.

Interested individuals can obtain a nominating petition at the *Ask-A-Librarian Desk* or online at www.cphlibrary.org. Candidates must collect the required number of signatures as indicated on the petition. All petition signatories must be registered voters and reside in the Town of Clifton Park. Completed nominating petitions and accompanying questionnaires must be returned to the Library by 5pm, Tuesday August 18.

The Library Board consists of 11 trustees; 7 representing Clifton Park and 4 representing Halfmoon. Trustees serve a 5 year term, attend monthly board meetings, serve on assigned committees and contribute their expertise to benefit the Library and the served community.

Additionally, the Board of Trustees of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library has announced a 2016 budget proposal for district resident approval in a vote scheduled for September 17th at the library. The total tax levy is \$4,073,250 a 2.47% increase over 2015, and is compliant with both the New York State tax cap and tax freeze. The total 2016 proposed budget expenditure is \$4,200,101.

The library budget vote and trustee election will be held on Thursday, September 17th at the library, located at 475 Moe Road, between 7am and 9pm. Voters must be registered at least 30 days prior to the vote. Registered voters, both renters and property owners, living in the Library District are eligible to vote. Beginning August 3rd, absentee ballot applications will be available online at www.cphlibrary.org or at the library for those unable to vote in person on September 17th.

For more information about the budget, contact Library Director Alex Gutelius at 371-8622.

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