



LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 229 of the laws of 1991, a vote will be taken of the qualified voters of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library District. The library district includes all those portions of the Monticello Central School district which are in the Towns of Bethel, Forestburgh, and Thompson. Qualified voters are all voters who are registered to vote in any of the portions of the Monticello Central School District described above.

The voters of the library district will cast ballots on one proposition and elect three members of the board of trustees for one (1) two-year term and two (2) one-year terms of office.

Proposition I:

Shall the trustees of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Library District be authorized to expend \$1,587,806 (which includes \$351,563 previously approved capital debt service repayment) during 2024 and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

Voters will be asked to elect three members of the seven-member board of trustees for one 2-year term and two 1-year terms of office from a list of candidates who have filed nominating petitions for specific terms.

Voting will take place on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library, 479 Broadway, Monticello, New York. ***Absentee ballot applications are available upon request from the election clerk at the library by calling (845) 794-4660 x6 and can be picked up via curbside appointment or by appointment within the library.***

After the polls close, ballots shall be counted, and a report of the results shall be prepared.

By order of the Board of Trustees
of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library
Maureen O'Meara, President
Dated: September 22, 2023

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ETHELBERT B. CRAWFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION
OCTOBER 11, 2023

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library's annual budget vote will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Voting will take place at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello, N.Y. All registered voters of the library district in the Towns of Thompson, Bethel, and Forestburgh residing within the Monticello Central School District are eligible to vote in this election. *Absentee ballots are available to eligible voters by calling the election clerk at (845) 794-4660 x6 to request an application.*

The proposed 2024 library budget is \$1,587,806 – which includes \$351,563 previously approved capital debt service repayment. The 2024 budget represents a 9.59 % increase over the 2023 budget. The 2024 budget will result in a 1.99% increase in the tax levy, which is below the allowable Tax Cap. The increase in the tax levy was offset by unallocated funds. Copies of the 2024 budget are available at the library or on the library website: ebcpl.org.

Three seats on the library board are up for election. Incumbent trustees Rebecca Kemp (2yr) and Richard Arnold (1yr) are running for re-election to the seats they currently fill. Lily Barrish has submitted a petition to fill a 1-year term. Absentee ballot applications are available from the election clerk at the library.