Queens Public Library’s Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2023

April 4, 2022

To Our Customers:

As we emerge from two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, Queens Public Library continues to work towards an equitable recovery for our borough and for our city. For 126 years, the Library has remained a force for truth and democracy and a source of personal discovery and growth, offering free access to knowledge, information, and opportunity to all.

At yet another critical moment in our history, Queens Public Library stands ready to continue to do its part to support and strengthen our diverse communities.

In the past year, the Library resumed full service at all of its available locations, brought back in-person programming for the first time since March 2020 while maintaining robust virtual programming, expanded our digital collections, and grew our hotspot lending program. We also have continued our partnership with the City to combat the pandemic, offering our branches for use as free COVID-19 testing, vaccination, and test kit distribution sites.

We are now in the process of setting our budget for Fiscal Year 2023, which begins July 1, 2022. We want the public to understand where our funding comes from, our proposal for spending this revenue, and how we will balance our budget. We welcome you to share your thoughts and opinions about our plan during a virtual public hearing Thursday, April 7, at 5:30 p.m.

Your feedback is essential as we prepare for our future. If you are unable to attend the hearing, please send us your written comments about our budget through our website, from Thursday, April 7 to Friday, May 6, 2022.

We hope you will lend your voice to this important process. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Rodriguez, Esq., Chair, Queens Public Library Board of Trustees
Dennis M. Walcott, President and CEO, Queens Public Library
# Queens Public Library Revenue
## Fiscal Year 2023
(July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

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<tr>
<th>Source</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>FY 2022 (millions)</th>
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<th>Major Variances</th>
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<td>NYC</td>
<td>Restricted &amp; Unrestricted</td>
<td>City funds for Operating and Grant Expenses</td>
<td>$118.6</td>
<td>$116.5</td>
<td>All grants are subject to submission of an application/proposal, most of which are competitive.</td>
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<td>NYC</td>
<td>Unrestricted</td>
<td>City funds for Pension Expenses</td>
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<td>Fines &amp; Fees</td>
<td>Unrestricted</td>
<td>Lost item fees, lost Library card fees, multifunctional device usage fees</td>
<td>$0.2</td>
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<td>Federal Grants</td>
<td>Restricted</td>
<td>Federal grants including IMLS, Department of Labor, and HUD CDBG</td>
<td>$2.8</td>
<td>$3.4</td>
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<td>NY State Grants</td>
<td>Restricted &amp; Unrestricted</td>
<td>General and Special Library and Literacy Aid. State Aid for construction, Literacy and Programs</td>
<td>$7.7</td>
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<td>Fund Raising</td>
<td>Restricted &amp; Unrestricted</td>
<td>Foundation and corporate grants, private donations and fundraising events</td>
<td>$2.6</td>
<td>$2.8</td>
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<td>Investment Income</td>
<td>Restricted &amp; Unrestricted</td>
<td>Investment earnings on investments &amp; investment fees</td>
<td>$1.1</td>
<td>$0.9</td>
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<td>Contributed Facilities</td>
<td>Restricted</td>
<td>Value of the utilities for City-owned buildings, paid by the City directly, and the annual lease value of those buildings</td>
<td>$30.9</td>
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<td>Contributed Services</td>
<td>Unrestricted</td>
<td>Value of volunteer services</td>
<td>$0.1</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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# Queens Public Library Expense
## Fiscal Year 2023
(July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

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<td>Library Services</td>
<td>Includes all expenses required to provide Library Services to the public at all locations including all books and materials, wages, benefits and facility costs.</td>
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<td>Library Materials</td>
<td>Includes all expenses required to provide Library Services to the public at all locations including all books and materials, wages, benefits and facility costs.</td>
<td>$14.3</td>
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<td>Facilities</td>
<td>Custodial, maintenance, repairs, utilities, lease costs, equipment, renovations and value of contributed services</td>
<td>$37.9</td>
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<td>Programs</td>
<td>Programs for adults, young adults and children, special events, literacy, youth counselors, job and information programs, after-school programs, summer reading, including staff costs.</td>
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<td>$9.7</td>
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<td>Technology</td>
<td>Software licenses, one-time software development, computers, network equipment, maintenance contracts, RFID equipment, technology staff</td>
<td>$9.4</td>
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<td>Fundraising Expenses</td>
<td>Expenses for fundraising events and personnel.</td>
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<td>$1.8</td>
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<td>Management &amp; General</td>
<td>Includes expenses for operations and management of Queens Public Library including Human Resources, Accounting, Legal, &amp; Risk Management.</td>
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$174.0 (MILLIONS)

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- Contributed Facilities 18%
- NYC Pension 6%
- NY State Grants 4%
- Federal Grants 2%
- Fund Raising 1%
- Fines & Fees < 1%
- Investment Income 1%

FY 2022 EXPENSES
$174.0 (MILLIONS)

- Library Services 48%
- Facilities 22%
- Programs 6%
- Library Materials 8%
- Technology 5%
- Management & General 10%
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