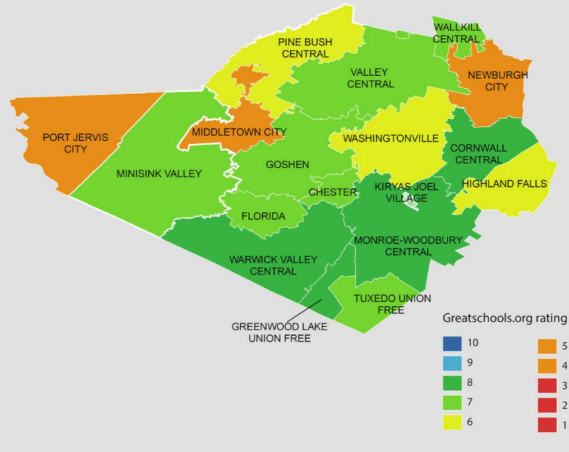




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PUBLIC LIBRARY**

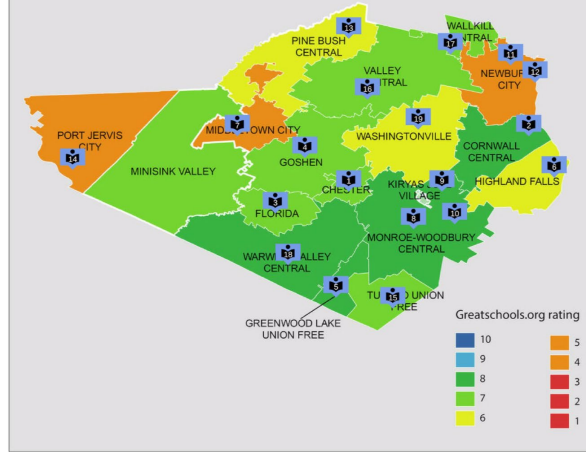
Orange County School Districts



Resources:

Orange County NY School Districts - School Information and District Map for Orange County New York. (2019). realestatehudsonvalleyny.com.

Orange County School Districts



Key:

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| 1. Chester Public Library | 10. Woodland Public Library - Ida Cornell Branch |
| 2. Cornwall Public Library | 11. Newburgh Free Library |
| 3. Florida Free Library | 12. Newburgh Free Library Town Branch |
| 4. Goshen Public Library and Historical Society | 13. Pine Bush Area Library |
| 5. Greenwood Lake Public Library | 14. Port Jervis Free Library |
| 6. Highland Falls Public Library | 15. Tuxedo Park Library |
| 7. Middletown Thrall Library | 16. Montgomery Free Library |
| 8. Monroe Free Library | 17. Josephine-Louise Library |
| 9. Woodbury Public Library | 18. Albert Wisner Public Library |
| | 19. Moffat Library |

Resources:

Google Maps. (2019). Google Maps.
Note: all locations are approximations.

Advantages of a school district library

- ▶ School district libraries serve residents within a school district
- ▶ School district library trustees must be residents of the school district
- ▶ A school district library uses the same process for budget votes and formulas to collect taxes
- ▶ Using the existing and established process saves taxpayer funds



Minisink Valley Public Library

Minisink Valley Public Library Proposal: School District Library

- ▶ The library serves the local school district population
- ▶ No limits to library services to residents who live within the Minisink Valley Central School District

Current Process

Currently to obtain a library card at Port Jervis Library, Minisink Valley families must:

- ▶ Go to town clerk during open hours, obtain notarized letter confirming residency
- ▶ Cost to municipality \$75 per card (not per family)
- ▶ Most towns only allow one library card per household
- ▶ Not everyone is able to visit in person their town hall and/or Port Jervis Library
- ▶ The Minisink Community doesn't have full access to library programs
- ▶ Process is not widely publicized

How MVPL Would Be Different

Minisink Valley Public Library Proposal



MVCSD taxpayers would elect the Library Board and determine how the library is governed.



The library budget is separate from the school budget.



The School Board of Education is separate from the Library Board.

Port Jervis Library

- ▶ MVCSD residents have no say in library programs and services
- ▶ MVCSD residents cannot be on the Port Jervis Library Board

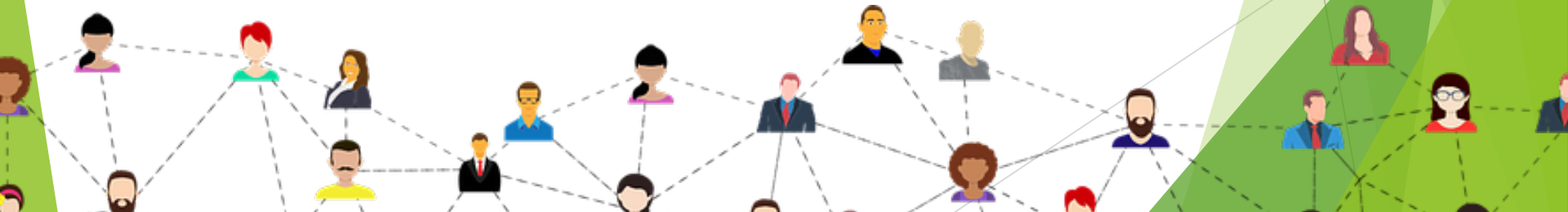
How MVPL Would Be Different

Minisink Valley Public Library Proposal

- ▶ Library programming would be aimed at OUR community's needs and interests
- ▶ Library programming and services can be developed in partnership with educators and their students

Port Jervis Library

- ▶ Library programming is aimed at the Port Jervis community
- ▶ Library services are created with the Port Jervis Community in mind



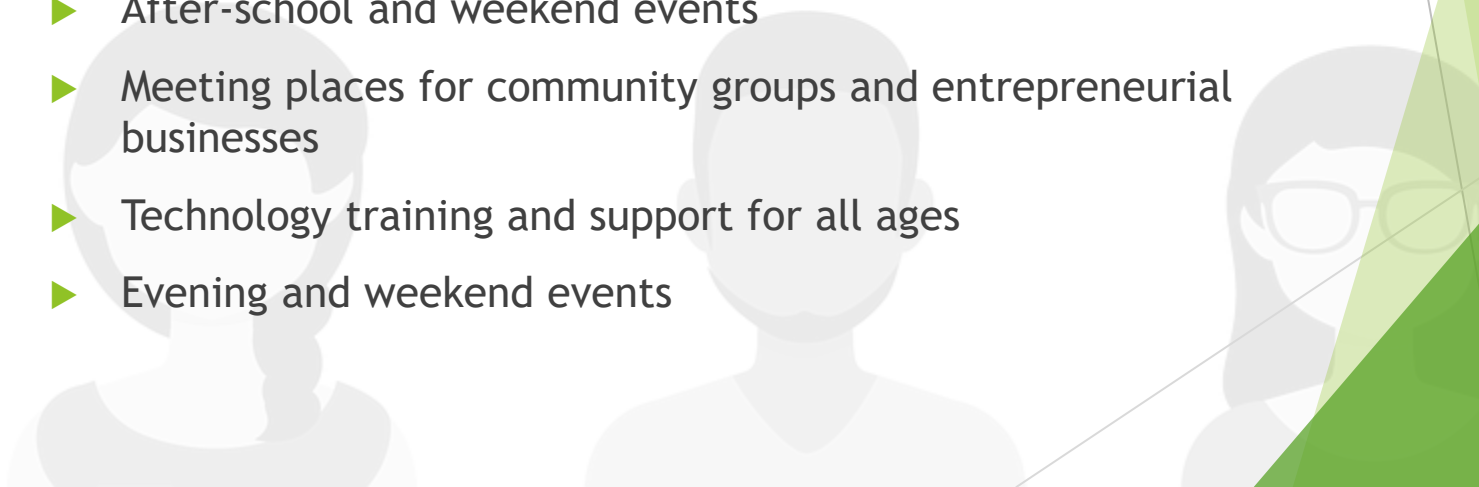
The Benefits of a Public Library: Access to Resources and Technology

- ▶ Public libraries provide access to current book titles in many formats, including eBooks, audiobooks, and large print
- ▶ MVPL would provide public access to computers, free Wi-Fi, and high-speed internet
- ▶ MVPL can collaborate with teachers on STEAM programs and training
- ▶ The MVPL would give the community access to 47 other library collections as a member of the Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS), as well as resources throughout New York State
- ▶ The MVPL would support the MVCSD mission statement, "*The Minisink Valley Central School District encourages all students to reach their full potential by providing **equal opportunity** for academic, **social**, physical and moral education in a safe, caring and challenging environment.*"

The Benefits of a Public Library: Community Building

Help provide a safe environment for:

- ▶ Employment programming, including support in applying for jobs, resume writing, and interview preparation
- ▶ After-school and weekend events
- ▶ Meeting places for community groups and entrepreneurial businesses
- ▶ Technology training and support for all ages
- ▶ Evening and weekend events



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The Benefits of a Public Library: Student Performance

- ▶ Access to books during the summer prevents a drastic loss in reading skills, especially for low-income households
- ▶ Summer reading and learning programs
- ▶ After-school homework help
- ▶ Reading and learning programs aimed at pre-K
- ▶ Partnerships between public libraries and schools to continue learning beyond the classroom

Current School and Library Partnerships within RCLS

- ▶ Access to RCLS digital materials through the Sora app via Public Library Connect (PLC).
 - ▶ As of 02/10/2022: Students throughout RCLS checked out 13,031 digital items through PLC
- ▶ Student field trips to the library and librarian visits to classrooms
- ▶ Community service and teen leadership opportunities
- ▶ Library cards for teachers to provide additional access to materials
- ▶ Programs such as Battle of the Books, author visits, and more





How To Become A School District Public Library

PETITION FROM QUALIFIED VOTERS



Step 1

- ▶ Obtain 25 signatures from qualified voters who support the creation of a public library
- ▶ Library Board of Trustee candidates will need to petition signatures as well

COMMUNITY VOTE



- ▶ Present a referendum with a proposed budget to the voters of the school district
- ▶ Present a list of proposed board member candidates with community signatures
- ▶ Community members will vote to pass the referendum and elect Library Board of Trustee



Step 3

APPLY FOR A LIBRARY CHARTER

- ▶ The Library Board of Trustees will submit an application to the Division of Library Development to obtain a library charter.
- ▶ Included in the application will be:
 - ▶ copy of the library's first-year budget
 - ▶ certified copy of the election results
 - ▶ signed/notarized copy of the official public notice announcing the election

BECOME A CHARTERED SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY



► After becoming a Chartered School District Public Library, the Minisink Valley Public Library will be able to receive the tax funds collected by the Minisink Valley School District on behalf of the Public Library.

OBTAIN A LOCATION



- ▶ MVPL residents who currently have PJI cards will be transferred to the MVPL. Those residents will receive the library cards at their home
- ▶ Residents will have access to a library card by visiting a library in the surrounding area until the MVPL "opens its doors"

FINDING A LOCATION



- ▶ The MVPL Initiative hopes to find a centralized location within Greenville, Minisink, Wawayanda, or Mount Hope.

GETTING STARTED



**Step
7**

- ▶ Library Board of Trustees will hire a Library Director
- ▶ Library Director will hire library staff and set hours
- ▶ Library Director will begin developing library programming and services

Where to find us

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