

2011 Library Vote and Trustee Slate Set

Clifton Park, NY – August 2010-- The Board of Trustees of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library have announced that arrangements have been finalized for a public vote on the proposed 2011 Library budget and election of two library trustees representing Clifton Park. The vote is scheduled for Thursday, September 16 at the Library at 475 Moe Road in Clifton Park between 7am and 9pm. All currently registered voters residing in the Library District are eligible, both property owners and renters.

The proposed 2011 budget is \$3,859,569, representing an increase of less than 1% (0.64), compared to 2010, and an impact on taxes of approximately \$.01 cent per \$1000 assessed. An average homeowner in Clifton Park, assessed at \$200,000, would see a \$2.22 increase in their Library tax and a similarly assessed home in Halfmoon would see an annual increase of \$2.10.

Clifton Park voters will elect two trustees to fill the terms of current board members Edwin Rodger and Zebulon Robbins due to expire on December 31. **Three candidates have filed petitions and declared their candidacy for the two positions.** The top two candidates as determined by vote totals will fill the positions for 5-year terms. **The trustee candidates include:**

Edwin Rodger, incumbent trustee and a 44-year resident of Clifton Park, Rodger has been a Library trustee since 1998 and a volunteer supporter since the early days of the Library. He served as Vice President of the Board in 1999 and as President in 2000 in addition to contributing to several Board committees. He is “interested in identifying the future needs of the Library and to continue efforts to keep Library expenditures as low as possible consistent with our goals.” Rodger holds a Masters Degree in Engineering from Cornell University and is retired from the NY State Dept. of Public Service.

Larry Kirshenbaum, a resident of Clifton Park for the last 18 years, currently works as a Community Liaison and Development Specialist for the Forensic Bureau for the NY State Office of Mental Health. His work experience includes responsibility for a broad range of administrative and management functions. He describes himself as “an avid user of the Library” and is interested in “the further education of youth and continuing education of adults, setting goals and direction for our library.” He has a Masters in Social Work from SUNY.

David Bissett is a 15-year resident of Clifton Park now serving as Pastor of the Clifton Park Community Church, a non-denominational Christian Church. Bissett has been active in the community as an assistant scoutmaster and past secretary of the Rotary Club. He describes himself as an avid library user, reader and an old fashioned bibliophile. He “desires to serve the community and our fine library in furthering shared educational and social purposes.” He holds a BA in Economics from the University of Wisconsin and a Masters from Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Complete information on the budget and trustee candidates can be found on line at www.cphlibrary.org or at the Library.