

Staatsburg Library budget hike gains approval of voters

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STAATSBURG — Residents have agreed the services the Staatsburg Library provides are important to the community, with 94 percent of those who cast ballots Sept. 11 voting to approve the proposed budget increase.

Bob Linville, president of the library's Board of Trustees, said the increased funding will allow much-needed infrastructure repairs, including paving of the parking lot and the saving of funds to replace the more than 30-year-old boiler.

In addition, the library will be raising the salaries of its employees to the level of other libraries

in the Hudson Valley.

The replacement of many adult reference titles that are "embarrassingly old" is also on the library's agenda, according to Linville.

Three library board members were also up for election. Trustees Judith Linville and David Wansor were re-elected to five-year terms, and Irma Brownfield was elected to an unexpired three-year term. The three ran unopposed, and Bob Linville said there weren't any write in ballots.

"We're really pleased that the voters are in support of the Staatsburg Library," he said. "We will continue to earn their trust and to serve them well."