



RYE FREE READING ROOM

Escape to the Library

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- * **Municipal Funding flat at \$1,080,000**
- * **Fundraising slammed by Hurricane Sandy**
 - * **Novel Night Postponed – contribution reduced**
 - * **Annual Campaign challenging – well below target**
 - * **Deficit anticipated for 2012**
- * **Maintaining current hours: Impossible**

Ramifications for 2013

- * **Hours reduced from 46 to 42**
 - * **Remain closed Tuesday AM**
 - * **Close Thursday AM**

- * **Materials budgets hit**
 - * **Books: Down 13% YOY, below 2001 levels**
 - * **Media: Below 2007 levels**
 - * **E-Book: No funding**

2013 Obligations pose a challenge

- * Saturday Hours
- * Reference services not available throughout the day
- * Programs for children and adults: gift funding sustains most
- * Increased costs for health care and pension
- * Essential building maintenance needs

Competitiveness

The Library's Peer group - Population

	Population	Public Funding	Operating Expenses	% of Operating publically funded	Questions Answered	Number of Programs	Total Circulation
CHAPPAQUA	16,074	\$2,647,799	\$2,675,743	99%	40,508	1,446	380,571
MONTROSE	15,642	\$1,245,906	\$1,270,851	98%	24,025	763	206,222
<u>RYE</u>	<u>14,955</u>	<u>\$1,080,000</u>	<u>\$1,469,851</u>	<u>72%</u>	<u>32,041</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>222,654</u>
LEWISBORO	12,324	\$338,771	\$466,814	73%	6,899	256	103,684
PELHAM	11,866	\$520,115	\$616,504	84%	11,146	297	129,099

Competitiveness

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SOMERS	\$889,482	\$911,877	98%	21,453	707	182,407
CROTON	\$794,262	\$865,635	92%	15,100	340	148,900

Competitiveness

The Library's Peer group – Operating Expenses

	Operating Expenses	Population	Public Funding	% of Operating publically funded
PEEKSKILL	\$1,460,338	22,441	\$1,410,653	97%
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RYE BROOK	\$1,420,369	36,469	\$1,307,245	92%
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Responsible Management

- * **ROI 2012 was over \$4 for every tax dollar invested**
 - * Rye is ranked 3rd in program attendance
 - * Ranked 4th in Children's programs
 - * Had over 550 community members visit daily
 - * In the week after Sandy, visits went up to 1,200-1,800 per day
 - * Answered 125 reference question daily
- * **Protection for a community treasure in the 99 year old facility**
 - * Secured grants and gifts to produce \$450,000 in capital improvements in the past 4 years.

What our community wants

- * **Planning for the future**

- * Strategic Planning
- * Master building plan

- * **When asked, almost 2/3 said more hours would be the most valuable fundamental change the library could make**

- * **Books, DVD's, Audiobooks, E-Books: all in demand**

- * In 2012, demand continued to increase

What our community wants

- * **Programs for all ages**

- * Adult and teen programs. Teen attendance up almost 65% .
- * Children's programs remain a mainstay, 23,500+ attendance so far in 2012

- * **Professional staff**

- * Questions were up almost 20%, that's 15 more reference questions per day, despite reduced hours and smaller staff.

- * **On-line services**

- * Unique visitors - up 20% and over 103,000 views

What our community will get

- * **Fewer hours: 42 per week in 2013 vs. 46 in 2012**
- * **Materials: Cut to historically low levels**
- * **Conservative management of operations - Always**
- * **Stewardship of the historic treasure - Always**



Thank you

*The Staff, Board of Trustees and Auxiliary Board
of the Rye Free Reading Room*

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