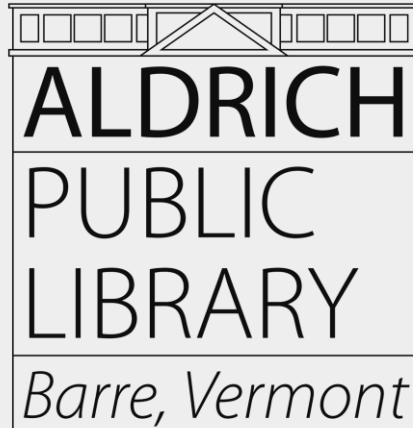


# Aldrich Public Library

FY 2025 Municipal Request





ALDRICH  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY  
*Barre, Vermont*



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# Rising Costs (Since FY 2021)

Maintenance Costs have increased by **314%**

- Signed service contracts for HVAC, Roof, Snow Removal, Cleaning, Elevator Maintenance
- Competitively bid to get the best value
- Previously relied on volunteers that have aged out

Utilities have increased by **33%**

**9%** union wage increases over three years from the Union Contract

Insurance costs have increased by **47%**

# How Do We Meet The Rising Costs?

Investment transfers have increased by **100%** since FY2021

Anticipate increasing our non-resident fee

Budgeting **\$95,000** in fundraising and donations

Budgeting **\$12,000** in user fees

Actively pursuing grant funding opportunities

City and Town Appropriations (below state average)

# What We Are Asking For

We are requesting **\$250,170**

- This is level-funded from last year
- Average of **\$29.67** per resident
- State average cost per resident for libraries serving 5,000+ residents is **\$41.97**

## Where We're At

Under current budget proposal, projecting a **\$30,702** deficit

Recognize the City of Barre's tough financial situation

Continue our strong partnership with the City and community

Looking forward to future conversations about the growth of the library

**THANK  
YOU!**

