

**ONTARIO LIBRARY DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2022-23
BUDGET MESSAGE**

The proposed budget of the Ontario Library District for FY 2022-2023 was prepared by the Budget Officer in accordance with the directions of the Board of Directors and current regulations.

It is a product that reflects the District's mission to provide a wide range of materials and dynamic library services that meet the diverse needs and interests of the Ontario Library District public while exercising responsible governance and cost efficiency through use of innovative technology, streamlined processes and the resourcefulness of skilled and dedicated professional and para-professional staff.

OVERVIEW

Pursuant to Oregon Budget Law, the budget message must contain certain information which assists the reader of the budget in understanding major differences in the proposed budget from the current adopted budget.

For example: ORS 294.391 requires that the budget message accomplish the following:

- Explain the budget document
- Contain a brief description of proposed financial policies for the ensuing year
- Call out significant features of the proposed budget
- Explain any major changes in financial policy reflected in the proposed budget
- The 2022-2023 District Budget reflects the fact that Malheur County's property taxes are estimated to be a slightly higher than 2021-22.

To the extent possible, staff will be implementing organizational and operational changes to increase efficiency.

The implementation of these organizational changes will position the District to maintain the services and levels that citizens expect and in a cost efficient manner.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED FINANCIAL POLICIES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The over-arching principle guiding the development of the proposed budget is adherence to the library service goals. Revenue estimates for the proposed budget have been based on a conservative approach, incorporating modest improvements in recent rates of growth.