



Use your
library voice!

Tell us your story...

Dear Patron,

By now you have probably heard about the plight of public libraries—and, specifically, Oradell Free Public Library. Rising costs and declining state and municipal funding are crippling public library budgets in Bergen County and across New Jersey. They are forcing severe budget cuts and service reductions.

In December, our library's Board of Trustees submitted to the Mayor and Council a budget proposal that would have begun to address Oradell Free Public Library's woes. It requested a borough funding increase for 2015 of just \$36,000. Among other things, this relatively small amount of money—approximately \$1 per household per month—would have added Sunday opening hours to the library's current operating schedule and restored some of the materials budgets.

Instead, the Mayor and Council funded the library at the same level as 2014—approximately \$120,000 less than the library's budget eight years ago—leaving the library no choice but to reduce operating hours again.

Please join us in opposing significant service hour reductions and requesting funding to restore previously cut service hours and acquisition budgets. You can help by signing the Friends of the Oradell Library's *Change.org* petition to Oradell's Mayor and Council. Simply click on the "Use your library voice!" logo that appears at <http://oradell.bccls.org/>.

You can also write to Oradell's Mayor and Council or the *Town News* to express your opinions. See the library's website for contact details. Alternatively, you can provide comments on the attached form and return the form to the library's Main Desk. The library would be happy to deliver feedback forms to Borough Hall.

As always, we are grateful for your support and look forward to continuing to serve you in meaningful ways.

Sincerely,

The Members of the Oradell Free Public Library Board of Trustees

Name: _____

Address: _____

Comments:
