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### Title: **Library System Seeks Community Representatives for Advisory Committee**

In response to a 10% budget cut from county funding in fiscal year 2025 and anticipated rising costs of operations, the Allegany County Library System (ACLS) wants to hear from community members across the county as they investigate how to ensure sustainable and cost-effective library services in the future. To achieve this goal, the ACLS Board of Trustees is forming a committee tasked with exploring and advising the Board on strategies to maintain efficient library operations.

The committee will be comprised of community members, community partners, Friends group leaders, library Board members, and library staff. John Taube, ACLS Executive Director says, “We will share how the library operates, how we are organized, and how we are currently funded. We hope to hear a wide variety of ideas to help us sustain cost-effective library operations in Allegany County. “

While all meetings will be open to the public, community members interested in joining the committee must apply. Applicants will be selected based on geographic, demographic, and other factors to ensure broad representation of the Allegany County community. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, July 24, 2024 and selected representatives will be contacted by Thursday, August 1, 2024.

The first meeting will be held on August 8, 2024 at the LaVale Library from 6 PM to 8 PM. Subsequent meeting will be held monthly though January, when the committee will present its recommendations to the Library Board at the January 14, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting.

“The library was notified of the significant budget reduction in early May 2024 and had limited time to explore all the alternatives before the new fiscal year started,” explained Taube, “We

encourage all interested community members to apply and take part in shaping the future of library services in Allegany County.”

For more information and to access the application, please visit [www.alleganycountylibrary.info/fy26advisorycomm](http://www.alleganycountylibrary.info/fy26advisorycomm) or visit your local library for a paper application.

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