

The Wide Awake Club Library is requesting a budget increase of \$7,500, making a total annual budget of \$55,300. The main reason we've requested such an increase is the 24% increase in the "Cost-Share" levied by the Southern Tier Library System (STLS). The 24% cost-share hike amounts to \$8,154. Our 2014 "Cost-Share" represents approximately one-seventh of our proposed operating budget, and is crucial for cataloging, processing of materials, the STARCAT online catalog, IT support, the Overdrive website for digital books, and for interlibrary loan (we interloaned 5,725 items for Fillmore patrons this year!). We are open 47 hours per week, and we remain the 3rd highest circulating library in Allegany County, with a total circulation in 2013 of 39,921 (just slightly less than the Cuba Library!). Across Allegany County, the average cost per person for libraries is \$18.80 per year, Fillmore's average is about half of that, at just over \$9 per person, even with the increase described above. We feel that this proposed increase will give us a realistic operating budget for 2014.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Baker

WAC Library Director