

Mohawk Valley Library System
Bylaws Study of Public Library Systems
2025

Library System	County	Population	Percent of Total	# Libraries	Percent of Total	# Trustees	Percent of Total
MVLS	Fulton	52812	18.31%	3	21.43%	2	22.22%
	Montgomery	49170	17.04%	6	42.86%	2	22.22%
	Schenectady	155358	53.86%	1	7.14%	2	22.22%
	Schoharie	31132	10.79%	4	28.57%	2	22.22%
	Totals	288472		14		9	
	Notes	Range of trustees 1-3 per county					

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SALS	Hamilton	4345	1.21%	5	14.29%	3	25.00%
	Saratoga	230298	64.15%	11	31.43%	3	25.00%
	Warren	63756	17.76%	9	25.71%	3	25.00%
	Washington	60606	16.88%	10	28.57%	3	25.00%
	Totals	359005		35		12	
	Notes	At least one trustee from each county. No library employees					

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Four County	Brome	198683	56.97%	9	21.43%	2	25.00%
	Chenango	47220	13.54%	9	21.43%	2	25.00%
	Deleware	44308	12.71%	11	26.19%	2	25.00%
	Otsego	58524	16.78%	13	30.95%	2	25.00%
	Totals	348735		42		8	
	Notes	Range of trustees 1-3 per county, No library employees					

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Mid Hudson	Dutchess	295911	46.94%	22	32.35%	3	20.00%
	Columbia	61570	9.77%	11	16.18%	3	20.00%
	Greene	47931	7.60%	9	13.24%	3	20.00%
	Putnam	97668	15.49%	9	13.24%	3	20.00%
	Ulster*	127341	20.20%	17	25.00%	3	20.00%
	Totals	630421		68		15	
	Notes	No library employees					

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Ramapo Catskill								
		Orange	385234	45.99%	17	35.42%	4	36.36%
		Rockland	326225	38.95%	17	35.42%	4	36.36%
		Sullivan	75802	9.05%	10	20.83%	2	18.18%
		Ulster*	50375	6.01%	4	8.33%	1	9.09%
	Totals		837636		48		11	
	Notes	No library employees						

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Finger Lakes	Cayuga	76029	24.83%	9	27.27%	2	18.18%
	Cortland	47173	15.41%	5	15.15%	2	18.18%
	Seneca	33991	11.10%	5	15.15%	2	18.18%
	Tioga	47904	15.65%	8	24.24%	2	18.18%
	Tompkins	101058	33.01%	6	18.18%	2	18.18%
	Totals	306155		33		11	
	Notes	No library employees or county legislative representatives					

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Southern Teir								
		Allegany	45587	17.18%	17	38.64%	3	27.27%
		Chemung	82622	31.14%	1	2.27%	4	36.36%
		Schuyler	17685	6.67%	4	9.09%	2	18.18%
		Steuben	94657	35.68%	17	38.64%	4	36.36%
		Yates	24780	9.34%	5	11.36%	2	18.18%
	Totals		265331		44		11	
	Notes	No library employees						

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			Total	Libraries	Total	Trustees	Total
OWWL	Livingston	62398	20.71%	8	19.05%	2	22.22%
	Ontario	110091	36.54%	12	28.57%	2	22.22%
	Wayne	89339	29.65%	13	30.95%	2	22.22%
	Wyoming	39465	13.10%	9	21.43%	2	22.22%
	Totals	301293		42		9	
	Notes	No library employees. One trustee minimum per county and central rep					

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Mid York	Herkimer	59822	16.88%	13	28.89%	3	20.00%
	Madison	68016	19.19%	10	22.22%	3	20.00%
	Oneida	226654	63.94%	22	48.89%	9	60.00%
Totals		354492		45		15	
Notes	Oneida reps are 2 from each Central Librry + 5 at large						

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North Country	Jefferson	108095	30.22%	25	38.46%	2	22.22%
	Lewis	26187	7.32%	11	16.92%	2	22.22%
	Oswego	116346	32.52%	11	16.92%	2	22.22%
	St. Lawrence	107085	29.94%	18	27.69%	2	22.22%
Totals		357713		65		9	
Notes	No library employees. No more than 1 trustee per library. Extra is Central rep						

Nioga	Genessee	56994	18.66%	6	28.57%	3	27.27%
	Niagara	208396	68.24%	11	52.38%	5	45.45%
	Orleans	39978	13.09%	4	19.05%	2	18.18%
Totals		305368		21		11	
Notes	One at large member, no librray staff, no more than 1 per library, no elected reps						

Equal representation among counties is the norm even with more profound population differences than in MVLS

In the few cases wher there is disparate representation, there are no 4 county systems whre a county is given a majority positi

In no case is a single library given more than 2 seats on a system board.

