



News & Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Library Budget and Trustee Election Tuesday, April 8, 2025 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM

A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.— Andrew Carnegie

Libraries are a cornerstone of democracy - where information is free and equally available to everyone. People tend to take that for granted, and they don't realize what is at stake when that is put at risk -
Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress

The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man –
T.S. Eliot

Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation – Walter Cronkite

Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future - Ray Bradbury

The truth is libraries are raucous clubhouses for free speech, controversy and community - Paula Poundstone

When I was young, we couldn't afford much. But, my library card was my key to the world - John Goodman

The health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries - Carl Sagan

Google will bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian will bring you back the right one -
Neil Gaiman

The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library - Albert Einstein

The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff – Timothy Healy

To add a library to a house is to give that house a soul - Cicero

The library is an arena of possibility, opening both a window into the soul and a door onto the world -
Rita Dove

**Marc David Horowitz
Library Director**

North Babylon Public Library					
Proposed Budget					
		2024-2025	2025-2026	\$ Change	% Change
		Approved	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
EXPENSES					
<i>Supplies and Ma-</i>					
	Books, E-books, DVD, CD	224,000	224,000	0	0.0
	Periodicals	14,500	14,500	0	0.0
	Software, Online Services	39,400	39,400	0	0.0
	General Supplies	46,000	46,000	0	0.0
	Circulation Control	20,000	20,000	0	0.0
	Maintenance Supplies	5,000	5,000	0	0.0
	Library Programs	63,000	63,000	0	0.0
<i>Professional and Technical Ser-</i>					
	Legal, SCLS, Treasurer, Auditor	71,900	71,900	0	0.0
<i>Building Operation and Mainte-</i>					
	Telephone, Electric, Gas, Water	75,500	75,500	0	0.0
	Building Repair, Building Improvement	30,000	30,000	0	0.0
	Snow Removal, Trash Removal	15,300	15,300	0	0.0
	Security Service	67,000	67,000	0	0.0
	Fire, Liability, Comprehensive	20,200	20,200	0	0.0
<i>Library Opera-</i>					
	Printing, Publication, Postage	29,500	29,500	0	0.0
	Travel, Continuing Education	6,000	6,000	0	0.0
	Membership Dues, Election Expenses	8,500	8,500	0	0.0
	Equipment Repair, Service Contracts	38,000	38,000	0	0.0
	Miscellaneous, Other Professional fees	6,000	6,000	0	0.0
<i>Fixed Employee</i>					
	Retirement, Social Security	397,000	397,000	0	0.0
	Health Insurance	455,000	455,000	0	0.0
	Workers Compensation	17,000	17,000	0	0.0
	Optical, Disability, Dental, Life Ins.	27,650	27,650	0	0.0
	Employee Assistance Program	1,400	1,400	0	0.0
<i>Equipment</i>					
	Equipment and Furniture	35,000	35,000	0	0.0
<i>Salaries</i>					
	Professional, Clerical, Maintenance	1,619,000	1,594,000	-25,000	-1.5
	Technical	61,000	63,000	2,000	3.3
	Pages	47,350	47,350	0	0.0
Total		3,440,200	3,417,200	-23,000	-0.7
REVENUES					
	State Aid, Interest, Copy, Fines, Etc.	101,300	94,800	-6,500	-6.4
	Amount to be raised by taxation	3,272,200	3,322,400	50,200	1.5
	Assessed Valuation	32,693,533	32,544,468	-149,065	-0.5
	Tax per \$100 assessed value	10.009	10.209	0.20	2.00
	Proposed cost / household @ \$3500	350.30	357.31	7.00	2.00

Voter Information

Who can vote: Anyone who is:

1. A citizen of the United States
2. At least 18 years of age
3. A resident of the North Babylon School District for a period of 30 days preceding the election

Who is registered: All persons who were registered for and who voted in any North Babylon School District or Library election within four years prior to April 8, 2025 are eligible to vote in this election. Any district resident who is qualified to vote in general elections and who remains qualified to vote from the residence address from which s/he registered and who has voted in a general election within the last four years is qualified to vote in the library election.

**Register in person at
Central Administration
North Babylon School District
5 Jardine Place
North Babylon
between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM
or through the
Board of Elections
Board of Elections applications
are available at the
Reference Desk**

Absentee Ballots/Early Mail Ballots:

1. Obtain an application in person at the Library or call and the Library will mail one to you
2. Return the signed application
3. The Library will send you a ballot with SASE. The ballot must be mailed or handed personally to the individual voter
4. Return the signed ballot by April 7, 2025

**Public Information Meeting
and Candidate Presentation
Tuesday, March 18, 6:00 PM**

**Annual Budget Vote
and Trustee Election:
Tuesday, April 8
12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM
In the Library**

From Your Board of Trustees

Your Board has assembled a 2025/2026 budget which requests your approval of an increase of 2%. We remain within the NYS tax cap.

Our expansion project is close to complete. This project addressed Americans with Disabilities Act issues. This included a ground floor accessible auditorium, ground floor accessible bathrooms and an elevator/lift to the stacks. As we have stated, there was *no bond issue* for this expansion and there is no request for additional funding. We do not think a project of this magnitude has ever been attempted on Long Island without securing a bond. We have been notified of a successful grant application totaling \$300,000 from the NYS Library Construction Aid program. This was the highest funded 2024 application in Suffolk County. We are also expecting \$50,000 courtesy of Senator Monica Martinez. Last year, our Senator procured a \$25,000 grant which was earmarked for the expansion project.

Our library is extraordinarily careful with your money and our annual audits support that statement.

Locally, circulation of traditional print materials continues to decrease, but circulation of electronic check-outs have skyrocketed as have their fees. It's easy to use these new electronic Libby formats. If you need assistance, see our librarians. They will teach you everything you need to know.

We are now fully certified by the Sustainability Library Initiative: Environmentally Sound, Socially Equitable and Economically Feasible. We want you to recognize the importance of this certification and we sincerely hope that our success will foster further community sustainability endeavors. The most effective way to address waste is to generate less in the first place.

**We believe that the budget is worthy
of your support**

If you agree with our plan, we urge you to come down on April 8th and demonstrate your commitment.

Tory T. Hare, President
Ira Hester, Vice President
Theresa DeBlasi, Finance Trustee
Patricia Ziegler, Secretary
Laurie Atlas, Assistant Secretary

ADULT CLASSES

Sign-up for all Adult Classes begins March 1. Non-residents may register March 8.
Some classes must be held in the downstairs meeting room. All fees are non-refundable.
Please let us know in advance if you will need an accommodation that will make an event accessible to you.

Board of Trustees Meetings

Tuesdays, March 18 and April 15, 6:00 PM

Book Discussions

New members are always welcome.
Please pick up your book at the Circulation Desk.

Tuesday, March 25, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Sula

By Toni Morrison



Tuesday, April 29, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

LI Reads

On Fire Island

By Jane L. Rosen



Career Counselor

Mondays, March 3 or April 7

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturdays, March 15 or April 19

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Meet with professional Career Counselor Barbara McCleave for help with resumes and career options, all ages. Call 669-4020 to schedule an appointment.
North Babylon cardholders only.

Discounts for NBPL Cardholders

Bronx and NYC Zoos/Aquarium, online with code
Gateway Playhouse, half price, online with code
CM Performing Arts Center, 25% discount with code
LI Aquarium, Adult, \$39, Child/Senior \$28, cash
Come into the library to receive codes
North Babylon cardholders only
4 tickets maximum per family
Exact change, please.
Non-refundable/non-transferable.

Free with Your

North Babylon Library Card

Libby by Overdrive	E-books and audiobooks
Flipster	General magazines
Kanopy	Stream films/documentaries
Tumble Books	Children's books

Free Museum Passes

American Air Power Museum
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Children's Museum of the East End
Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery
Cradle of Aviation Museum
Fire Island Lighthouse
Garvies Point Museum/Preserve
Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum
Long Island Maritime Museum
New York Hall of Science
New York State Empire Pass
9/11 Memorial and Museum
Old Westbury Gardens (Seasonal)
Planting Fields Arboretum
Sagtikos Manor (Seasonal)
Town of Babylon Beach Pass (Seasonal)
Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium
For more information, ask at the Reference Desk
North Babylon cardholders only

Help Us Help Others

We maintain drop off boxes to donate to the local food pantry, eye glasses, cell phones and pet food.

Looking for Something to Read or Watch?

Our Librarians can pick out books or movies and hold them at the circulation desk for you.

Suffolk Senior ID Cards

In partnership with the Suffolk County Office of the Aging, the Library distributes Senior Citizen ID Cards free of charge. Suffolk County residents aged 60 or older are eligible. Senior ID Cards entitle you to discounts on bus fare, ferries to Fire Island, and discounts with participating businesses and townships. Ask for yours at the Circulation Desk.

Tech Help: "Book a Librarian"

Meet in-person for help with your technology.
Call 669-4020 for a reservation.
North Babylon cardholders only.

The Library will be closed:

Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday

ADULT CLASSES

Health Insurance Assistance

One-on-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesdays, March 4 and April 1

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Meet individually with an RSVP Suffolk volunteer from the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program for Medicare health insurance and benefits. By appointment only.

Medicaid Enrollment Assistance

Tuesdays, March 18 and April 15

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Enrollment assistance by phone to adults and children, disabled or blind and anyone over the age of 65. By appointment. Call 631-435-3000, M - F, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. After hours, call 631-656-9783.

Social Work Intern Jennifer Consolazio

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Saturdays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

The Library offers a free service to patrons through the Social Work Intern Program at the Stony Brook School of Social Welfare. Assistance completing forms/applications, referrals to mental health resources and more. Call the Library for more information.



Meet Senator Martinez

Thursday, March 6, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Senator Martinez's staff members will be present to provide resources to NYS services as well as answer any questions/concerns from the community.

All Levels Yoga/Mobility Class

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25

5:15 - 6:15 PM

All levels. Bring a yoga mat, held downstairs. Must be able to get up and down off the floor.

Deep Stretch Yin Yoga

Tuesdays, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

6:15 - 7:15 PM

Bring a yoga mat. Held downstairs.



Ceramic Stack of Stones

Thursday, March 13, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

\$12 fee. Non-refundable/non-transferrable.

Catholic Health Bus

Wednesday, March 19, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Catholic Health will provide a mobile bus, free health screenings including cardiac history, blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes testing. You must be 18 years of age, no insurance necessary.

Suffolk County Dept of Labor

Wednesdays, March 26, April 30, 10:00 - 12:00

Information table.

Paint Night: Purple Pansy

Thursday, March 27, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Let's paint some fun art; no experience necessary. 16x20 canvas, acrylic paints, brushes, easels and step-by-step instructions provided. \$10 fee.

Non-refundable/non-transferrable.



Smart DriverTEK Workshop

Friday, March 28, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

AARP Smart DriverTEK workshop will keep you in the know about the latest high-tech safety features in your current or future car. Learn what new technologies are available, how they work, how to use them and how they can make driving safer and more enjoyable.



Seed Library

Begins Tuesday, April 1

The Examined Life: What is Philosophy?

Thursday, April 3, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Philosophical reflection is an expression of our very humanity. When asked what philosophy is, most of us don't really know what to say. Please join us as we try to make sense of this very human activity.

AARP Smart Driver Course

Saturday, April 5, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

AARP 6-hour driving course: \$25 members (membership card required), \$30 non-members. Bring your membership card and driver's license to class. There will be a break for lunch. Check or money order payable to AARP, no cash. Held downstairs.

ADULT CLASSES

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Art w/ Pamela: Weeping Willow

Thursday, April 10, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Paint a whimsical Weeping Willow with artist Pamela Trastelis. No experience needed, all materials provided. \$10 fee. **Non-refundable/non-transferrable.**



Understanding the Financial Numbers of Your Business

Saturday, April 12, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

For people who already have a business and others who are thinking of starting a new one.

Cheryl Williams, Author Reading

Sunday, April 13, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Join us, and local author Cheryl Williams, for this fun and interactive event wherein Ms. Williams will share some of her published books with her audience.



Volunteer at Good Sam Hospital

Wednesday, April 16, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Join Brittany Colasanto and the Guilds of Good Samaritan for an presentation on Volunteer Opportunities. Contact brittany.colasanto@chsli.org.

Ceramic Fish Planter

Thursday, April 17, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

We will be painting a ceramic planter. All supplies will be included in the class. \$12 fee. **Non-refundable/non-transferrable.**



GRASP and ESL Assessments

Thursday, April 24, 4:00 - 8:00 PM

High School Equivalency is designed for those who are able to speak, read and write in English, but unable to attend classes and would like to prepare for the GED exam. 21 and up.

Arbor Day Ninebark

Friday, April 25, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

This year you can register to receive two Atlantic Ninebark seedlings. Grows 6-10'. A four-season shrub. North Babylon cardholders only.



NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps

Thursday, May 1, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

New Yorkers can prepare for disasters through this course led by the New York National Guard.

Belmont Lake State Park Tour

Friday, May 2, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Walking tour of Belmont Park.

Saturday Games

Saturdays, March 1 and April 5

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Grades: PreK - 5

Come by the Children's Room and enjoy playing various games with family and friends.

Drop in Surprise Craft Day

Monday, March 3, Wednesday, April 2

4:00 - 7:00 PM, Grades: PreK - 5

Pop into the Children's Room and pick from an assortment of crafts from the magic bucket.

Sleepy Time Tales

Tuesdays, March 4 and April 22, 6:30 - 7:15 PM

Ages: 1 - 5

Come with your little one for bedtime stories, music and a play time. Bring your favorite stuffed animal!

Get Creative with Play Doh

Wednesday, March 5, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Ages: 3 - 10

Make something great with Play-Doh!



Pet Pals

Thursday, March 6, 4:00 - 5:00 PM, Grades: K - 5

Explore the many pets you can have at home.

Music with Dara

Friday, March 7. 10:30 - 11:15 AM, Wind Songs

Friday, April 11, 10:30 - 11:15 AM, April Showers

Ages: Birth - 5

Enjoy a musical story time with Miss Dara.

Family Story Time

Saturdays, March 8 and April 12, 10:30 - 11:00

Grades: PreK - 5

Enjoy stories, songs and a craft.

Kids Yoga

Saturdays, March 8 and April 12

2:00 - 2:45 PM, Ages: 4 - 10

Enjoy a magical kids yoga class. Each session is an adventure through storytelling and movement.

Tot's Night Out

Monday, March 10, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, March Lion

Monday, April 14, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Little Ducks

Ages: 18 months - 5 years

Enjoy music, movement, activities, and a craft!



CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Sign-up for all Children's classes begins March 1 and April 1.

North Babylon School District residents only with library card and PIN.

Please let us know in advance if you will need an accommodation that will make an event accessible to you.

ASL for Tweens

Tuesdays, March 11, 25, April 15, 29

4:00-5:00 PM, Grades: 4 - 8

Learn ASL including the most used phrases.



Children's Chess Club

Tuesdays, March 11 and 25, April 8 and 29

6:00 - 7:30 PM, Grades: 1 - 5

Practice your game and improve your skills!

Pre-School Story Time Classes

Wednesdays, March 12 and 26, April 16 and 23

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM, Ages: 2 - 5

Fridays, March 21 and 28, April 4 and 25

6:45 - 7:15 PM, Ages: 2 - 5

Join us for stories, crafts and activities



Drop in Play Date

Thursdays, March 13, 27, April 3, 24

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, Ages 1 - 5



Imagination Station

Friday, March 14, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Gr: PreK - 5

Stop into our Imagination Station and see what you can create with various crafting materials.



Sensory Story Time

Saturday, March 15

11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, Ages: 2 - 5

An interactive story time for the most restless listener.

St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt

Monday, March 17, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Gr: PreK - 5

Search for Leprechaun treasure, earn a prize!

Just Baby and Me

Tuesdays, March 18, April 15, 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Ages: Birth - 18 months

Bouncy rhymes, nursery rhymes, music & simple instruments, free play time with toys, and bubbles!

Lego Fun

Wednesdays, March 19 and April 9

4:00 - 4:45 PM, Grades: 1 - 5



Catching Colors

Thursday, March 20, 10:30 - 11:00 AM, Yellow

Thursday, April 10, 10:30 - 11:00 AM, Green

Ages: 18 months - 4 years

Zumba Kids

Saturdays, March 22 and April 26

11:00 - 11:45 AM, Grades: K - 5

Develop a healthy lifestyle, incorporate fitness.



Baby Music

Saturdays, March 22 and April 19

2:00 - 2:45 PM, Ages: 3 months - 18 months

Little ones and caregivers come together for a harmonious adventure.

Ceramic Bunny

Monday, March 24, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Grades: 2 - 5

Paint a beautiful spring bunny to take home.

Craft Buddies: Spring Craft

Wednesday, March 26, 5:30 - 6:00 PM, Gr: K - 2

Tween Sketch and Stretch

Saturday, March 29, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, Gr. 4 - 8

Join Adrienne for a fun and relaxing yoga class.

Paint Night: Springtime Bee

Monday, March 31, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Grades: K - 5

Paint a cute little bee on a daisy swing.

Literature Scavenger Hunt

Monday, April 7, 4:00 - 7:30 PM, Ages: 3 - 11

Drop- In Games and Crafts

Wednesday, April 16, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Gr: PreK-5

Paleontology - Dinosaurs

Thursday, April 17, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, Ages: 4 - 10

Learn how big dinosaurs were, make a fossil.

Stories and Stretches

Saturday, April 19, 11:00 - 11:45 AM, Ages: 2 - 5

Enjoy an interactive story time where we will act out characters.

Dog Bandana & Bracelet

Monday, April 21, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Grades: K - 5

Make your best friend a bandana to wear.

Backyard Wildlife

Monday, April 28, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Grades: K - 5

Meet a variety of animals that might live in your neighborhoods.



YOUNG ADULT CLASSES

Sign-up for all Young Adult classes begins March 1.

North Babylon School District residents only with library card, 6th - 12th grade.

Please let us know in advance if you will need an accommodation that will make an event accessible to you.

100 Books Before Graduation

A reading challenge for teens to read 100 books before high school graduation. Register at the NBPL website, track your books. Every 10 books will earn you a prize. North Babylon cardholders only.

Having Healthy Relationships

Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Learn characteristics of healthy relationships, improve communication skills and promote self respect and the respect of others.

SAT Prep Workshop

Tuesdays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Prepare for the SAT with this multiple session workshop. Study materials provided. \$85 fee. Held at the Bay Shore Brightwaters Public Library.

Non-refundable/non-transferrable.

Chess Buddies CSC

Tuesdays, March 11 and 25, April 8 and 29

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Teach a child to play chess. You must know how to play chess to volunteer for this program.

Chess Buddies Training CSC

Wednesday, March 12, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Chess basics and the mechanics of the game.

Craft Buddies CSC

Wednesday, March 26, 5:30 - 6:00 PM

Help younger children make fun crafts and earn community service credit while doing it!

Tween Sketch and Stretch

Saturday, March 29, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, Gr. 4 - 8

Join Adrienne for a fun and relaxing Yoga class.

YA Seed Library

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Kindness Rocks CSC

Wednesday, April 2, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Earn community service by decorating rocks.

Craft and Connect CSC

Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Combine arts and crafts with open discussions

Adolescent Suicide Prevention

Wednesday, April 16, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Learn suicide warning signs, local hotlines and how to help a friend that is struggling.

Little Birdhouse Workshop

Wednesday, April 23, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Paint and decorate an adorable little birdhouse.

Decorate a Bag CSC

Wednesday, April 30, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Earn community service credit by decorating tote bags for the library and its' patrons.

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815 Deer Park Avenue
North Babylon, New York 11703-3812
(631) 669 - 4020

Board of Trustees

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Library Hours (subject to change):

9 AM - 8 PM, Monday - Friday

9 AM - 5 PM, Saturday

1 PM - 5 PM, Sunday (Oct - May)

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