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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

At the January Board of Trustees meeting, the Board adopted a proposed 2013-2014 budget that requests the community's approval of a 2% budget increase. Your Board of Trustees and I spent many months working on this plan. We are very sensitive to the needs of the community.

Free digital downloads to your Kindle/Nook/iPad/Kobo/etc
Scan documents or photos to e-mail or a disk drive in full color
Dub your personal videos to DVD before they degenerate
Free passes to a wide variety of museums

Many Americans feel that because the Library provides free access to materials and resources, it plays an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed. There is compelling evidence, nationwide, that a decade long trend of increasing library use is continuing, and we see it here in North Babylon.

Children's story times, reading clubs, programs and crafts
Programs for seniors, adults, young adults, children and toddlers
Health screenings from Good Samaritan and St. Francis Hospitals
Computer classes and one-on-one computer training
Outgoing fax services

Despite the oppressive summer heat waves and Hurricane Sandy, your Library was open and fully staffed - even when our own homes had no utilities. The community values and relies on services from the Library.

Access to authoritative data bases
Career counseling and job search assistance
The latest DVDs and music CDs for your entertainment
Books, newspapers and magazines to read

More information on the upcoming budget can be found on pages 4-5 in this issue of the *News & Notes*. You enjoy the Library hours and services and you count on the Library to be up to date on the latest technologies; we simply ask for your support. Our annual budget vote and trustee election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd, from 1 PM to 9 PM in the Library.

Marc David Horowitz

ADULT PROGRAMS

Sign-up for all Adult Programs begins March 1

Unless otherwise noted, the first day of sign-up for all programs is limited to North Babylon residents only. Non-residents may sign up, space permitting, on the following business day. All fees are non-refundable. Please notify the library if handicapped access to programs is required.



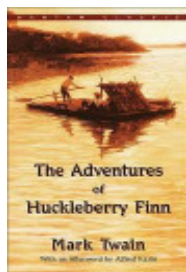
Book Discussions

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

Wednesday, March 6
7:00 - 8:00 PM
The Birth of Venus
by Sarah Dunant



Tuesday, March 19
10:00 - 11:00 AM
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
by Mark Twain



Long Island Reads

April is National Library Month. To celebrate, libraries all over Nassau and Suffolk will be reading Sutton. Come to either book discussion to be a part of the celebration.

Wednesday, April 3
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Sutton
by J. R. Moehringer



Tuesday, April 23
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Sutton
by J. R. Moehringer

A fictionalized account of Willie Sutton, born in Brooklyn and one of the most notorious criminals in American history, traces his life, his doomed romance with his first love, and his surprise pardon on Christmas Eve in 1969.

Author J. R. Moehringer is a Pulitzer Prize winning investigative reporter and native of Manhasset, New York. This book will appeal to many readers - young, old, male, female, fiction lovers and history buffs.

**The Library will be closed on
March 31, Easter Sunday**

Movies for Adults

Fridays at 1:00 PM

The Library continues to show the latest released movies. The list of the month's selections is available at the Library. Doors open at 12:40 PM. Light refreshments served.



Career Counselor

Mondays, March 4 and April 1, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Saturdays, March 16 and April 20, 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 residents only.

English as a Second Language

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 - 3:00 PM
(Except holidays)
Conversational English, listening/speaking, communication skills, grammar, vocabulary and writing are emphasized.



Knitting Club at Night

Tuesdays, March 5 and 12, April 9 and 30, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Roberta welcomes all beginning to advanced knitters!

Knitting Club

Mondays, March 11, and 18, April 1 and 22
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Knitting Club is back with local knitting expert Roberta.



Crochet Club

Thursdays, April 11 and 25, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Bring your projects and questions for Joan!



Saturdays, March 2 or April 13, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Come into the Library to register for this program. \$17 fee for AARP members payable to AARP; \$19 non-members.

**Get out of the house and visit
a great museum for free.
Check out a museum pass!**

ADULT PROGRAMS (continued)

Adult Game Days

Mondays, March 4 and 18, April 1, 22, 29, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

We provide the space, tables and chairs. You bring your friends and board or card games to play. Coffee and tea served.



Shed the Meds

Wednesday, March 6, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Safely dispose of expired/unused/unwanted medications.



Computer Tutors

Monday, March 11, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Meet with a teen "expert" who will teach you how to use a computer, search the Internet or program your cell phone.

GRASP/GED Home Study

Monday, March 11, 5:30 - 9:00 PM

This is a free home study program designed for adults 21 and over to help prepare for the GED test.

Chair Yoga

Fridays, March 15, 22, April 5, 12, and 19, 9:30 - 10:30 AM

A wonderful type of yoga that incorporates yoga poses seated on the chair, as well as standing using the chair for support. For patrons with balance problems or joint issues.

Scrabble Night

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Board strategy, rules of play, tips to find anagrams. Learn tips and techniques from our local Scrabble guru, Marjorie. Bring your board game if you have one.



How Do I Volunteer?

Thursday, March 21, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

LI Volunteer Center will discuss their organization, opportunities available and ways to find other organizations.



Computer First Grade

Monday, March 25, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

How to work with text including inputting, inserting, moving and erasing, as well as basic word processing skills.

Computer Second Grade

Monday, April 15, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Working with numbers and an introduction to spreadsheets, basic techniques, workbooks, inputting data.

Fees have been waived for these classes

Country Style Spring Hat Craft

Monday, March 25, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Create your own special Country spring hat craft. Makes a great wall hanging to spruce up any room. \$8 fee.

Foreign Film Nights

Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 - 9:00 PM



Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Defensive Driving

Saturdays, March 30 or April 27, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Defensive driving course for patrons of all ages. \$37 fee.



Infant & Child CPR/Choking

Wednesday, April 3, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Lori Green, a Registered Nurse, certified CPR instructor and former EMT will instruct you in the life-saving techniques of CPR and the Heimlich maneuver for choking. Certificate upon completion. \$35 fee.



Take the Train to NYC

Saturday, April 6, 9:28 AM from Babylon Train Station

\$8.75 roundtrip. Cash or check made payable to Cultural Programming Fund no later than Monday, April 1. Children under 5 years old are free. Arrive by 9:10 AM, receive your return ticket good anytime that day. Non-refundable.

Wii Challenge for Adults

Monday, April 8, 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

Join us for a morning of fun! This session try your luck at Carnival Games, Wii version. Games include ring toss, balloon darts and much more! No experience required!



Tips for Writing and Publishing

Monday, April 15, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Join Matt Erickson, NB school librarian as he discusses steps to develop your writing career. Tips for processing/writing, different ways to publish and promote your work.

Alzheimer's 101

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

A representative from the Alzheimer's Foundation will present an overview of the disease, symptoms, exams, testing, treatment, and tips for caregivers.

Library Basics

Friday, April 19, 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

A tour of the library and demonstration of the catalog.

As I See It

Sunday, April 21, 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of music with Lois Morton as she performs her original show.



**North Babylon Public Library
Proposed Budget**

	2012-2013 Approved	2013-2014 Proposed	\$ Change Proposed	% Change Proposed
EXPENSES				
<i>Supplies and Materials</i>				
Books, Video, DVD, CD	164,000	164,000	0	0.0
Periodicals	15,500	15,500	0	0.0
Software, CD-ROM, Online Services	37,400	37,400	0	0.0
General Supplies	46,000	46,000	0	0.0
Circulation Control	22,000	22,000	0	0.0
Maintenance Supplies	4,000	4,000	0	0.0
Library Programs	40,000	40,000	0	0.0
<i>Professional and Technical Services</i>				
Legal, SCLS, Treasurer, Auditor	69,050	70,800	1,750	2.5
<i>Building Operation and Maintenance</i>				
Telephone, Electric, Gas, Water	104,000	99,000	-5,000	-4.8
Building Repair, Building Improvement	30,000	30,000	0	0.0
Snow Removal, Trash Removal	5,300	5,300	0	0.0
Security Service	40,250	40,250	0	0.0
Fire, Liability, Comprehensive	20,200	20,200	0	0.0
<i>Library Operations</i>				
Printing, Publication, Postage	25,500	27,500	2,000	7.8
Travel, Continuing Education, MTA tax	10,970	11,019	49	0.4
Membership Dues, Election Expenses	7,500	7,500	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 Benefits</i>				
Retirement, Social Security	359,000	385,000	26,000	7.2
Health Insurance	340,000	360,600	20,600	6.1
Workers Compensation	11,300	11,300	0	0.0
Optical, Disability, Dental, Life Ins.	27,570	27,570	0	0.0
Employee Assistance Program	1,200	1,200	0	0.0
<i>Equipment</i>				
Equipment and Furniture	38,000	38,000	0	0.0
<i>Salaries</i>				
Librarians	623,000	629,000	6,000	1.0
Clerical, Technical, Pages	774,375	782,250	7,875	1.0
Maintenance	64,150	64,800	650	1.0
<i>Total</i>	2,924,265	2,984,189	59,924	2.0
REVENUES				
State Aid, Interest, Copy, Fines, Etc.	109,675	105,675	-4,000	-3.6
Amount to be raised by taxation	2,814,590	2,878,514	63,924	2.3
Assessed Valuation	33,174,201	32,881,788	-292,413	-0.9
Tax per \$100 assessed value	8.484	8.754	0.27	3.2
Proposed cost / household @ \$3500	296.95	306.39	9.44	3.2
Average monthly increase:		0.79		

Voter Information

Who Can Vote:

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 vote.

Who Is Registered: All persons who were registered for and who voted in any North Babylon school or library election held at any time within four years prior to April 2, 2013 are eligible to vote in this election.

Note: Any District resident who is qualified to vote in general elections and who remains qualified to vote from the residence address from which he registered and who has voted in a general election within the last four years is qualified to vote in this library election.

**Register in person at the
NBSD Central Administration Office
5 Jardine Place, North Babylon
between 9 AM and 3 PM
or through the Board of Elections.
BOE applications are available at the
Reference Desk.**

Regarding Absentee Ballots:

1. You must fill out an application in order to receive an absentee ballot.
2. Applications are available at the Library's Business Office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, until Monday, April 1, 2013. Telephone 669-4020 for further information.

**Public Information Meeting
and Candidate Presentation:
Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 PM**

**Annual Budget Vote &
Trustee Election:
Tuesday, April 2, 1-9 PM**

A Message from Your Board of Trustees

If you want to discover just how busy the Library is, just take a look at the parking lot. More often than not you will find that it is filled to capacity, and beyond. Frequently we have patrons creating their own parking spaces! Upon entering the Library, many people ask, "what's going on here today?" or "what are you giving away today?" Well, the answer is there's a lot going on and exceptional service is being given away every day.

You may be one of our patrons using the Library to meet friends, participate in game day, attend a Tai Chi class, or watch a Friday afternoon movie. You might be borrowing a museum pass, participating in a special cooking class, concert, book discussion, craft or lecture held throughout the year - this would all explain the full parking lot. Don't forget all the Children's programs and services! Let's not forget, parking spaces are being taken up by patrons who use our computers, learn to use their e-readers (Kindle/Nook/iPad/Kobo, etc), do research, read a magazine or a newspaper or even borrow a book.

We are asking for your support of a 2% increase in our budget. We remain within the Governor's tax cap, a most formidable task. We recognize and share economic hardships. We would like you to consider supporting an increase of \$9.44 total, based on the average home assessed at \$3500.

During the heat waves of last summer and Hurricane Sandy, it was very clear that your Library is an essential service. For many patrons, we were the place to literally and figuratively recharge. The services that the Library provides are indispensable.

We have prepared for increases in health insurance and retirement. Both programs are coordinated by NYS. The retirement system has added a new tier for new hires with limited benefits. Both have been traditionally very well funded despite negative media coverage. We have prepared for a modest salary increase for the staff.

Registration continues to be held through the school district and the Board of Elections. Questions about the proposed budget will be addressed at the Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 PM. Our Library Director, Marc Horowitz, is available to sit down with patrons to review budgetary questions at any time.

The budget increase will cost a taxpayer with a home assessed at \$3,500 about 79 cents per month.

**Your Board of Trustees believes that the
Library is worthy of your support.**

We think that our Library is the best bargain in town. If you agree, come down on April 2nd and demonstrate your support.

Anna Fogel
Tory T. Hare
Muriel Schechtel
Donald E. Weimer
Ronald J. Wroblewski

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Sign-up for all Young Adult Programs begins March 1

Computer Tutors

Monday, March 11, 3:45 - 5:00 PM

Earn Community Service Credit while teaching an adult how to use a computer, tablet, or cell phone.



Enrichment Program: St. Patrick's Day Bracelet

Tuesday, March 12, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Students with special needs and their parents are invited to join us at the Library in creating beautiful St. Patrick's Day themed charm bracelets.



Irish Soda Bread and Scones

Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Learn the technique of creating delicious Irish Soda Bread Scones and complement them with a refreshing green shake. Make enough to bring some home for St. Patrick's Day.



Chess Buddies

Fridays, March 15 and April 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Do you love chess and want to help younger children improve their chess game? Join the Chess Buddies and help out with the Chess Club.



Ceramic Trinket Box

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Paint a charming trinket box to store all of your most prized possessions. Perfect for jewelry, loose change, or any other treasure you might have!



Here Comes the Boom!

Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 - 8:45 PM

High school biology teacher Scott Voss is desperate to save the music program at his cash-strapped school. Learning that fighting in MMA matches provides a pretty nice payout, Voss decides to put his former collegiate wrestling skills to the test and climb into the octagon.



Book Buddies

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Pair up with a younger child to help them to practice their reading skills! The first session on April 4th will begin at 6:30 PM for an orientation. Community Service Credit will be given at the end of the program.

SAT Review Course

Wednesdays, April 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Learn some tips to help you succeed on the SAT. Prepare for the SAT or PSAT with this four-session workshop. Workbook is included. \$85 fee payable to the Cultural Programming Fund.



Enrichment Program: Springtime Pillows

Friday, April 19, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Students with special needs and their parents are invited to come to the Library and create a fun Spring-themed pillow.



AUTHORS Unlimited

Saturday, April 27th, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Held at St. Joseph's College

This FREE full-day event is open to everyone, but teens get preferred seating. Come prepared to meet dynamic authors of young adult literature as they present during breakout sessions and even sign autographs. Visit www.authorsunlimited.org for more details and registration. A limited number of teens will be chosen from Suffolk County to be a part of the "author entourage," which includes breakfast with the authors and being one of the author's "personal assistants" for the day! It also includes 7 hours of Community Service Credit. The deadline for this opportunity is Friday, March 22nd.

**Programs are open to Young
Adults 6th - 12th Grade**

*Sign-up for all Children's Programs begins March 1.
North Babylon School District residents only with library card
Phone registration after 10 AM. Patrons may sign up family members only.*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Drop-In Play Dates

Fridays, March 1 and April 5, 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

Ages: 18 months - 5 years

Drop by the Children's Room with your preschooler for a play date with other children of the same age group. We supply the space and toys - you supply the fun! Siblings welcome, no registration required.



Tot's Night Out

Monday, March 4, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Ages: 18 months - 5 years

Enjoy a fun-filled hour with music, crafts, stories and fun!

Mother Goose

Thursday, March 7, 10:00 - 10:30 AM

Tuesday, April 2, 2:00 - 2:30 PM

Ages: Birth - 23 months

Entertain your baby with music by Miss Dara.



Toddler Time

Thursday, March 7, 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Tuesday, April 2, 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Ages: 24 - 36 months

Toddlers will enjoy music and songs with Miss Dara.

Saturday Story Hour

Saturday, March 9, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Ages: 3 - 7

Come and enjoy a storytime and a craft!



Preschool Storytime

**Wednesdays, March 13, 20, and 27, April 10, 17 and 24
10:30 - 11:00 AM**

Ages 2 - 3

**Wednesdays, March 13, 20, and 27, April 10, 17 and 24
2:00 - 2:30 PM**

Ages 3 - 5

**Thursdays, March 14, 21 and 28, April 11, 18 and 25
10:30 - 11:00 AM**

Ages 3 - 5

Join us for stories, songs, crafts and parachute fun with your little one.



Leprechaun Dandy Candy

Thursday, March 14, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Mold a lucky chocolate leprechaun lollipop to keep company with marshmallow pops and pretzel rods that you'll dip in chocolate and decorate with sprinkles and green chocolate!



Chess Club

Fridays, March 15 and April 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Grades: 1 - 5

Practice your game and improve your skills by matching wits with your playing partners!



Solar System

Saturday, March 16, 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Grades: 2 - 5

Learn all about our fascinating solar system, enjoy an interactive story, and make a solar system wind chime to take home with you.



Leprechaun Secrets

Saturday, March 16, 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Grades: K - 4

Learn about the colors of the rainbow, listen to a story, experience leprechaun science demonstrations and participate in activities, make green snow and worms, and then - take home your own lucky leprechaun!



Nature Into Art

Monday, March 18, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Discover gorgeous gigantic flowers, seashells, and other natural items in colorful paintings by Georgia O'Keeffe. Then, turn your favorite seashells or flowers into giant painted masterpieces. Program presented by artist/author Joyce Raimondo.



Lego Fun

Fridays, March 22 and April 26, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades: 1 - 5

Come join us and create something wonderful with Legos! Your creations will be displayed in the Library's lobby showcase.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (continued)

Babies Boogie

Saturdays, March 23 and April 6, 1:30 - 2:15 PM

Ages: Birth - 24 Months

Learn developmentally appropriate songs, dances, chants, activities and finger plays from around the world! Experience delight with your baby as you make music together.

Toddlers Tango

Saturdays, March 23 and April 6, 2:30 - 3:15 PM

Ages: 2 - 5

Enjoy tons of wiggles and giggles with your toddler as you explore rhythm and movement to music.



Mosaic Butterfly

Tuesday, March 26, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Create an art piece on canvas using paint, acrylic gems, beads, and buttons in the shape of a butterfly of your choice.



Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies

Thursday, March 28, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Grades: K - 5

Listen to a story about rabbits, make a soft bunny craft, hold and pet real live baby bunnies.



Kids Can Vote Too!

Tuesday, April 2, 1:00 - 9:00 PM

Grades: PreK - 5

Come out - and exercise your right to vote! Let everyone know who your favorite author, characters and books are on this important date! Winners will be posted Wednesday, April 3rd.

Book Buddies

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades: K - 2

Children will enjoy pairing up with a teen reading buddy to practice their reading skills!

Ceramic Dragon Box

Monday, April 8, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades: 2 - 5

Paint a dragon box to hold and guard your special treasures. Please wear old clothes/paint smock.



Everything But The Oink!

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

Grades: K - 5

Learn why pigs are the most beneficial animal on a farm, their characteristics, and facts and myths about them. Enjoy baby piglets that will be brought in from Cornell Cooperative Farm.



Spring Fairy House

Saturday, April 20, 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Grades: K - 5

Enjoy designing a beautiful fairy house out of wood, spring flowers, buds, leaves, and a sprinkle of fairy dust for good measure!



Earth Day Celebration

Monday, April 22, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades: K - 5 (K - 2 w/parent)

Celebrate Earth Day with us and learn about this important holiday. Make wearable jewelry out of recycled beads, clay, and sea glass.



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9 am to 5 pm Saturday

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