



News & Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

At the January Board of Trustees meeting, the Board adopted a proposed 2014 - 2015 budget that requests the community's approval of a 1.46% increase. Your Board and I worked hard to come up with a realistic plan for the services the community wants and needs while maintaining respect for your tax dollars.

We need to raise literate children

Readers are Leaders! The easiest, simplest way is to teach them to read and show them that reading is a pleasurable activity. Fiction can show us a different world - it can take you somewhere you've never been.

The staff magically transforms our plain building into something very special

We offer services that are unavailable anywhere else - career counseling for all ages, computer training, book downloads, programs and concerts, free WiFi, books, DVDs, museum passes and research assistance. We offer traditional and cutting edge technology. And it's all wrapped up in a wonderful surrounding.

"Libraries hold the keys to the universe" ***Kiki Hamilton, author***

Do you need one-on-one training with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, use of your new tablet or downloading e-books? You can get it at the Library! Make an appointment with our reference librarians.

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

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 8, from 1 PM to 9 PM in the library.

Marc David Horowitz

ADULT PROGRAMS

Sign-up for all Adult Programs begins March 1. Phone registration after 10 AM.

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.

Thursday, March 6, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Goldberg Variations, by Susan Isaacs

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

Noah's Compass, by Anne Tyler

Thursday, April 3, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

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

The Manor: Three Centuries at a Slave Plantation on Long Island, by Mac Griswold

The Sugar Connection: Holland, Barbados, England, Shelter Isl.

Tuesday, April 29, 6:45 - 8:45 PM

The unknown story of LI's involvement in the 17th century global trade - a story missed in our history. Coordinates with the Mac Griswold book, above.

ESL Classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 Noon - 3:00 PM

GRASP HSE Home Study

Monday, April 28, 5:30 - 9:00 PM

Career Counselor

Mondays, March 3 and April 7

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturdays, March 15 and 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.

AARP Defensive Driving

Saturdays, March 1 or April 5

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

\$20 fee for AARP members, \$25 non-members. Make checks payable to AARP.

Defensive Driving

Saturdays, March 29 or April 26

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

\$39 fee.



Knitting Club

Mondays, March 10 and 24, April 7 and 21

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon



Knitting Club at Night

Tuesdays, March 4 and 25, April 1 and 22

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Crochet Club with Joan

Thursdays, April 10 and 24, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Computer Tutors

Thursday, March 13, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Work with a teen to use a computer, tablet or phone. North Babylon cardholders only.

Diabetes: What's Your Risk?

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

Join Joshua D. Miller, MD, MPH, as he answers your questions and provides you with tips on how to prevent Diabetes. Dr. Miller will also discuss the latest treatments for Type 2 Diabetes.

Take the Train to NYC

Saturday, March 15, 9:00 AM

\$8.75 roundtrip. Cash or check made payable to Cultural Programming Fund no later than March 10. Arrive at the Babylon train station by 9:00 AM where you will be issued your return ticket on the platform. The train leaves the Babylon train station at 9:35 AM. Non-refundable.

Foreign Film Night You Will Be My Son

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



Bus Trip - Thimble Islands

Monday, June 23 Call for details! \$87 fee.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Introduction to Printmaking

Thursday, March 20, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Have fun while making multiple copies of your art work for note cards, gift wrap or share with friends.

Helping to Grow Your Business

Friday, March 21, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Financial incentives, ombudsman services, manufacturing support and other services available from the Suffolk County Dept. of Economic Development.

Computer Security

Monday, March 24, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Learn how to protect yourself against computer malware, spam, identity theft and scams.

Introduction to Etsy

Thursday, March 27, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Learn how to sell on Etsy, where people connect to buy and sell unique, handmade goods or supplies.

Gentle Yoga

Fridays, Session A: March 28, April 4, 11 or

Session B: April 25, May 2, 9

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Stretching and alignment. Patrons may sign up for EITHER Session.

Irish Songs and Stories

Sunday, March 30, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Join Seanchai Jim Hawkins for stories and songs with themes in Irish history, culture and tradition.

All About E-mail

Monday, March 31, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Learn how to create an e-mail address using some of the more popular e-mail providers.

Hearing Loss and You

Wednesday, April 2, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

LI Hearing will be conducting hearing screenings.

Senior ID Cards/Shed the Meds

Wednesday, April 2, 12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM

Flower Power Preservation Soc.

Sunday, April 13, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Songs and messages of the 60s. Groovy, man!

Desktop Publishing

Monday, April 14, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Use Microsoft Word to create cards, letterhead, transfer designs, newsletters, notepaper and much more.

Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Monday, April 14, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

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

Free advocacy, shelter, counseling and legal services.

Department of Social Services

Tuesday, April 15, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

SNAP, Medicaid, HEAP, Section 8, and more.

Pysanky Ukrainian Egg Decorating

Wednesday April 16, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Decorate delicate egg shells with intricate designs. \$12 fee.



CPR/AED Class

Thursday, April 17, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Red Cross certification upon completion. \$35 fee.

Spring Book Swap

Saturday, April 19, 2:30 - 4:30 PM

Swap or trade for books from our book bank.

Beginning Mah Jongg Workshop

Mondays, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Learn Mah Jongg! \$9 fee.

Drop in Craft

Tuesday, April 22

Create a simple craft to take home with you.

The Most Beautiful Cars

Sunday, April 27, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Roy Jaffe, former senior stylist at General Motors, will share images and information about beautiful and unusual cars from his extensive photo collection.

Capital Access for Business

Wednesday, April 30, 9:30 - 11:30 AM

The LI Development Corporation will discuss conventional loans, SBA loans, micro loans, targeted loans and alternative financing for your business.

**North Babylon Public Library
Proposed Budget**

| | 2013-2014 Approved | 2014-2015 Proposed | \$ Change Proposed | % Change Proposed |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| <i>Supplies and Materials</i> | | | | |
| Books, E-books, DVD, CD | 164,000 | 144,000 | -20,000 | -12.2 |
| 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 | 70,800 | 70,800 | 0 | 0.0 |
| <i>Building Operation and Maintenance</i> | | | | |
| Telephone, Electric, Gas, Water | 99,000 | 99,000 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 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 | 27,500 | 27,500 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Travel, Continuing Education, MTA tax | 11,019 | 11,067 | 48 | 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 | 385,000 | 410,000 | 25,000 | 6.5 |
| Health Insurance | 360,600 | 383,000 | 22,400 | 6.2 |
| Workers Compensation | 11,300 | 13,250 | 1,950 | 17.3 |
| 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 | 629,000 | 635,000 | 6,000 | 1.0 |
| Clerical, Technical, Pages | 782,250 | 789,750 | 7,500 | 1.0 |
| Maintenance | 64,800 | 65,450 | 650 | 1.0 |
| Total | 2,984,189 | 3,027,737 | 43,548 | 1.46 |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| State Aid, Interest, Copy, Fines, Etc. | 105,675 | 105,675 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Amount to be raised by taxation | 2,878,514 | 2,922,062 | 43,548 | 1.5 |
| Assessed Valuation | 32,881,788 | 32,640,953 | -240,835 | -0.7 |
| Tax per \$100 assessed value | 8.754 | 8.952 | 0.20 | 2.3 |
| Proposed cost / household @ \$3500 | 306.39 | 313.32 | 6.93 | 2.3 |
| Average monthly increase: | | 0.58 | | |

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 or library election within four years prior to April 8th, 2014 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 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 the
NBSD Central Administration Office
5 Jardine Place, North Babylon
Between 9 AM and 3 PM
or through the
Board of Elections**

Absentee 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 an absentee ballot with SASE. The ballot must be mailed or handed personally to the individual voter.
4. Return the signed ballot by April 7, 2014.

**Public Information Meeting
and Candidate Presentation:
Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 PM**

**Annual Budget Vote
and Trustee Election:
Tuesday, April 8, 1 - 9 PM**

From Your Board of Trustees

Libraries are about freedom - freedom to read, freedom of ideas and freedom of communication. Libraries are about education, about entertainment, about making safe spaces and about access to information. Books are only the tip of the iceberg. Our Library is a repository of information that gives every resident equal access.

Recent research shows that Americans overwhelmingly value the role of their public library in their community, and our local experience matches that research. We recognize that our Library plays an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed, promotes literacy, improves the quality of life in North Babylon, and provides services that can not be found elsewhere.

Our Librarians and support staff are no longer the gate keepers of information; they are the guides to help patrons through the myriad of information. They help us separate the authoritative information from everything else.

Our proposed budget remains within the tax cap. Significant increases are health insurance and retirement and a small increase for our staff.

All measures of library use continue to increase. Door count, circulation, web site traffic, downloadable books and use of all other services have increased dramatically.

Registration will 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 18 at 6:30 PM. If approved, the budget increase will cost a taxpayer with a home assessed at \$3500 about 58 cents per month.

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

If you agree, we urge you to come down on April 8th and demonstrate your support.

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

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

*Sign-up for all Young Adult Programs begins March 1.
Programs are open to North Babylon Young Adults in 6th - 12th grade*

Teen Tech Week

March 9 - 15

Stop by the Library this week for our fun tech-themed programs. While you're here, check out our TTW displays including the QR wall!

Chocolate Candy Pot of Gold

Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 - 8:15 PM

Mold a 3D chocolate pot of gold dipped into rainbow sprinkles and brushed with gold edible dust. Present it on a gold foil round that you'll decorate by hand painting shamrocks using a brush and green chocolate. The pot is approximately 3 ¼ inches wide and 2 ¾ inches tall and weighs about 6 ounces.



Computer Tutors

Thursday, March 13, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

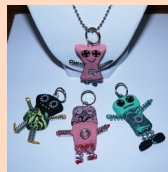
Earn Community Service Credit while teaching an adult how to use a computer, tablet, or cell phone.



Polymer Clay Robot Pendant

Friday, March 14, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Create a dynamic robot-themed pendant complete with all the nuts and bolts! Put it on a chain for a one-of-a-kind necklace or use it as a keychain.



Summer Reading Promo Video

Tuesday, March 18, 4:00 PM

Saturday, March 22, 10:00 AM

Help us film our annual summer reading video. You will help write the script, act and film the video. Once complete, it will be shown to 6th grade classes at RMMS



Chess Buddies Volunteers

Fridays, March 21 and April 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Do you love chess and want to help younger children improve their game? Join the Chess Buddies and earn Community Service Credit while having fun!

YA Movie:

The Ender's Game

Saturday, March 22, 2:30 - 4:30 PM

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SAT Review

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 23 and 30, 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Prepare for the SAT or PSAT with this four-session workshop where you will learn tips for success. A workbook is included. \$85 fee.



Super Bingo Buddies

Thursday, April 17, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

The Library is seeking volunteers to help run a bingo program for children. Volunteers will call numbers, explain the rules, and give out prizes.



Spring Book Swap

Saturday, April 19, 2:30 - 4:30 PM

Stop by the Library with a gently used book of your own and leave with someone else's donated treasure. One to one swap. Like new condition, please.



Featured Database of the Month Global Road Warrior

With the click of a button, you have access to a plethora of information about 175 countries including quick facts, maps, places of interest, recipes, photos, customs, traditions, holidays and more. A great go-to source for world travelers, providing information on greetings, transportation and the immunizations you'll need before taking that long awaited trip. Go to NorthBabylonPL.org and click on "Research" or ask at the Reference Desk.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

Mother Goose and Toddler Time

Thursday, March 6

10:00 - 10:30 AM and 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Tuesday, April 8

2:00 - 2:30 PM and 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Enjoy music and stories with Miss Dara.



Drop-In Play Dates

Friday, March 7 and Thursday, April 3

10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

Ages: 18 months - 5 years

We supply the space and toys - you supply the fun!
Siblings welcome, no registration required.



Family Story Hour

Saturdays, March 8 and April 12

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Grades: PreK - 5

Have fun with your child listening to stories,
enjoying songs and a fun craft!



Ceramic Cuddle Chicks

Monday, March 10, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades: 2 - 5

Paint, with guided instruction, two adorable
chicks! Please wear old clothes/paint smock.



Tot's Night Out

Tuesdays, March 11 and April 8, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Ages: 18 months - 5 years

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

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 9, 16, 23

10:30 - 11:00 AM, Ages: 2 - 3

Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 9, 16, 23

2:00 - 2:30 PM, Ages: 3 - 5

Thursdays, March 13, 20, 27 and April 10, 17, 24

10:30 - 11:00 AM, Ages: 3 - 5

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



Leprechaun Secrets

Saturday, March 15, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Grades: K - 5

Uncover hidden rainbows, experience the magic of
color-changing Leprechaun beads and take home
your own Leprechaun, and more.



Babies Boogie

Saturdays, March 15 and April 12

1:30 - 2:15 PM

Ages: Birth - 24 Months

Boogie, wiggle and giggle with
your new dancing partner!



Toddlers Tango

Saturdays, March 15 and April 12

2:30 - 3:15 PM

Ages: 2 - 5

Clap your hands, stomp your feet, wiggle to the beat!

It's About (Green) Slime!

Monday, March 17, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Drop by and make some green slime! Learn about
the properties of slime, quicksand, and make a slime
to take home and one to eat!



Baby Bunnies

Thursday, March 20, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Grades: K - 5

Enjoy stories about baby bunnies, and learn about
bunny care. Experience live baby bunnies in a circle
time.



Chess Club

Fridays, March 21 and April 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Grades: 1 - 5

Practice your game and improve your skills by
matching wits with your playing partners. New and
beginner players welcome!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Spring Time Cookies

Monday, March 24, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Decorate cookie shapes in the form of a birdhouse, flower, lady bug and more with delicious icings, sprinkles, chocolate chips and M&Ms! Take home in a decorated bakery box.



Lego Fun

Fridays, March 28 and April 25, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades: 1 - 5

Come join us and create something wonderful with Legos! Your creations will be displayed.



Bow Tie Bunny Cake

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

Grades: K - 5

Have fun making a bunny face, complete with ears and bow tie, out of cake, frosting, and a variety of candies and sugar eyes!

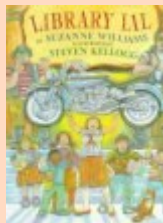


Celebrate Our Library

Tuesday, April 8, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Grades: K - 5

Celebrate our Library with a special presentation of the story, Library Lil, and then decorate two cupcakes - one to eat and one to take home!



Kids Can Vote Too!

Tuesday, April 8, 1:00 - 9:00 PM

Grades: PreK - 5

Come down to the Library and cast your votes for your favorite literary characters and favorite books. Winners will be posted Wednesday, April 9!



Gizmo the Guinea Pig

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

Grades: K - 5

Have fun creating a Gizmo look-alike out of cakes, frosting, and candies, and enjoy a visit from the real Gizmo the Guinea Pig!



Book Bingo

Thursday, April 17, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Grades: 1- 5

Get together with your friends and play BINGO for prizes!



Children's Book Swap

Saturday, April 19, 2:30 - 4:30 PM

Swap your like new books at our book bank.

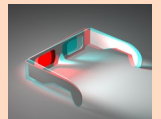


Popping Pictures - 3D

Monday, April 21, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades: 1 - 5

How do those special 3-D glasses work? Use two different types of glasses to read books, see movies and then design your own popping pictures. Take home your own special 3D glasses!



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9 AM - 5 PM, Saturday
1 PM - 5 PM, Sunday (Oct - May)

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