



News & Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

At the January Board of Trustees meeting, the Board adopted a proposed 2015 - 2016 budget that requests the community's approval of a 1.60% increase. This rate is *below* the New York State tax cap.

Your Library is a Unique Place

Many patrons look forward to visiting the physical space of our library, as well as finding our resources on-line. Where else can you take refuge from the weather, get tax assistance, take home valuable things for free, attend a concert, learn how to use new technology, receive career counseling, borrow a tablet, search the Internet, feel like your privacy is protected and are welcomed no matter your background or views?

Your Library Makes the Community Smarter

Even people who don't use the library regularly know how important it is that our library exists. A healthy library contributes to a healthy community. Children who see adults read are more apt to read as adults. Increased literacy correlates with a decreased prison population. Community members willingly come to the library to learn things and they share what they've learned with others. Your library not only makes the community smarter, it makes it better. We are the original "maven-haven."

Your Library Provides You With a Variety of Online Resources

You can download books, magazines, movies and television shows, get homework help, get study assistance, search authoritative databases, or get help writing an essay. Your Library levels the playing field for all community members by offering free technology and information. All you need is your library card.

A Well-Informed Community Makes a Better World

Where can you arrange for computer training, learn how to use your newest tech hardware, attend a lecture or a cultural event, all for free?

Your Library Enriches People's Lives

Summer Reading Clubs are designed to maintain a child's grade level by reading over the summer, which otherwise will drop back a level. If we don't continually educate ourselves, what will happen in 25 years to our community?

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest" - Benjamin Franklin

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

Marc David Horowitz

ADULT CLASSES

Sign-up for all Adult Programs begins March 2. Phone registration after 10 AM.

Unless otherwise noted, the first day of sign-up for all classes 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 let us know in advance if you will need an accommodation that will make an event accessible to you.

Book Discussions

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

Thursday, March 5, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

My Beloved World,

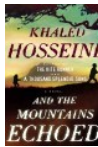
by Sonia Sotomayor



Tuesday, March 31, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

And the Mountains Echoed,

by Khaled Hosseini



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

Tuesday, April 28, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

The Museum of Extraordinary Things,

by Alice Hoffman



ESL Classes

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

GRASP HSE Home Study

Monday, April 13, 5:30 - 9:00 PM

Career Counselor

Mondays, March 2 and April 6

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturdays, March 21 and April 18

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.

Job Fair

Wednesday, May 6, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Find your dream job!

Defensive Driving

Saturdays, March 28 or April 25

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

\$40 fee.



Knitting Club

Mondays, March 2 and 16, April 13 and 20

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon



Crochet Club

Thursday, April 30, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Adult Game Club

Mondays, March 2, 9, April 6, 20, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Computer Tutors

Mondays, March 2, 30, April 13, 20, 27, 3:30 - 4:30

Meet with a teen volunteer to learn how to use a computer, search the Internet or program a cell phone. North Babylon cardholders only.

Drop in Craft

Monday, March 9, All Day

Have some free time? Stop by the Reference Desk to create a set of coasters. While supplies last.



Post Your Pictures Online

Monday, March 16, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Learn how to copy a photo from your camera, edit and post it on Flickr or Shutterfly.

Foreign Film: Force Majeure

Thursday, March 12, 6:45 - 8:45 PM

A family on a ski holiday in the French Alps find themselves staring down an avalanche. Rated R.

Pysanky Ukrainian Egg Decorating

Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Wear old clothing! \$13 fee.



Heart Healthy Panini

Friday, March 20, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Hawaiian chicken panini and a vegetable panini with balsamic soy dipping sauce. For dessert, a chocolate almond ricotta cake. Chef Rob Scott demonstrates and everyone tastes!

ADULT CLASSES

Take the Train to NYC

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 AM

\$8.75 roundtrip, no later than March 15. Arrive at the Babylon train station by 9:00 AM where you will be issued your return ticket on the platform. The train leaves at 9:35 AM. Non-refundable.

Free Health Screenings

Monday, March 23, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

St. Francis Hospital mobile bus will be here for free health screenings. 18 years, no insurance necessary.

Microsoft Word - Mail Merge

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Learn how to use the powerful mail merge feature to easily create and send out large or small mailings.

History of Ireland Thru Music

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

Mike McCormack, the National Historian for the Ancient Order of Hibernians, emphasizes the historic content of a series of Irish ballads, and John Corr sings them in a clear baritone voice, accompanied by his guitar, banjo, and by Mike's bodhran.

Couch to Kitchen Exercise

Monday, March 30, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

A low-impact exercise program with a functional approach. Bring a canned good to use in the exercise.

Resume Writing Workshop

Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Learn how to describe your past work accomplishments in a powerful resume that will help you stand out from your competition and get more interviews.

Careers in Civil Service

Thursday, April 2, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

The variety of careers in Civil Service, how to navigate the Civil Service website, and provide information about applying for examinations. Q & A encouraged.

Adult CPR/AED Class

Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Lori Green, RN will instruct you in the life-saving techniques of CPR, the use of an AED and the Heimlich maneuver for choking. Red Cross certification is received upon completion of the course. \$35 fee.

Latin American Dance

Fridays, April 10, 17 and 24, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Learn the Salsa, Bachata and the Merengue.

Finding Vivian Maier

Sunday, April 12, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

A documentary about a nanny whose previously unknown cache of photographs earned her a reputation as a most accomplished street photographer.

Introductory Embroidery Class

Thursday, April 16, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Satin stitch and straight stitch. Bring a thimble. \$10.

Bus Trips

Lower East Side, April 22, \$66.

Long Island Mansions, June 9, \$59

Check with the Library for more information.

A, B, C and D's of Medicare

Thursday, April 23, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Navigating through Medicare can be overwhelming. How do you choose a suitable plan? It is wise to prepare, compare, and decide what plan offers the most suitable coverage for your particular needs. Explore options that are available to you.

Mankind Band

Sunday, April 26, 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Dance, Motown and Pop from the 60's to today!

Beginning Mah Jongg

Mondays, April 27, May 4, 11, 18, June 1, 8

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Learn to play Mah Jongg! Instruction will include the mechanics of the game as well as strategies. \$9.

The iPhone Camera

Tuesday, April 28, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

The iPhone has an easy to use camera and many available photography apps. You'll see a demonstration of apps for taking pictures, for correcting them, and for enhancing them.

Babylon Real Estate and Mortgage Conference

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

How to sell or list your home; free mortgage check-up; find out what your home is worth.

**North Babylon Public Library
Proposed Budget**

	2014-2015 Approved	2015-2016 Proposed	\$ Change Proposed	% Change Proposed
EXPENSES				
<i>Supplies and Materials</i>				
Books, E-books, DVD, CD	144,000	154,500	10,500	7.3
Periodicals	15,500	15,500	0	0.0
Software, CD-ROM, Online Services	37,400	36,900	-500	-1.3
General Supplies	46,000	46,000	0	0.0
Circulation Control	22,000	20,000	-2,000	-9.1
Maintenance Supplies	4,000	5,000	1,000	25.0
Library Programs	40,000	43,000	3,000	7.5
<i>Professional and Technical Services</i>				
Legal, SCLS, Treasurer, Auditor	70,800	70,900	100	0.1
<i>Building Operation and Maintenance</i>				
Telephone, Electric, Gas, Water	99,000	97,000	-2,000	-2.0
Building Repair, Building Improvement	30,000	30,000	0	0.0
Snow Removal, Trash Removal	5,300	7,300	2,000	37.7
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	11,067	11,120	53	0.5
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	410,000	430,000	20,000	4.9
Health Insurance	383,000	383,000	0	0.0
Workers Compensation	13,250	13,750	500	3.8
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>				
Professional, Clerical, Maintenance	1,402,450	1,415,000	12,550	0.9
Technical	49,000	52,000	3,000	6.1
Pages	38,750	39,000	250	0.6
Total	3,027,737	3,076,190	48,453	1.60
REVENUES				
State Aid, Interest, Copy, Fines, Etc.	105,675	105,675	0	0.0
Amount to be raised by taxation	2,922,062	2,970,515	48,453	1.7
Assessed Valuation	32,640,953	32,404,929	-236,024	-0.7
Tax per \$100 assessed value	8.952	9.167	0.21	2.40
Proposed cost / household @ \$3500	313.32	320.84	7.52	2.40
Average monthly increase:		0.63		

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 14th, 2015 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 13, 2015.

**Public Information Meeting
and Candidate Presentation:
Tuesday, March 17, 6:00 PM**

**Annual Budget Vote
and Trustee Election:
Tuesday, April 14, 1 - 9 PM
In the Library**

From Your Board of Trustees

We recognize that our Library makes a difference in our community, and we take that role seriously.

Over the past few years, we have made significant upgrades to our building in order to lighten our building operation expenses and maintain our Library. A new roof with solar panels and new windows and doors have made the Library quieter and more energy efficient. We are upgrading the fluorescent lighting to LEDs which will lower our electrical bills. We must now address our HVAC units which are far beyond their life span - energy sustainability is the right thing to do. Our goal is to become a LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) building, from which the entire community will benefit.

We believe our Library enriches people's lives.

We have instituted: new downloadable books, magazines (Flipster), movies and television shows (Hoopla), homework help and educational assistance at every level (Brainfuse). We have a shredder, a VHS to DVD transfer station, outgoing FAX, scanner, and a 3D printer. We also offer one-on-one training on your tablet or computer. These are exceptional services for our patrons that other libraries just do not offer.

By remaining below the NYS tax cap and participating in a government efficiency program through the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, we are on target for a community-wide state rebate of this year's Library budget increase. Yes, you could get a check from Albany for the entire increase!

Every measurable statistic of library use continues to increase. Door count, circulation, web site traffic, downloads and use of all other services have increased dramatically.

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

If you agree, we urge you to come down on April 14th and demonstrate your support.

Anna Fogel, President
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Muriel Schechtel, Financial Officer
Tory T. Hare, Secretary
Heidi Leibowitz, Assistant Secretary

YOUNG ADULT CLASSES

*Sign-up for all Young Adult classes begins March 2. Phone registration after 10 AM.
Classes are open to North Babylon Young Adults in 6th - 12th grade*

Teen Tech Week: Libraries are for Making

March 8 - 14

Teen tech week is when libraries make the time to showcase all of the great digital resources and services that are available to help teens succeed in school and prepare for college and 21st century careers. Stop by the Library after school to see what tech projects are in the works: 3D replicator, Google Nexus tablets, a free movie streaming service and a free language learning app.

Computer Tutors

Mondays, March 2, 30, April 13, 20, 27

3:15 - 4:30 PM

Teach an adult how to use a laptop, tablet or cell phone. Community Service Credit given.

Do It Yourself Charging Station

Wednesday, March 11, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Turn an old shoebox into a charging station for your phone, tablet, e-Reader, and more!

Video Game Design

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Learn the basics of video game design. Students will design a game during the class session and be given the resources to continue designing games outside the Library.

St. Patrick's Day Ceramics

Friday, March 13, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Choose to paint a ceramic memory box or a pot of gold that can hold your candy! All supplies provided.

Book Buddies Volunteers

Thursdays, March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Help a child to improve their reading skills! Community Service Credit given. Orientation March 19, 6:30

Chess Club Volunteers

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

Friday, April 10, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Help a younger child improve their chess game. Community Service Credit given.

Bingo and Retro Game Day

Monday, March 23, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Stop in after school to play bingo for prizes. While you're here, check out our collection of retro board games.

SAT

SAT Review

Wednesdays, April 1, 15, 22 and 29, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Prepare for the SAT or PSAT with this four-session workshop where you will learn tips for success. A workbook is included with the \$85 fee payable to Cultural Programming Fund. Open to all patrons.

Earth Day Jewelry

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

Have fun designing cool wearables out of recycled and sustainable materials. Learn how to roll your own beads from recycled paper and clay. Don't forget the sea glass!

String Art

Friday, April 17, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Linoleum nails gently pressed into cork are the foundation for creating this fun design using embroidery thread over a cork round. This is a great project for exploring symmetrical/asymmetrical designs in art.

South of the Border Lasagna

Friday, April 24, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Learn to make delicious south of the border lasagna with Chef Rob Scott. It will be ready to take home and bake so you can enjoy this delicious meal for dinner!



Check out our newest addition at the Library! With Hoopla, you can stream movies, TV shows, music and audiobooks to your phone, tablet, computer or TV. A valid North Babylon Public Library card in good standing is all that's needed to create an account with Hoopla and stream digital media.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

*Sign-up for all Children's classes begins March 2 and April 1.
North Babylon School District residents only with library card.
Phone registration after 10 AM. Patrons may sign up family members only.*

Drop-In Play Dates

Wednesdays, March 4 and April 1

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.



Lego Fun

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

Grades: 1 - 5

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



In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb!

Monday, March 9, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Decorate cupcakes in the likeness of lions and lambs to celebrate March weather! Use frosting, licorice, and marshmallows. Take them home in a bakery box.

Tot's Night Out

Tuesdays, March 10 and April 14, 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 11, 18, 25, April 15, 22

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

Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25, April 15, 22

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

Thursdays, March 12, 19, 26 and April 16, 23

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

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



Parent-Child Workshops

Fridays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10:30 AM - 12:00

Meet with child care educators from Cornell Cooperative Extension and discuss child care/developmental questions privately while your child plays with developmental toys and other children. The Importance of Play, Feeding Little Folks, Toileting, Understanding Toddlers and Development will be discussed, but all questions will be entertained.

Family Story Hour

Saturdays, March 14 and April 11

10:30 - 11:30 AM, Grades: PreK - 5

Come and enjoy a story time and crafts.



Babies Boogie

Saturdays, March 14 and April 11

1:30 - 2:15 PM

Ages: Birth - 24 Months

Boogie, wiggle and giggle with your new dancing partner!



Toddlers Tango

Saturdays, March 14 and April 11

2:30 - 3:15 PM

Ages: 2 - 5

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

Book Buddies

Thursdays, March 19, 26, April 2 and 9, 7:00 - 8:00PM

Children will enjoy reading with a teen reading buddy to improve their reading skills and comprehension. Worksheets, certificates for participation provided.

Fairy Forest

Saturday, March 21, 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Grades: K - 5

Construct an enchanted fairy forest using natural materials, styrofoam, board, and other materials. Add fairies and magical creatures to embellish!

How to Paint a Dragon

Monday, March 23, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades: 2 - 5

Paint your very own ceramic dragon to take home and display in your room! Please wear old clothes/paint smock.

Chess Club

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

Friday, April 10, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Grades: 1 - 5

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

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Hands on Music with Dara

Mondays, March 30 and April 27, 10:30 - 11:10 AM

Ages: Birth - 3

Enjoy themed educational musical story times with your baby while listening to the gentle guitar music and singing of Miss Dara.

Be a Paleontologist

Monday, March 30, 7:00 - 8:00 PM, Grades: K - 5

Examine real fossils, learn how to use rocks to study the past, excavate your own real fossil to keep.

Spring Bunny

Monday, April 6, 7:00 - 8:00 PM, Grades: 2 - 5

Paint a ceramic bunny wearing a hat - then add fabric flowers and a boa for finishing touches.

Eat Dirt, You Worm!

Wednesday, April 8, 4:00 - 5:00 PM, Ages: 3 - 10

Get ready to celebrate Earth Day (April 22) in a new and unique way! Learn how to start your own compost for your garden, and add beneficial earth worms to make for healthier garden soil! Decorate a worm "house" to bring home your new garden buddies! (Participants please bring a clean 24 oz. jar.)

Kids Can Vote Too!

Tuesday, April 14, 1:00 - 9:00 PM, Grades: PreK - 5

Come down to the Library and cast your votes for your favorite authors, literary characters and favorite books. Results posted on Wednesday, April 15.

Play Hoorah Babies

Tuesday, April 14, 2:30 - 3:15 PM

Ages: Birth - 24 months.

Tots will enjoy a fun movement, music program.

Personal Journal

Tuesday, April 14, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Design your own spectacular personal journal with embellishments selected by you! Make it your own with various decorations, stickers, and more. Write your first entry with a special pen to keep!

Chemical Reactions

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

Grades: 2 - 5

Have fun causing various and dramatic chemical reactions; create a crystal garden; take home a mad science dynamic dish to continue your experiments at home.

Marvelous Mammals

Monday, April 20, 7:00 - 8:00 PM, Grades: K - 5

Explore characteristics of what makes a mammal a mammal; meet a live furry mammal; create a craft to bring home, and more.

Spring Bouquet

Monday April 27, 7:00 - 8:00 PM, Grades: K - 5

Decorate flower sugar cookies and arrange in colored tin pails for a lovely, edible spring bouquet!

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9 AM - 5 PM, Saturday
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