



News & Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

At the January Board of Trustees meeting, the Board adopted a proposed 2016 - 2017 budget that requests the community's approval of a 0.11% increase. This rate is *below* the New York State tax cap. This is basically a flat budget.

"A library is an all you can eat brain buffet" - Jerry Spinelli

Your library is an important partner in sustainability. Our collection reflects the community's wants and needs. Your library provides important business resources for the community's success.

Your Library is a Community Center for Diverse Populations

All of our patrons see themselves represented in the community through the library. We are one of the few services that support everyone in the community regardless of age, ethnicity, language, culture or disability. Your library is the great equalizer.

Your Library is a Center for the Arts

We support the community with wonderful programming for all ages and all interests. The bimonthly newsletter is chock full of exciting things to do! Museum passes make museums available to the entire community. We are not just education; we are the cultural center of North Babylon.

Your Library is a Champion of our Youth

The skills that teens pick up from our teen advisory board, volunteer opportunities, programs and jobs are priceless and prepare them for success in high school, college and the workforce. Free on-line homework help, summer reading clubs and extensive reference resources and services positively impact on students' academic performance. We foster a love of reading from infancy onward. Your library is an important partner in your child's development.

Your Library is an Essential Service in the Community

If you believe in your library, our annual budget vote and trustee election will be held on Tuesday, April 5th, from 1 PM to 9 PM in the library. Come down and show your support.

Marc David Horowitz

ADULT CLASSES

Sign-up for all Adult Programs begins March 1.

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 3, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Glitter and Glue,

by Kelly Corrigan



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

Johnny Carson,

by Henry Bushkin

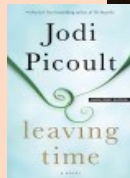


Thursday, April 7, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Tuesday, April 26, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Leaving Time,

by Jodi Picoult



This is part of Long Island Reads, an Island-wide reading initiative intended to bring together readers from across Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Career Counselor

Mondays, March 7 and April 4

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturdays, March 19 and April 16

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.

Defensive Driving

Saturdays, March 26 or April 30

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

\$40 fee.



Knitting Club

Mondays, March 7 and 28, April 11 and 25

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon



Crochet Club

Thursdays, April 14 and 28, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Movies for Adults

Fridays, 1:00 PM (residents)

Fridays, 3:30 PM (non-residents)



Adult Game Club

Mondays, March 14, April 4 and 18, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Microsoft Access

Introduction to MS Access

Tuesday, February 23, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Intermediate MS Access

Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Advanced MS Access

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

One-on-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Wednesdays, March 2 or April 6

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

By appointment only; call 669-4020.

Healthcare Screening and Enrollment

Mondays, March 7 and April 4, 12:30 - 5:30 PM

Learn to be Tobacco Free

Tuesdays, March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19

5:00 - 6:00 PM

This free program is offered by the Suffolk County Office of Health Education. Those who use all forms of tobacco, including cigars, pipes and chew tobacco are welcome to register for this beneficial program. Follow-up meeting on May 10.

Documentary: Jig

Thursday, March 17, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

The compelling story of the 40th Irish Dancing World Championships.



Android Basics

Friday, March 18, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

The basics of using your Android device, including downloading apps. Bring your device with you. North Babylon cardholders only.

**The Library will be closed on
Sunday, March 27, Easter**

ADULT CLASSES

Sweet Lorraine Duo

Sunday, March 20, 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Sweet Lorraine Duo performs songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's, pop, rock and country, along with their famous show tunes and duets.

Free Health Screenings

Monday, March 21, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

St. Francis Hospital will provide a mobile bus with free health screenings. You must be 18 years of age, no insurance necessary.

Floating Feather Vase

Thursday, March 24, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Learn the art of reverse decoupage. Using a large glass vase, apply this technique incorporating colorful feathers and specialty papers for a beautiful and unique project.



Celebrate National Craft Month

Monday, March 28, all day

Join us for a day of coloring and drop-in crafts.

Origami Flowers

Monday, March 28, 7:00 - 8:00 PM



Paint Night:

Spring is in the Air

Tuesday, March 29 or Thursday, April 21, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
\$10 fee.

Senator Phil Boyle's Free Breast Cancer Screening Appointments

Wednesday, March 30, 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Mammogram screenings available to women 40 and older who have not been screened in the past year. For reservation: call 1-800-564-6868.

Fabulous 50's with Steve Charles

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

A walk down memory lane - hear the hits of The Platters, The Drifters, Fats Domino, Sam Cooke, Chuck Berry, Dion and many more.

Leaving Time Elephant Bracelet

Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Create a stretch bracelet using crystals and Amazonite beads with an elephant charm.



Introduction to T'ai Chi Walking

Fridays, April 8, 15, 22 and 29, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Jafar Panahi's Taxi

Sunday, April 10, 2:30 - 4:00 PM

In Farsi with English subtitles.



Tech Tutors

Monday, April 11, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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



GRASP Home Study

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

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

Drop-in Craft

Wednesday, April 13, All Day

Meet Senator Phil Boyle

Thursday, April 14, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Spring Never Tasted So Good

Friday, April 15, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Roasted chicken tacos with gorgonzola slaw; a corn, tomato, & fresh mozzarella salad; a banana macaroon chiller. Chef Rob cooks, everyone tastes!

The Craft of Poetry

Sunday, April 17, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Basic elements of poetry that give poems their shape and structure. Bring a poem you're working on. We'll have a short time to draft new poetry.

Internet Basics

Monday, April 18, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

What is the Internet and what can you use it for? We will cover the basics and practice on the Library's computers. North Babylon cardholders only.

Job Fair

Wednesday, May 4, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Volunteer Fair

Monday, May 9, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

**North Babylon Public Library
Proposed Budget**

	2015-2016 Approved	2016-2017 Proposed	\$ Change Proposed	% Change Proposed
EXPENSES				
<i>Supplies and Materials</i>				
Books, E-books, DVD, CD	154,500	154,500	0	0.0
Periodicals	15,500	14,500	-1,000	-6.5
Software, CD-ROM, Online Services	36,900	36,900	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	43,000	43,000	0	0.0
<i>Professional and Technical Services</i>				
Legal, SCLS, Treasurer, Auditor	70,900	71,000	100	0.1
<i>Building Operation and Maintenance</i>				
Telephone, Electric, Gas, Water	97,000	94,000	-3,000	-3.1
Building Repair, Building Improvement	30,000	30,000	0	0.0
Snow Removal, Trash Removal	7,300	7,300	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	11,120	6,000	-5,120	-46.0
Membership Dues, Election Expenses	7,500	7,000	-500	-6.7
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	430,000	430,000	0	0.0
Health Insurance	383,000	383,000	0	0.0
Workers Compensation	13,750	14,000	250	1.8
Optical, Disability, Dental, Life Ins.	27,570	27,570	0	0.0
Employee Assistance Program	1,200	1,300	100	8.3
<i>Equipment</i>				
Equipment and Furniture	38,000	35,000	-3,000	-7.9
<i>Salaries</i>				
Professional, Clerical, Maintenance	1,415,000	1,429,750	14,750	1.0
Technical	52,000	52,500	500	1.0
Pages	39,000	39,400	400	1.0
Total	3,076,190	3,079,670	3,480	0.11
REVENUES				
State Aid, Interest, Copy, Fines, Etc.	105,675	106,055	380	0.4
Amount to be raised by taxation	2,970,515	2,973,615	3,100	0.1
Assessed Valuation	32,404,929	32,423,035	18,106	0.1
Tax per \$100 assessed value	9.167	9.171	0.00	0.05
Proposed cost / household @ \$3500	320.84	321.00	0.16	0.05
Average monthly increase:		0.01		

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 5th, 2016 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 9:00 AM and 3:00 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 4, 2016.

**Public Information Meeting
and Candidate Presentation:
Tuesday, March 15, 6:00 PM**

**Annual Budget Vote
and Trustee Election:
Tuesday, April 5
1:00 - 9:00 PM
in the Library**

From Your Board of Trustees

Our Library is an Essential Service

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

This past year, we completed an upgrade of LED lights throughout the library. We are confident that you have noticed how much better lit the library is now. We await NYSED approval to replace the HVAC units which are well beyond their life span. We had hoped to complete this project by now. Both these projects should lead to reduced utility bills.

Our Library Enriches People's Lives

We have more patrons downloading electronic books than ever before. Downloadable e-books are quickly outpacing printed books, but don't worry - print will never disappear. We have a shredder, a VHS to DVD transfer station, outgoing FAX, scanner, and a 3D printer; we offer one-on-one training on your tablet or computer. We are always looking for the next "big thing" so that you can stay at the forefront of technology, even when such technology is too expensive for individual purchase.

We have remained at or below the NYS tax cap and participated in a government efficiency program through the Suffolk Cooperative Library System; you should have already seen a rebate check in your mailbox. Unfortunately, the tax cap denies the ability of the community to determine levels of service to which you have become accustomed.

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 5th 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 1.
Classes are open only to North Babylon Young Adults in 6th - 12th grade*

Teen Tech Week: Libraries are for Making

March 6 - 12

New technologies will be on display at the Library for you to use. These hands-on opportunities are limited, so register early!

Makey Makey

Monday, March 7, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

An invention kit for the 21st century. Turn everyday objects into touchpads and combine them with the Internet. It's a simple invention kit for beginners and experts alike.



Little Bits

Tuesday, March 8, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

A platform of easy-to-use electronic building blocks for creating inventions large and small.



3D Basics

Wednesday, March 9, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Learn how 3-D objects are created, browse the Internet for pre-made designs and print out your favorite creation. Printouts will be available to take home at a later date as they can take several hours to build.



Lego We Do

Thursday, March 10, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Using Legos, create different objects and then put them in motion. This fun program teaches the basics of robotics.



Addition Buddies Volunteers

Mondays, March 14 and 21, 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Help a child to practice addition.
Community Service Credit given.



Springtime Scrub

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

The change of season is the ideal time to exfoliate your skin. Learn to make an all-natural facial scrub to get your skin glowing for the Spring!



Teen Paint Night

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

Let's Paint Fun Art! Create your own masterpiece. No painting experience necessary. Step by step instructions, paints, brushes, 16x20 canvas and easels all provided.



Chess Buddies Volunteers

Fridays, March 25 and April 15, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

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

SAT Review for the New SAT

Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Prepare for the new SAT program with this 4-week course. Includes workbook. \$85 fee.

achieve more

SAT

Tech Tutors

Monday, April 11, 3:15 - 4:30 PM

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



Poetry Workshop

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Freewriting followed by concrete methods of revision and editing poetry. Learn ways to shape your poem for a more powerful emotional and artistic impact.



Taco in a Bag

Friday, April 29, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Create your own taco in a bag of chips with your choice of cheese, sour cream, salsa & seasoned beef.

May the 4th be with You

May 4th only - stop in the Library for a chance to win a Star Wars object from the 3-D printer.

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Wednesday, May 4, 6:00 - 8:15 PM



Volunteer Fair

Monday, May 9, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Organizations will be at the Library recruiting volunteers. Stop by and see how you can volunteer your time.

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.
Patrons may sign up family members only.*

Drop-in Crafts

Thursday, March 3, 3:00 - 4:45 PM

Grades: PreK - 5

A fun way to spend the afternoon.



Drop-In Play Dates

Fridays, 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!



Irish Pirates

Monday, March 7, 7:00 - 7:45 PM, Grades: K - 5

Learn all about the Irish Pirates of yore, make your own Jolly Roger flag to take home along with other fun pirate crafts: pirate hat, eye patch and a parrot!



Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, April 13, 20, 27

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

Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, April 13, 20, 27

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

Thursdays, March 10, 17, 24 and April 14, 21, 28

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

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



Family Story Hour

Saturdays, March 12 and April 9

10:30 - 11:30 AM,

Grades: PreK - 5

Come and enjoy a story time and crafts.



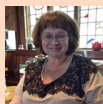
Hands-on Music with Miss Dara

Monday, March 14, 10:30 - 11:10 AM

Tuesday, April 19, 10:30 - 11:10 AM

Ages: Birth - 3

Enjoy a musical story time with Miss Dara.

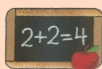


Addition Club

Mondays, March 14 and 21, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Grades: K - 5

Improve your math skills! Work with a teen buddy visiting different stations with assorted math activities.



Shamrocks and Cookies

Monday, March 14, 7:00 - 8:00 PM, Grades: K - 5

Make four large sugar cookies into rainbows with pots of gold and shamrocks, embellished with icing and rock candy! Take them home in a bakery box.

Glow Show

Thursday, March 17, 4:00 - 5:00 PM, Grade: K - 5

Discover amazing things that glow bright in the dark and come to light! Take home and use your Black Light Writer to make secret messages!

Lego Fun

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

Grades: K - 5

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



Dance With Me

Saturdays, March 19 and April 16, 2:00 - 2:45 PM

Ages: 18 months - 2 years

Have fun with your little one while stretching, engaging in circle exercises, simple gymnastic and dance moves.

Use props and musical instruments while listening to music.



Let's Dance!

Saturdays, March 19 and April 16, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Ages: 3 - 5

Have fun while doing stretching activities, alternative free movement and dance class movements, participate in an obstacle course exercise, use props and more!



Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies

Monday, March 21, 7:00 - 8:00 PM, Ages: 3 - 9

Learn all about bunnies, enjoy a story time and a circle time with live bunnies.



Tot's Night Out

Tuesdays, March 22 and April 12, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Ages: 18 months - 5 years

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

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

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Chess Club

Fridays, March 25 and April 15, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Grades: 1 - 5

Practice your game and improve your skills! Beginners welcome!



Signs of Spring

Monday, March 28, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Celebrate the Spring Equinox with a story, games, and a fun grass head craft to take home!



Kids Can Vote Too!

Tuesday, April 5, 1:00 - 9:00 PM

Grades: PreK - 5

Cast your votes for your favorite authors, literary characters and favorite books.



Spaghetti & Meatball Cupcakes

Thursday, April 7, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Have fun decorating vanilla cupcakes with chocolate meatballs and fruity spaghetti!



Living in Space

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

Grades: K - 5

Learn about the life of an astronaut! Use teamwork to complete an important space mission, build a model space station and bring home a chronometer to measure time here on earth!



Learn to Crochet with Joan

Mondays, April 18 and 25, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Tuesdays, April 19 and 26, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: 3 - 5

Learn a wonderful skill to have for a lifetime!



Ceramic Garden Fairy

Monday, April 18, 7:00 - 8:00 PM, Grades: 2 - 5

Paint a lovely ceramic garden fairy for your favorite planter or garden spot! Please wear old clothes or a paint smock.



I Care for Whales

Thursday, April 21, 4:00 - 4:45 PM, Grades: K - 5

Show your support for Whales! Decorate a whale flag with paints, stencils and beads. Learn about different kinds of whales and conservation. Examine whale artifacts, including whale bones and teeth.

Edible Carousel Craft

Monday, April 25, 7:00 - 8:15 PM, Ages: 3 - 9

Enjoy a fun story and create your own Carousel to take home out of cookies, animal crackers, icing, gumdrops, marshmallows, and more!

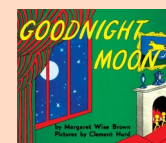


Good Night Moon

Thursday, April 28, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Ages: 3 - 8

Enjoy the classic children's story, *Good Night Moon*, in a whole new light! Take home a no-sew pillow scented with lavender to snuggle up to!



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