



# News & Notes

*Discover the world at your library!*

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## **FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK**

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees in January, the Board adopted a proposed 2017-2018 budget that requests the community's approval of a 1.24% increase. This rate is *below* the NYS tax cap.

***An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.***  
***Benjamin Franklin***

Your Library serves every community member regardless of age, education, ethnicity, or wealth. In your Library, everyone is equal.

***To encourage literature and the arts is a duty  
which every good citizen owes to his country.***  
***George Washington***

We encourage reading! Whether it is print, electronic, audiobook or formats yet to be discovered, you count on your Library to offer the latest products and supply the training to use them.

***A book is the most effective weapon against  
intolerance and ignorance.*** ***Lyndon Baines Johnson***

Your Library serves a critical role in the community. Your Library is an essential service.

***Literacy is not a luxury, it is a right and a responsibility.***  
***Bill Clinton***

Your Library supports the needs of the community by providing wonderful materials and programs for all ages and interests. The bimonthly newsletter is full of exciting things to do. We have expanded our museum pass program. We are not just education; we are the cultural epicenter of North Babylon.

***Libraries remind us that truth isn't about who yells the loudest,  
but who has the right information.*** ***Barack Obama***

If you believe in your Library, the annual budget election will be held on Tuesday, April 4th, 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 Classes begins March 1. Non-residents may register March 8.*

*Unless otherwise noted, the first week of sign-up for all classes is limited to North Babylon residents only.*

*Non-residents may sign up, space permitting, 1 week later. 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 2, 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

LaRose

by Louise Erdrich



**Tuesday, March 28, 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

The Human Stain

by Philip Roth



**Thursday, April 6, 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Dead Wake : The Last Crossing of the Lusitania

By Erik Larson



**Tuesday, April 25, 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

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### Career Counselor

**Mondays, March 6 and April 3**

**6:00 - 9:00 PM**

**Saturdays, March 18 and April 15**

**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.

### Knitting Club

**Mondays, March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

### Adult Game Club

**Mondays, March 6 and 27, April 17 and 24**

**1:00 - 4:00 PM**

### Defensive Driving

**Saturdays, March 25 and April 29**

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

All ages. \$45 fee.



### Crochet Club

**Thursdays, April 20 and 27, 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

### Free Discounts With Your Library Card

During the month of April, show your valid North Babylon Public Library card at participating local businesses and receive discounts! Learn how your card is more than just for library access with these savings. Stop into the library for a complete listing.

### Calling All Book Lovers!

**Tuesday, April 18 - Thursday, April 20**

Stop by the Library and have your picture taken with your favorite book. By appointment.

### One-on-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

**Wednesdays, March 1 and April 5**

**9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

By appointment only; call the Reference Desk for a half-hour appointment.

### Health Insurance Questions and Enrollment

**Mondays, March 6 and April 3, 2:30 - 5:30 PM**

A Certified Application Counselor will answer questions and help you enroll in any private health insurance plan available on the NYS Marketplace as well as Medicaid and Child Health Plus.

### Drop-In Crafts for Adults

**Wednesdays, March 8 and April 12, all day**

Come in any time to make a craft. No registration.

### Yogalates

**Fridays, March 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

**Thursdays, April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 10:00 - 11:00**

A blend of Hatha and Vinyasa Yoga and Pilates Mat.

### Dorothy Irene Height

**Sunday, March 12, 2:30 - 3:30 PM**

Terri Kirkland-Banks presents a vignette on activist Dorothy Height.



**The Library will be closed on Sunday, April 16, Easter**

## ADULT CLASSES

### From Couch to Kitchen

**Monday, March 13, 1:00 - 2:00 PM**

Jessica Burke, DPT and Meena Arjun will present a low impact home exercise program. Bring two canned goods to use in the exercises.

### Tech Tutors

**Tuesdays, March 14, 21 and 28, 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

**Tuesdays, April 18 and 25, 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

Meet with a teen volunteer to learn how to use a computer, cell phone or tablet. North Babylon cardholders only

### Using the Internet

**Part 1: Wednesday, March 15, 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

**Part 2: Wednesday, March 22, 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

Use a web browser and a search engine to find information. North Babylon cardholders only.

### Paint Night: Cherry Blossoms

**Thursdays, March 16 or April 13, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

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



### Brain Injury Information Table

**Sunday, March 19, 1:30 - 4:30 PM**

The Brain Injury Association of NYS will be here to share their resources.

### The Society and Culture of the Irish Celts

**Monday, March 20, 2:00 - 3:30 PM**

Tom O'Reilly traces the Celtic tribes to his native Ireland and discusses their influence there from about 600 BCE to modern times.

### CPR Classes

**Adult: Thursday, March 23, 6:00 - 8:30 PM**

**Infant/Child: Tuesday, March 28, 6:00 - 8:30 PM**

National Safety Council certifications, \$35/class.

### Remember Then

**Sunday, March 26, 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

A unique blend of harmonies and arrangements; the best from the 50s, 60s and the Golden Age of Rock.

### St. Francis Health Bus

**Wednesday, March 29, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Free health screenings, no insurance necessary.

### Home Cooking for Your Dog/Cat

**Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

Learn how easy and affordable it is to make your own pet food and treats from Christine M. Filardi.

### Ceramic Duckling Craft

**Thursday, March 30; 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

Paint a ceramic duckling in the colors of your choice. All supplies included. \$10 fee.



### The Karpenteers

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

The classic sounds of Karen and Richard Carpenter



### GRASP Home Study

**Monday, April 3, 5:30 - 9:00 PM**

Prepare for the high school equivalency test.

### Spring Dried Flower Topiary

**Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Join Diana Conklin to make a topiary. Flowers and herbs in different colors will be available. \$15 fee.



### Patron Appreciation Day

**Wednesday, April 12, 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

Celebrate National Library Week with balloons, guessing games, temporary tattoos and prizes.

### E-Mail Basics

**Wednesday, April 19, 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

Learn how to set up an email account and perform common tasks in Gmail. You may bring your computer with you. North Babylon cardholders Only.

### Working with Files and Folders

**Wednesday, April 26, 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

Learn how to use File Explorer in Windows 10. Bring your computer. NB cardholders only.

### Take the Train to NYC

**Saturday, April 22, 10:00 AM**

\$9.75 roundtrip, by April 17. Arrive at the Babylon train station platform by 10:00 AM where you will be issued your return ticket. 10:27 AM train.

### Paddling on Long Island

**Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Kevin Stiegelmaier discusses kayaking, gear, safety and the best places to paddle on Long Island.

### Eastern Long Island Bus Trip

**Monday, June 12, 9:30 AM**

Herb farm, winery, Greenport, lighthouse boat tour. Leave from West Babylon Public Library. \$84.

**North Babylon Public Library  
Proposed Budget**

	2016-2017 Approved	2017-2018 Proposed	\$ Change Proposed	% Change Proposed
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<i>Supplies and Materials</i>				
Books, E-books, DVD, CD	154,500	184,000	29,500	19.1
Periodicals	14,500	14,500	0	0.0
Software, Online Services	36,900	39,400	2,500	6.8
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	50,000	7,000	16.3
<i>Professional and Technical Services</i>				
Legal, SCLS, Treasurer, Auditor	71,000	68,100	-2,900	-4.1
<i>Building Operation and Maintenance</i>				
Telephone, Electric, Gas, Water	94,000	94,000	0	0.0
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	48,000	7,750	19.3
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	6,000	6,000	0	0.0
Membership Dues, Election Expenses	7,000	7,000	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	430,000	392,000	-38,000	-8.8
Health Insurance	383,000	393,500	10,500	2.7
Workers Compensation	14,000	15,500	1,500	10.7
Optical, Disability, Dental, Life Ins.	27,570	27,650	80	0.3
Employee Assistance Program	1,300	1,300	0	0.0
<i>Equipment</i>				
Equipment and Furniture	35,000	35,000	0	0.0
<i>Salaries</i>				
Professional, Clerical, Maintenance	1,429,750	1,445,800	16,050	1.1
Technical	52,500	54,000	1,500	2.9
Pages	39,400	42,000	2,600	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,079,670</b>	<b>3,117,750</b>	<b>38,080</b>	<b>1.24</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
State Aid, Interest, Copy, Fines, Etc.	106,055	106,055	0	0.0
Amount to be raised by taxation	2,973,615	3,011,695	38,080	1.3
Assessed Valuation	32,423,035	32,356,698	-66,337	-0.2
Tax per \$100 assessed value	9.171	9.308	0.14	1.49
Proposed cost / household @ \$3500	321.00	325.77	4.78	1.49
Average monthly increase:		0.40		

## **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 4th, 2017 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  
North Babylon School District  
Central Administration  
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:**

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 3, 2017

**Public Information Meeting  
and Candidate Presentation:  
Tuesday, March 21, 6:00 PM**

**Annual Budget Vote  
and Trustee Election:  
Tuesday, April 4  
1:00 - 9:00 PM  
in the Library**

## **From Your Board of Trustees**

### ***Your Library is an Essential Service***

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

Your Library is more important than ever before with year-round activities for all ages and interests. You have questions and we have answers: professional librarians are still your best resources for making sense of complex issues. Your Library is a place to socialize and create; and a place to learn new skills, practice old ones and enjoy programs on stimulating topics. The role of your Library is ever-growing and ever-changing to continue to impart a lifelong love of learning through a variety of formats.

We are in the process of updating the heating and air conditioning. We are scheduled for new roof top HVAC installation to begin on April 5th. Between new mechanicals, windows, solar panels and roofing, we see greatly reduced utility bills. We have been hugely successful in grant writing this year - in excess of \$450,000 has been allocated to your Library.

### ***Your Library Enriches People's Lives***

If you need assistance in downloading new e-books, make an appointment with our librarians. We have a 3D printer for your use. And we supply training!

We have remained below the NYS tax cap; you see rebate checks each year due to the library's diligence. Unfortunately, the tax cap denies the ability of the community to determine levels of service to which you have become accustomed.

Door count, circulation, web site traffic, downloads and use of all other services have increased dramatically. You value your library and you use it.

### ***Your Board of Trustees Believes that the Library is Worthy of Your Support***

If you agree, we urge you to come down on April 4th and demonstrate your support.

Anna Fogel, President  
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Tory T. Hare, Secretary  
Heidi Leibowitz, Assistant Secretary



## 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*

### Teen Tech Week is March 5 —11

#### Ozobots

**Tuesday, March 7, 4:00 – 4:45 PM**

Become familiar with Ozobots - small, smart toy robots that empower gamers and learners to code, play, create and connect the physical and digital worlds. All participants will have a chance for hands-on learning.



#### Book Buddies Volunteers

**Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Help a child to improve his/her reading skills. There is a fifteen- minute orientation on March 7th at 6:45 PM. Community Service Credit given.

#### Makey Makey

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

You may be the greatest living banana pianist, but how will you know if you don't make yourself a banana piano? Good news, this project and countless others are easier than you think with Makey Makey.



#### An Hour of Code

**Thursday, March 9, 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

Learn the basics of coding by playing video games! Upon completion, receive a certificate.



#### Tech Tutor Volunteers

**Tuesdays, March 14, 21 and 28, 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

**Tuesdays, April 18 and 25, 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

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



#### Cherry Blossom Painting

**Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Create a beautiful springtime painting on a piece of glass.



#### Book Wrapping Volunteers

**Wednesday, March 29, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Help wrap books to give away on Patron Appreciation Day. Community Service Credit given.

### Chess Buddies Volunteers

**Fridays, March 31 and April 28, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Teach a child to play chess or just supply pointers. Community Service Credit given.



### SAT Review

**Wednesdays, April 5, 19, 26 and May 3**

**6:00 - 8:30 PM**

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



### Grandma Style Pizza Dip

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

Make a delicious Grandma style pizza dip at the Library. Take this treat home to bake and enjoy with your friends.

### Earth Day Jewelry

**Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Celebrate Earth Day with this unique craft.

### Photo Booth Volunteers

**Tuesday, April 18, 4:00 – 5:00, PM, Orientation**

**Wednesday and Thursday, April 19 and 20**

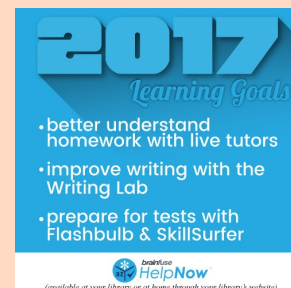
**2:30 - 5:00 PM**

Take pictures of patrons who stop by our photo booth. Anyone attending must be present at the orientation on April 18. Community Service Credit given.

### Authors Unlimited

**Saturday, April 22, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Celebrate reading by connecting teens and authors. It's a free program where teens and tweens get preferred seating! Attendees will get the chance to meet dynamic authors of young adult literature first at an author panel and then in smaller breakout sessions afterward. Books will be available for purchase with a chance to have them signed at the end of the day. At St. Joseph's College. Visit: <http://authorsunlimited.org>



## 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.*

### Drop-In Play Dates

Fridays, March 3 and April 7

10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

Ages: 18 months - 5 years

We supply the space and toys - you supply the fun!



### Hands on Music with Miss Dara

Tuesday, March 7, 10:30 - 11:10 AM

Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 - 11:10 AM

Ages: Birth - 3 years

Enjoy a musical story time with Miss Dara.



### Book Buddies

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Children K - 3 pair up with a teen reading buddy to improve reading and comprehension skills.

### Slime Time

Wednesday, March 8, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Have fun creating slime from a special recipe, and then engage in slime activities! Take home your very own slime to play with.



### Internet Safety

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

For parents of school-aged children

Become more informed about internet safety; learn precautions you can take to protect yourself. Presentation given by law enforcement.



### Family Story Hour

Saturdays, March 11 and April 8

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

Enjoy stories, songs and crafts with Miss Marylou.



### Tot's Night Out

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

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Ages: 18 months - 5 years (Pre-School)

Enjoy an evening with music, crafts, stories and fun.



### Pre-School Storytime

Wednesdays, March 15 and 22, April 19 and 26

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

Wednesdays, March 15 and 22, April 19 and 26

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

Thursdays, March 16 and 23, April 20 and 27

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

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

### Spring Animal Craft

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

Grades: K - 5

Get in the Spring spirit by making a baby animal ceramic pot craft. Make a jellybean necklace or bracelet to fill your new craft.



### Lego Fun

Fridays, March 17 and April 21

7:00 - 8:00 PM, Grades: K - 5

Create something wonderful with Legos!



### Dance With Me

Saturdays, March 18 and April 22

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



### Let's Dance!

Saturdays, March 18 and April 22

3:00 - 4:00 PM, Ages: 3 - 5 years

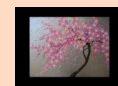


### Cherry Blossom Painting

Monday, March 20, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Welcome Spring by creating a lovely painting of a cherry blossom tree inside a glass picture frame!



### Just Baby and Me

Tuesdays, March 21 and April 18

10:30 - 11:00 AM, Ages: Birth - 18 months

Join us for music, rhymes, finger-plays, and age appropriate activities for your baby!

### Welcome Spring Sugar Cookies

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

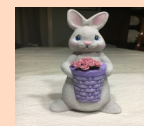
Decorate butterfly shaped and round cookies to look like beautiful butterflies and a spring garden! Take them all home in a bakery box.

### Spring Bunny

Thursday, March 30, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: 2 - 5

Paint a delightful ceramic spring bunny to help celebrate spring!



### Chess Club

Fridays, March 31 and April 28

7:00 - 8:30 PM, Grades: 1 - 5

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



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### Kids Can Vote Too!

Tuesday, April 4, 1:00 - 9:00 PM

Vote for your favorite book, character, author, movie



### Zoo Yoga

Thursday, April 6, 4:00 – 5:00 PM, Grades: K - 3

Take an imaginary trip to the zoo! Learn Cobra, Dolphin, Lion's Breath and more fun animal poses.

### Moana!

Wednesday, April 12  
2:30 - 4:30 PM



### Princess Bride

Thursday, April 13  
12:00 - 1:30 PM

### Reading Buddies

Thursday, April 13, 2:30 - 4:05 PM, Grades: K - 5

Practice reading to a buddy of the canine variety! Come early to pick out a book or bring your own favorite selection from home! By appointment only.

### Learn to Crochet with Joan

Mondays, April 17 and 24, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

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

Grades: 3 - 5

Receive individualized instruction and learn a wonderful life-long skill to continue making projects on your own! Open to beginners, and to children who already know how to crochet. Bring a roll of worsted weight yarn and a size H crochet needle.

**Parents are expected to remain in the building  
with their children during children's classes**

### Bunnies and Carrot Patch Cupcakes

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

Grades: K - 5

Have fun decorating vanilla cupcakes to look like adorable bunnies in a carrot patch! Take them home in a bakery box.



### Earthworks

Thursday, April 20, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Celebrate Earth Day and join us to discover what the earth is composed of; learn all about rocks and minerals, what causes earthquakes, what creates mountains and learn about the faults under the earth's crust. See minerals fluoresce and take home your own sedimentary stacker, and more!

### Traveling Pet Show

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

Grades: PreK - 5

Enjoy an interactive, educational program learning about various birds, mammals and reptiles. Several animals will be brought in for the children to observe and learn about. No registration required.

### I Love My Ocean

Thursday, April 27, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Ages: 3 - 5

Learn about amazing ocean animals who share our world with us. Examine giant whale bones and enjoy an ocean story. Hold a live snail in your hand, and create a fun craft to take home.



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#### Library Hours

9 AM - 9 PM, Monday – Friday

9 AM - 5 PM, Saturday

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

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