



# News & Notes

*Discover the world at your library!*

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

At the general meeting of the Board of Trustees in January, a 2% budget was adopted for your approval. The budget is on Page 4. We are *within* the tax cap.

***A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life. Henry Ward Beecher***

Your Library serves every member of the community. Your Library is the “downtown” of North Babylon.

***A library is a place that is a repository of information and gives every citizen equal access to it. That includes health information. And mental health information. It's a community space. It's a place of safety, a haven from the world. Neil Gaiman***

Your Library is an essential service. Imagine a community without a library.

***I read all the time. I love it. My fantasy would be to be locked into a library. I'd be very, very happy. Pink***

If you believe in your Library, the annual budget and trustee election will be held on Tuesday, April 10th from 1 PM to 9 PM in the Library. Absentee ballots are available, see page 5. Come down and show your support.

***Unlike with the majority of library books, when you enter a term into a search engine there is no guarantee that what you will find is authoritative, accurate or even vaguely true. Howard Rheingold***

*Marc D. Horowitz*

### **Gemini Journey: Movie Music Magic!**

**Sunday, March 18, 2:30 - 3:30 PM**

Diane Block, violin and Terry Batts, cello. They will explore our common American Experience through the lens of cinematic music: musical soundtracks from iconic films that resonate for all of us.



### **The Foschino Brothers**

**Sunday, April 22, 2:30 - 4:00 PM**

Welcome Paul and Thomas Foschino, winner and finalist of Long Island's Got Talent. This piano/guitar/vocal based duo will be playing music from Billy Joel and Elton John to Ed Sheeran and John Mayer.



Free discounts with your Library Card!

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

## ADULT CLASSES

*Resident sign-up for all Adult Classes begins March 1 with library card and PIN.*

*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

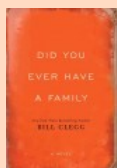
New members are always welcome.

Please pick up your book at the Circulation Desk.

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

Did You Ever Have a Family?

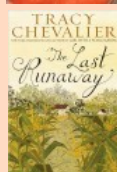
by Bill Clegg



**Tuesday, March 27, 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

The Last Runaway

By Tracy Chevalier



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

Spaceman

by Mike Massimino



**Tuesday, April 24, 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

Spaceman

by Mike Massimino

### Career Counselor

**Mondays, March 5 and April 2**

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

**Saturdays, March 17 and April 21**

**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 5 and 19, April 9 and 16**

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

### Adult Game Club

**Mondays, March 19 and 26, April 9 and 23**

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

### Take the Train to NYC

**Saturday, April 21, 10:00 AM**

\$9.50 cash, roundtrip, by April 16. Arrive at the Babylon train station platform by 9:30 AM where you will be issued your return ticket. 9:59 AM train. Tickets are non-refundable.

### Defensive Driving

**Saturday, April 28, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

All ages. \$45 fee.



### Health Insurance Questions and Enrollment

**Mondays, March 5 and April 2**

**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.

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

**Wednesdays, March 7 and April 4**

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

Meet individually with an RSVP Suffolk volunteer from the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program. By appointment only.

### Computer Classes

North Babylon cardholders only.

### Reserve-a-Librarian Training

Do you need basic computer help or help with your E-reader? One-on-one training is available by appointment. Training is available to learn how to check out e-books from the library, use our databases or online catalog, and more.

### Tech Tutors

**Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

**Tuesdays, April 17, 24, 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

Meet with a teen volunteer who will teach you how to use a computer, cell phone or tablet.



### Google Drive

**Wednesday, March 14, 3:00 - 4:00 PM**

Learn how to store your photos and other files to the cloud. Bring your Google account information..

### Using the Online Catalog

**Wednesday, April 25, 10:00 - 11:30 AM**

How to search for, request and renew library materials online from home. Bring your library card.

## ADULT CLASSES

### English Conversation Practice

Thursdays, March 1, 22, 29, April 5, 26

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Practice your English in a casual, friendly atmosphere. Come prepared to speak in English.

### Spanish Tapas

Friday, March 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Learn how to prepare delectable small dish recipes including Andalusian chicken and papas bravas.

### Hernias: Causes and Solutions

Tuesday, March 6, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Dr. Agostino Cervone, Peconic Bay Medical Center, will discuss hernias, causes, treatment & prevention.

### Stepping On

Fridays, March 16, 23, April 6, 13, 20, 27,

May 4, 11, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Empowers mature adults to carry out healthy behaviors that reduce the risk of falls, improve self management and increase quality of life.

### 7's and 3's Irish Band

Saturday, March 10, 2:30 - 3:30 PM

All the classic and popular tunes you love to hear!



### GRASP Home Study

Monday, March 12, 5:30 - 9:00 PM

Prepare for the TASC exam, formerly the GED.

### Paint Night: Happy Spring

Tuesdays, March 13 or April 10, 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.



### Tai Chi

Thursdays, March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26

9:15 - 10:15 AM

### Drop-In Crafts for Adults

Wednesdays, March 21 and April 18, 10:00 - 8:00

### Smoking Cessation

Thursdays, March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26

5:30 - 6:30 PM; reunion class May 17

### CPR/AED Class

Saturday, March 24, 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

How to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies. \$60 fee. By the American Red Cross.

### West African Dance Class

Wednesday, March 28, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Basic West African Dance to African music.

### Relax, Restore, Rejuvenate: A Meditative Sound Journey and Guided Imagery

Wednesday, March 28, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Enjoy a sonic sound journey with Donna Nesteruk.

### Newspaper Blackout Poetry

Monday, April 2

Come to the Reference Area all month to make a newspaper blackout poem. All ages welcome.

### A's, B's, C's, & D's of Medicare

Wednesday, April 4, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Explore changes made to Medicare by the new healthcare reform legislation and options available.

### WWI Through the Eyes of the Roosevelts

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

A speaker from the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site will paint a broad picture of the war.

### Spring Pictures

Tuesday - Thursday, April 10 - 12

2:45 - 8:00 PM

Take a photo with your favorite book to celebrate National Library Week.



### Meet with Senator Phil Boyle

Wednesday, April 11, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

### Advances in Hip and Knee Pain

Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Dr. Peter Sultan, Peconic Bay Medical Center, will discuss arthritic knee and hip challenges and options.

### Beginning Mah Jongg

Mondays, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 10:00 - 12:00

\$9 fee includes 2018 Mah Jongg card.

### Ceramic Frog Stack

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

Paint a ceramic frog stack, \$10 fee.



### Brooklyn Bus Trip

Friday, June 15, 8:30 AM from West Babylon PL

Tour Coney Island, lunch at Juniors Restaurant, and visit the Brooklyn Navy Yard. \$81.

	<b>North Babylon Public Library</b>				
	<b>Proposed Budget</b>				
		2017-2018	2018-2019	\$ Change	% Change
		Approved	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<i>Supplies and Materials</i>					
	Books, E-books, DVD, CD	184,000	194,000	10,000	5.4
	Periodicals	14,500	14,500	0	0.0
	Software, Online Services	39,400	39,400	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	50,000	54,000	4,000	8.0
<i>Professional and Technical Services</i>					
	Legal, SCLS, Treasurer, Auditor	68,100	69,200	1,100	1.6
<i>Building Operation and Maintenance</i>					
	Telephone, Electric, Gas, Water	94,000	85,000	-9,000	-9.6
	Building Repair, Building Improvement	30,000	30,000	0	0.0
	Snow Removal, Trash Removal	7,300	14,300	7,000	95.9
	Security Service	48,000	48,000	0	0.0
	Fire, Liability, Comprehensive	20,200	20,200	0	0.0
<i>Library Operations</i>					
	Printing, Publication, Postage	27,500	28,500	1,000	3.6
	Travel, Continuing Education	6,000	6,000	0	0.0
	Membership Dues, Election Expenses	7,000	7,500	500	7.1
	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	392,000	394,000	2,000	0.5
	Health Insurance	393,500	408,000	14,500	3.7
	Workers Compensation	15,500	15,500	0	0.0
	Optical, Disability, Dental, Life Ins.	27,650	27,650	0	0.0
	Employee Assistance Program	1,300	1,400	100	7.7
<i>Equipment</i>					
	Equipment and Furniture	35,000	35,000	0	0.0
<i>Salaries</i>					
	Professional, Clerical, Maintenance	1,445,800	1,475,000	29,200	2.0
	Technical	54,000	55,100	1,100	2.0
	Pages	42,000	42,850	850	2.0
<i>Total</i>		3,117,750	3,180,100	62,350	<b>2.00</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
	State Aid, Interest, Copy, Fines, Etc.	106,055	106,055	0	0.0
	Amount to be raised by taxation	3,011,695	3,074,045	62,350	2.1
	Assessed Valuation	32,356,698	32,385,694	28,996	0.1
	Tax per \$100 assessed value	9.308	9.492	0.18	1.98
	Proposed cost / household @ \$3500	325.77	332.22	6.45	1.98
	Average monthly increase:		0.54		



## **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 10th, 2018 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 9, 2018.

**Public Information Meeting  
and Candidate Presentation:  
Tuesday, March 27, 6:00 PM**

**Annual Budget Vote  
and Trustee Election:  
Tuesday, April 10  
1:00 - 9:00 PM  
In the Library**

## **From Your Board of Trustees**

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

We know that the 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.

Last year, we updated the HVAC and boilers; this Spring we will complete the new parking lot. We have been very successful with our grant applications. We received the largest grant in the history of the Library Construction Aid Program - almost \$400,000 and we continue to apply for more. These projects were accomplished *without a bond*. We anticipated expenses and saved accordingly. We are now applying to be a "sustainable library" building.

### ***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 within the NYS tax cap. The current inflation rate is above the calculated tax cap, but is capped at 2%. This will be a financial challenge.

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 10th 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.*

*North Babylon School District residents only with library card and PIN, 6th - 12th grade*

*Please let us know in advance if you will need an accommodation that will make an event accessible to you.*

### Community Service Corner

Young adults may register for three volunteer programs per newsletter. After the first week of registration, space permitting, young adults may sign up for additional volunteer programs.

### Book Reviews

Young adults in 6th - 12th grade can earn **Community Service Credit** by writing book reviews. Stop by the Reference desk for more information and an application.

### Teen Tech Week - March 4-10 Makey Makey

Monday, March 5, 4:00 – 5:00 PM



### Introduction to Coding

Wednesday, March 7, 6:30 - 8:30 PM



### Little Bits

Friday, March 9, 4:00 – 5:00 PM



### Tech Tutors Volunteers

Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Tuesdays, April 17, 24, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Register for March & April sequences separately

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



### Teen Paint Night

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

Create a fun springtime painting.

All materials supplied.



### Chess Buddies

Fridays, March 23 and April 27

7:00 - 8:30 PM

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



### Teen Book Discussion

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

Join us to discuss *The Gauntlet* by Karuna Riazi. This action adventure book will be available at the Circulation Desk for checkout starting March 1. **Community Service Credit** given.

### Blindfold Taste Test Challenge

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Participants will have to rely on their sense of taste and smell to guess different foods. There will also be a French Fry contest! Prizes will be awarded!

### Teen Zumba

Tuesday, April 3, 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Thursday, April 5, 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon



### Springtime Pastries — Chef Rob

Wednesday, April 4, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Create a delicious snack with Chef Rob.

### National Library Week, 4/8-14

Stop in and pick up a Kindness Worksheet. Complete any 5 tasks and earn two hours of **Community Service Credit**. All items need to be initialed by the person helped/in charge.

### Meet Local Author Karuna Riazi

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

Karuna Riazi will be here to discuss her newly published book, *The Gauntlet*.

### Green Screen Volunteers

Tuesday – Thursday, April 10 - 12

2:30 - 5:00 PM



### SAT Review

Wednesdays, April 11, 18, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

At the Deer Park Public Library

Wednesdays, April 25, May 2, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

at the North Babylon Public Library

This review class will prepare you for the SAT or PSAT. \$85 fee.

SAT

### Escape the Library

Wednesday, April 18, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Are you an amateur sleuth? Test your deductive reasoning with this one hour locked room program.



### Star Wars Totes

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

Just in time for Star Wars Day - create a fun tote bag with a Star Wars theme. Sign up begins 3/1.

### Mother's Day Gift Set

Wednesday, May 9, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Create a homemade, all natural gift set.

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

*Sign-up for all Children's classes begins March 1 and April 2.*

*North Babylon School District residents only with library card and PIN. Limit 3 programs/month pp.*

### Drop-In Play Dates

Fridays, March 2 and April 6

10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

Ages: 18 months - 5 years

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



### Drop in Crafts

Tuesday, March 6, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Stop in to the Children's Room to make a craft.



### Hands on Music with Dara

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

Monday, April 9, 10:30 - 11:10 AM

Ages: Birth - 3 years

Enjoy themed educational musical story times with your baby while listening to Miss Dara.



### Dessert Pizza

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

Grades: K - 5

Decorate a giant cookie to resemble a pizza using various candies, sauces and icing.



### Family Story Hour

Saturdays, March 10 and April 14

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Grades: PreK - 5

Enjoy stories, songs and crafts with Miss Marylou.



### Just Baby and Me

Tuesdays, March 13 and April 17

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

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

### Pre-School Story Time Classes

Wednesdays, March 14 and 21, April 11 and 18

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

Wednesdays, March 14 and 21, April 11 and 18

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

Thursdays, March 15 and 22, April 12 and 19

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

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



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

### Irish Pirates

Thursday, March 15, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Grades: K - 5

Learn all about famous pirates, including some famous women pirates! Create a jolly roger flag, hat and eye patch to take home.



### Tot's Night Out

Thursday, March 15, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Monday, April 16, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

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

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

### Lego Fun

Fridays, March 16 and April 20

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



### Dance with Me

Saturday, March 17, 2:00 - 2:45 PM

Ages: 18 months - 2 years

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

### Let's Dance

Saturday, March 17, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Ages: 3 - 5

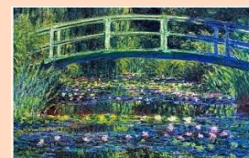
Have fun while doing stretching activities, alternate free movement and dance class movements.

### Claude Monet Painting

Monday, March 19, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades: 3 - 5

Paint, with guidance, an 11" x 15" replica of Claude Monet's painting entitled "The Water Lily Pond."



### Spring Animal Craft

Thursday, March 22, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Get in the Spring spirit by making a baby animal ceramic pot craft. Fill with jelly beans and take it home to enjoy!



### Chess Club

Fridays, March 23 and April 27

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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### Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies

Monday, March 26, 7:00 - 7:45 PM

Grades: K - 5

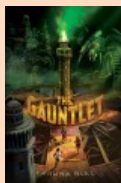
Learn all about domestic and wild rabbits, and experience young bunnies during a circle time.



### Meet Local Author Hebah Uddin

Monday, April 9, 7:00 - 7:45 PM

Celebrate National Library Week and come and meet local author Hebah Uddin (writing as Karuna Riaz) and learn about her new book The Gauntlet. Learn what inspired her to write her novel and how she became a published author with a major publishing house.



### Kids Can Vote Too

Tuesday, April 10, 1:00 - 9:00 PM

Stop by the Children's Room and exercise your right to vote! Cast your vote for your favorite authors, characters, and movies! Results will be posted on Wednesday, April 11th.



### Springtime Celebration

Thursday, April 12, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Grades: K - 5

Learn about the creatures that migrate in the spring, including whales! View artifacts relevant to these creatures; make a bird feeder to attract migrating birds.



### Walloping Weather

Tuesday, April 17, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Learn how weather can be predicted; how to create your own regional forecast; why it rains; what causes lightning - and more! Take home "sun beads" to measure the sun's energy and ultra violet light.



### Escape the Library!

Saturday, April 21, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Grades: 3 - 5

Escape the Library is a fun, interactive game during which participants solve a mystery puzzle. Find hidden objects, figure out clues and solve puzzles in order to earn your freedom.



### Ceramic Sneaker Bank

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

Have fun painting a high top sneaker that is actually a bank! Grades: 2 - 5.



### Waffles and Ice Cream

Wednesday, April 25, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Help make Belgium waffles to enjoy with ice cream, whipped cream, sprinkles and candy.



### Sunflower Power

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

Grades: K - 5

Weave a sunflower centerpiece and plant a couple of different types of sunflower seeds to take home. Enjoy a sunflower seed snack as you learn about this versatile food source.



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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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