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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Library Budget and Trustee Election

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM

At the January Board of Trustees meeting, the Board adopted a budget for your approval in April. This budget is similar to last year's budget *without* the building expansion plan. Since we did not vote on last year's budget proposal, we operated on 2018/2019 funding. That translates to a 0% increase last year. With this year's proposal, we remain under the tax cap. The requested increase is \$2.94 for the average home assessed at \$3500. Although last year's expansion plan addressed our weaknesses in terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act, your Board and I felt it would not be a good time to ask for your support. We still need to address our accessibility deficiencies and re-evaluate the project for April 2022. When it comes to fruition, it will remain a very small project.

***Your Board of Trustees feels it is important to enlist
the community's input and support in this venture.***

We have invested in high efficiency air conditioning and heating, windows and doors, roofing and solar panels, updated public bathrooms, furnishings, LED lighting, high definition surveillance cameras and parking, to make our Library functional in the 21st century. We are now a Sustainable Library, only the fourth, state and country-wide.

***Maintaining your library and its services is the right thing to do.
We are being transparent.***

We strongly believe that this budget is a reasonable approach to maintaining the services that you expect and we know that you feel the same way. Be sure to cast your vote on April 6th.

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

Tory T. Hare, President

Laurie Atlas

Theresa DeBlasi

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Marc David Horowitz, Library Director

	North Babylon Public Library				
	Proposed Budget				
		2020-2021	2021-2022	\$ Change	% Change
		Default	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
EXPENSES					
<i>Supplies and Materials</i>					
	Books, E-books, DVD, CD	210,650	210,650	0	0.0
	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	58,000	58,250	250	0.4
<i>Professional and Technical Services</i>					
	Legal, SCLS, Treasurer, Auditor	70,300	71,000	700	1.0
<i>Building Operation and Maintenance</i>					
	Telephone, Electric, Gas, Water	75,500	75,500	0	0.0
	Building Repair, Building Improvement	30,000	30,000	0	0.0
	Snow Removal, Trash Removal	15,300	15,300	0	0.0
	Security Service	48,000	50,000	2,000	4.2
	Fire, Liability, Comprehensive	20,200	20,200	0	0.0
<i>Library Operations</i>					
	Printing, Publication, Postage	28,500	28,500	0	0.0
	Travel, Continuing Education	6,000	6,000	0	0.0
	Membership Dues, Election Expenses	8,500	8,500	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	397,000	397,000	0	0.0
	Health Insurance	420,000	425,000	5,000	1.2
	Workers Compensation	17,000	17,000	0	0.0
	Optical, Disability, Dental, Life Ins.	27,650	27,650	0	0.0
	Employee Assistance Program	1,400	1,400	0	0.0
<i>Equipment</i>					
	Equipment and Furniture	35,000	35,000	0	0.0
<i>Salaries</i>					
	Professional, Clerical, Maintenance	1,504,200	1,533,900	29,700	2.0
	Technical	56,200	57,300	1,100	2.0
	Pages	43,700	44,575	875	2.0
<i>Total</i>		3,242,000	3,281,625	39,625	1.22
REVENUES					
	State Aid, Interest, Copy, Fines, Etc.	106,055	101,300	-4,755	-4.5
	Amount to be raised by taxation	3,135,945	3,180,325	44,380	1.4
	Assessed Valuation	32,390,240	32,565,768	175,528	0.5
	Tax per \$100 assessed value	9.682	9.766	0.08	0.87
	Proposed cost / household @ \$3500	338.86	341.80	2.94	0.87

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 6, 2021 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
Central Administration
North Babylon School District
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 5, 2021.

**Public Information Meeting,
Candidate Presentation
And Focus Groups
Tuesday, March 16, 6:00 PM**

**Annual Budget Vote
and Trustee Election:
Tuesday, April 6
12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM
In the Library**

Annual Report to the Community From Your Board of Trustees

The budget that we are presenting for your support is *below* the tax cap for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

*The Board's mission is to run the library in
such a way as to make the community better.*

Despite the pandemic, services were never discontinued. Programs were run through Zoom, Facebook and YouTube. Although not the same as in-person, your library has always remained a part of your life.

We believe we will be back to normal by the beginning of the new school year.

Better work today yields better services tomorrow.

We clean continually, quarantine returned materials and insist on every reasonable COVID prevention strategy. We must ensure safety for patrons and staff. We watch the numbers in our district in Newsday every day - it is staggering and frightening.

Curbside pickup remains a popular alternative.

We have seen tremendous increases in downloadable books, so we know you continue to read. And for those who prefer physical materials, we will hold the materials for you at the circulation desk. Online reference assistance, too. Many patrons take advantage of our Librarian's knowledge of "what to read next."

We are exceptionally disappointed that we cannot present our building expansion and accessibility plans, but the pandemic circumstances dictate the delay. We will continue to evaluate the needs of the community and respond appropriately. We know you would have approved and will do so next year.

Our library transforms the community.

This is a good, responsible plan. If you agree with our plan, we urge you to come down on April 6th and demonstrate your support.

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FAMILY CLASSES

*Sign-up for all Family Classes begins March 1. Non-residents may register March 8.
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 Discussion Groups

New members are always welcome.

Please pick up your book at the Circulation Desk.

Thursday, March 4, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Let the People Pick the President

By Jesse Wegman



Tuesday, April 20, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

The Vanishing Half

By Brit Bennett

The Long Island Reads selection



Career Counselor

Mondays, March 1 or April 12

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Meet with professional Career Counselor Barbara McCleave for help with resumes and career options, all ages. Schedule a half hour appointment. E-mail info@northbabylonpl.org with your name and telephone number. You will receive a time slot and be contacted at your appointment time.

Board of Trustees Meetings

Tuesdays, March 16 and April 20, 6:00 PM

If the Board meeting is held by conference call (usually 9:00 AM), e-mail the library for dial-in information.

Defensive Driving

Looking to take a Defensive Driving Course? Take an online class by visiting:

www.aarpdriversafety.org

myimprov.com/defensive-driving/newyork

dmv.ny.gov/pirp/online

Classes are NYS DMV approved.

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Northbabylonpl>

Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/NorthBabylonPL/>



**We are very sad to report the passing of long-term trustee Muriel Schechtel.
Always in our hearts.**

Our Social Work Intern is at the Library to Help You

The Library offers a free service to patrons through the Social Work Intern Program at the Stony Brook University School of Social Welfare. Arhuma Iqbal is our Intern. Patrons will receive personal assistance via Zoom for completing forms/applications, referrals to mental health resources and other topics. Our Intern is also available by telephone, 631-769-4490, M-F, 9:00 - 5:00.



Tech Help

Meet via Zoom for help with your technology

Call 669-4020 for a reservation

North Babylon cardholders only

Looking for Something to Watch or Read?

Ask about our *Film Fix* sets. Patrons can check out movies they may have missed. TV to movie re-makes, Oscar winning movies, Bob Fosse choreography and more. Our Librarians can pick out books or movies and hold them at the circulation desk for you.

**The Library will be closed:
April 4, Easter Sunday**

FAMILY CLASSES

Discounted Museum Passes

American Museum of Natural History, \$10
Regular price: \$28.00. Tickets expire 9/30/2021
Reservations must be booked in advance, online.
www.amnh.org
Bronx Zoo Vouchers, \$17.50
Regular price: \$30.95, Tickets expire 12/31/2021
Call the Reservation Center to redeem the voucher.
Bronxzoo.com

6 tickets/family, *non-refundable*

Virtual Art Exhibit

Send us photos of your artwork to display on Pinterest and YouTube. Artwork can be drawing, painting, photography or a model. Submit your art to info@northbabylonpl.org Include your first name, last initial and age.



Have You Tried Flipster?

Patrons have easy online access to over 200 magazine titles. Magazines include Better Homes and Gardens, Crochet, Eating Well, Entrepreneur and other public library magazines. Ask at the Reference Desk for information.



Self-Management and Recovery Training (SMART)

Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25

Thursdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

SMART Friends and Family, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

SMART Recovery, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

These meetings are for a global community of mutual support groups. At meetings, participants help one another resolve problems with any addiction (drugs, alcohol, gambling, over-eating, etc.). Participants find and develop the power within themselves to change and lead fulfilling and balanced lives guided by our science based and sensible 4-point programs. Conducted by our Social Work Intern. Via Zoom.

Writing Group

Tuesdays, March 9 and 23, April 13 and 27
2:30 - 3:30 PM

Meet twice monthly with other writers to hone your skill. These springtime sessions focus on editing and rewriting. Via Zoom.



Zumba

Thursdays, March 11, 18 and 25

Thursdays, April 1, 8 and 15

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Zumba fitness class combines dance, aerobics and fitness choreography accompanied by both international and popular music. Wear comfortable clothing, sneakers and have water on hand. Via Zoom.



Take and Make Crafts for Adults

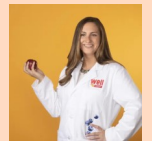
Friday, March 12, 10:00 AM

Register in advance, and pick up your kit at the Reference Desk after 10:00 AM. North Babylon cardholders only.

How to Decode the Nutrition Facts Label

Wednesday, March 24, 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Are you ready to become a nutrition detective? Join Registered Dietitian Jenna Brown to learn how to decode the nutrition facts label, learn about words disguised as sugar, and understand what all those numbers and percentages mean. You will be a smarter shopper knowing how to identify better-for-you food products after this lecture! Via Zoom.



Nutrition Facts	
Per 100g (approx.)	
Energy	700kcal
Total Fat	72g
Saturated Fat	6.5g
Trans Fat	0g
Monounsaturated Fat	7.5g
Polyunsaturated Fat	5g
Cholesterol	0mg
Total Carbohydrates	23g
Dietary Fiber	0g
Total Sugar	0g
Protein	0g
Sodium	0mg
Omega 3	14g
Omega 6	42g

Managing the Emotional Roller-coaster of Caution Fatigue

Thursday, March 25, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

John Martin, Supervising Public Health Educator and Nancy Hemendinger,

Director of the Office of Health Education for the Suffolk County Department

of Health Services, will present an enjoyable, light and lively interactive presentation exploring the skills that serve to prevent COVID-19 from interfering with our balance of physical and mental health. Learn about resilience skills, the "3-W's", and contact tracing. All questions addressed. Via Zoom.



FAMILY CLASSES

The Golden Era of Baseball in 1950's New York

Thursday, April 1, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Mays, Mantle, or Snider, who patrolled centerfield the best? Was Walter O'Malley the man to blame for moving both the Dodgers and Giants to the West Coast? We will travel back in time to when the Yankees, Giants, and Dodgers all called New York home. Join John Fetter, Lecturer in American History, to discuss the great rivalries, the big games, the best debates, and the unfortunate departure of the two teams. Via Zoom.



Express Yourself! Pollock Krasner House Tour

Wednesday, April 7, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Joyce Raimondo will virtually guide patrons through Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner's home and studio - a national landmark in East Hampton, New York. Participants will discover creative ways Pollock and Krasner expressed their feelings with paint. Explore the art displayed in their home and the barn studio filled with paint splatters - evidence of their masterpieces. Via Zoom.



Afternoon Trivia for Adults

Friday, April 9, 2:30 - 3:00 PM

Join us for a fun afternoon competition. Test your knowledge of movie trivia. There will be three rounds of 10 questions. Patrons will receive a link to join the game on your computer, tablet or cell phone. Download the Crowdpuir app to play.



Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

Friday, April 30, 10:00 AM

Did you know trees absorb odors and pollutants? Trees increase property values, prevent erosion, save us money, and improve our environment. The dogwood tree (*Cornus florida*) grows to about 15'- 30' tall, produces flowers in April, and its dark green leaves turn red in fall. Sign up to receive a free seedling, along with instructions on how to plant and tips for how to care for your tree. (Program date subject to change depending on delivery of seedlings.)



Health Insurance Assistance



One-on-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesdays, March 2 and April 6

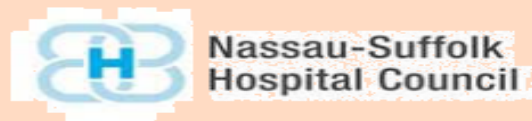
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Meet individually with an RSVP Suffolk volunteer from the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program for Medicare health insurance and benefits. By appointment only. Via phone.



NYS of Health Marketplace Enrollment Assistance

Need health insurance? The Health and Welfare Council of Long Island (HWCLI) staff can help you quickly compare health plan options and apply for assistance that could lower the cost of your health coverage. Call 516-505-4426 to set up an appointment. Call directly.



Medicaid Enrollment Assistance

Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council's Medicaid enrollment personnel will provide Medicaid enrollment assistance by phone to adults and children, disabled or blind and anyone over the age of 65. They are able to answer questions regarding utilizing insurance, understanding benefits, finding specialist, etc. For assistance, call 631-656-9783, option 2. Call directly.

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.

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

Community Service Credit

The Library provides many opportunities for students to gain service hours. All programs with CSC are volunteer opportunities.

Book Reviews CSC

Submit an application to review a book, available through the "Teen Community Service Opportunities" link on the Teen Services page of our website. Reviews earn you three hours of community service credit.

Bookmarks for All CSC

Create a bookmark for us to display online. Friends and neighbors will be able to download the bookmarks to use while reading.

Random Acts of Kindness CSC

Complete a row on our Random Acts of Kindness worksheet to earn two hours of community service credit.

Virtual Art Exhibit CSC

Each month we will be showcasing artwork from our community on our social media. Artwork can be drawing, painting, photography, etc. Submit your work to info@northbabylonpl.org All ages.

Trivia Tournament

Part 1, Wednesday, March 10, 6:00 PM

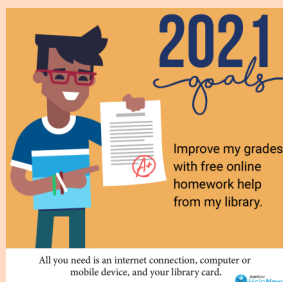
Part 2, Wednesday, March 17, 6:00 PM

Enter our trivia tournament and play for fun prizes. Each round consists of 10 questions. Winners advance to the next week of competition. Download the CrowdPurr app to play.

Story Time with a Teen CSC

Wednesday, March 31, 6:00 PM

This spring volunteer your time to read to children via Zoom. Books will be available the week before the program so you can practice before the event.



NLW Teen Read-A-Thon

Week of Monday, April 5

In celebration of National Library Week we will be having a week-long reading club. Read a book and write a brief report on it between April 5-10 and be entered into a raffle to win a prize. Submit reports online using the link on the "Teen Resources" page of our website.

Earth Day Craft: Rock Photo Holder



Wednesday, April 7, 7:00 PM, YouTube premiere
Celebrate Earth Day all month long with this fun recycled project. Materials will be available beginning Monday, April 5. Materials supplied except rocks.

SAT Review

Wednesdays, April 14, 21, 28, May 5

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Prepare for the SAT or PSAT with this 4-week program. \$85 fee includes study materials which will be e-mailed to students at or before first meeting. Via Zoom.

Authors Unlimited CSC



Saturday, April 17, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

AU is a free program that celebrates reading by connecting teens and authors. Attendees will get the chance to meet dynamic authors of young adult literature at an author panel and then in smaller breakout sessions. Earn three hours of community service credit. Register at: authorsunlimited.org. Via Zoom.

Earth Day Craft: Roll Paper Pup

Wednesday, April 21, 7:00 PM, YouTube premiere

Learn to craft a dog out of toilet paper rolls.

The library will provide the pompoms and felt, you provide the toilet paper rolls.

Materials available beginning Monday, April 19.



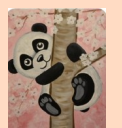
Teen Paint Night

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

YouTube premiere

Learn to paint a fun panda bear in this class.

Materials will be available for pickup beginning Monday, April 26. Kits include: canvas, paint brush, paints, paper plate, paper towel, and a printout of the final image.



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 and PIN. Limit 3 programs/month pp.*

Take and Make Craft

Mondays, March 8 and April 5, 4:00 PM

Pre-School Story Time Classes

Wednesdays, March 10 and 17, April 14 and 21

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

Thursdays, March 11 and 18, April 15 and 22

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

Enjoy stories, songs and activities. Via Zoom.

Rip it Up!

Thursday, March 11, 4:00 - 5:00 PM, PreK - 5

Join Art Educator, and author, Joyce Raimondo on a virtual tour of the Pollock-Krasner House and barn studio. Learn about abstract artists. Via Zoom.

Family Story Time

Saturdays, March 13 and April 10

10:30 - 11:00 AM, Grades: PreK - 5

Enjoy a story time and activities. Via Zoom.



Wind Songs

Tuesday, March 16, 10:30 AM, PreK - 2

Sing along with Miss Dara. Via YouTube.



Lego Challenge

Wednesdays, March 17 and April 14

4:00 - 5:00 PM, Grades: 1 - 5

Via Zoom.



Magic Glitter

Saturday, March 20, 11:00 AM, PreK - 2

Explore how fat molecules bond with soap to create a magical glitter swirl. Via YouTube/Facebook

Paint Night

Monday, March 22, 7:00 PM, K - 5

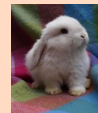
Pick up a paint kit, watch a step-by-step instructional video, enjoy the process and your beautiful art work! Via YouTube/Facebook.



Beautiful Bunnies

Monday, March 29, 7:00 PM, PreK - 5

Via YouTube.



Story Time with a Teen

Wednesday, March 31, 6:30 - 7:15 PM

Via Zoom.



Kids Can Vote Too!

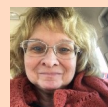
Tuesday, April 6, 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM, PreK - 5



Sun and Showers

Tuesday, April 13, 10:30 AM, PreK - 2

Miss Dara helps brighten up a rainy day. Via YouTube



Rainbow Connection

Saturday, April 17, 11:00 AM, PreK - 2

Enjoy a simple experiment. Via YouTube/Facebook.



Family Trivia Night

Monday, April 19, 7:00 PM, K - 5 w/family

Enjoy a fun, quick paced, virtual trivia game. Via Crowdprur.



Earth Day Celebration

Thursday, April 22, 4:00 PM, PreK - 5

Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Via YouTube/Facebook.

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9 AM - 8 PM, Monday - Friday
9 AM - 5 PM, Saturday
1 PM - 5 PM, Sunday (Oct - May)

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