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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Library Budget and Trustee Election

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM

Here's what authors say about libraries:

Librarians save lives: by handing the right book, at the right time, to a kid in need.
Judy Blume

Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.
Ray Bradbury

A library is a place where you learn what teachers were afraid to teach you.
Alan M. Dershowitz

The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.
Albert Einstein

*Google can bring you back 100,000 answers,
a librarian can bring you back the right one.*
Neil Gaiman

*Libraries will get you through times of no money
better than money will get you through times of no libraries.*
Anne Herbert

*Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services,
great libraries build communities.*
R. David Lankes

When in doubt, go to the library.
J.K. Rowling

Marc David Horowitz
Library Director

	North Babylon Public Library				
	Proposed Budget				
		2022-2023	2023-2024	\$ Change	% Change
		Approved	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
EXPENSES					
<i>Supplies and Materials</i>					
	Books, E-books, DVD, CD	224,000	224,000	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	63,000	63,000	0	0.0
<i>Professional and Technical Services</i>					
	Legal, SCLS, Treasurer, Auditor	71,600	71,600	0	0.0
<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	58,000	58,000	0	0.0
	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	425,000	425,000	0	0.0
	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	1,564,200	1,595,000	30,800	2.0
	Technical	58,450	59,600	1,150	2.0
	Pages	45,450	46,350	900	2.0
Total		3,340,650	3,373,500	32,850	0.98
REVENUES					
	State Aid, Interest, Copy, Fines, Etc.	101,300	101,300	0	0.0
	Amount to be raised by taxation	3,180,325	3,272,200	91,875	2.9
	Assessed Valuation	32,565,768	32,784,791	219,023	0.7
	Tax per \$100 assessed value	9.766	9.981	0.21	2.20
	Proposed cost / household @ \$3500	341.80	349.33	7.52	2.20

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 District or Library election within four years prior to April 4, 2023 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 s/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 3, 2023.

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

**Annual Budget Vote
and Trustee Election:
Tuesday, April 4
12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM
in the Library**

From Your Board of Trustees

Your Board has assembled a budget which requests your approval of an increase of 1%. We remain below the tax cap. With the exception of modest negotiated raises for the staff, the budget is flat. As tax payers, we appreciate the tax cap, but as service providers, we are challenged.

Now that the pandemic is mostly behind us, we have resumed our expansion plans. As we stated last year, there is no bond issue for this expansion and no request for additional funding. We will seek grants to assist us; we have done very well in the past. Our plans are in Albany and once approved, we will seek the lowest *responsible* bidders for our project. The best probable time frames are bidding and vetting, late Fall/Winter with construction in 2024.

Our library is extraordinarily careful with your money and our annual audits support that statement. We hope that every government entity follows our lead.

Circulation of traditional library materials has remained consistent. Some readers still like the printed book. We have noticed that the community's use of electronic services and downloadable materials have skyrocketed. It's easy to use these new formats. If you need assistance, see our librarians. They will teach you everything you need to know.

We are now fully certified by the Sustainability Library Initiative: Environmentally Sound, Socially Equitable and Economically Feasible. We were the 4th library, nationally, to reach this goal.

After 2 1/2 years, we have returned to in-house programs and classes, but we remain vigilant if the future demands a change. The pandemic has changed everything.

**We believe that the budget is worthy
of your support.**

If you agree with our plan, we urge you to come down on April 4th and demonstrate your commitment.

Tory T. Hare, President
Ira Hester, Vice President
Patricia Ziegler, Finance Trustee
Laurie Atlas, Secretary
Theresa DeBlasi, Assistant Secretary

ADULT CLASSES

*Sign-up for all Adult Classes begins March 1. Non-residents may register March 8
Some classes must be held in the downstairs meeting room. 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.*

Board of Trustees Meetings

Tuesdays, March 21 and April 18, 6:00 PM

Book Discussions

New members are always welcome.

Please pick up your book at the Circulation Desk.

Tuesday, March 21, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

How to be Perfect

By Michael Schur



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

A Speck in the Sea:

A Story of Survival And Rescue

By John Aldridge and Anthony Sosinski

LI Reads 2023 title



Career Counselor

Mondays, March 6, April 3, May 1

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturdays, March 18, April 15, May 20

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.

Excursion Discounts

The North Babylon Public Library participates in the WCS (Wildlife Conservation Society) Affiliate Program. Our patrons can order discounted tickets online for the Bronx Zoo, Central Park Zoo, Queens Zoo, Prospect Park Zoo, and the NY Aquarium. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Stop by the Circulation Desk with your North Babylon Public Library card to receive code/ordering instructions.

Free with Your North Babylon Library Card

Libby by Overdrive	E-books and audiobooks
Flipster	General magazines
Kanopy	Stream films/documentaries
Tumble Books	Children's books

**The Library will be closed
April 9, Easter Sunday**

Free Museum Passes

American Air Power Museum
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Children's Museum of the East End
Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery
Cradle of Aviation Museum
Fire Island Lighthouse
Garvies Point Museum/Preserve
Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum
New York Hall of Science
New York State Empire Pass
Old Bethpage Village Restoration (Spring Opening)
Old Westbury Gardens (Spring Opening)
Sagtikos Manor (June Opening)
Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium
For more information, ask at the Reference Desk

Looking for Something to Read or Watch?

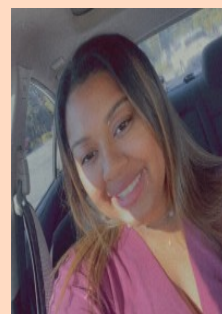
Our Librarians can pick out books or movies and hold them at the circulation desk for you.

Never lend your library card or the barcode!

Social Work Intern Available

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 9:00 - 11:00 AM



The Library offers a free service to patrons through the Social Work Intern Program at the Stony Brook University School of Social Welfare. Patrons can receive one-on-one assistance completing forms and applications, referrals to mental health resources and other topics. Our Intern, Brianna Rios, is available in-house. Contact the Library for more information.

Tech Help

Meet in-person for help with your technology.

Call 669-4020 for a reservation.

North Babylon cardholders only.

ADULT CLASSES

Health Insurance Assistance

One-on-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesdays, March 7, April 4, May 2
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.

Medicaid Enrollment Assistance

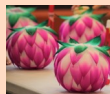
Tuesdays, March 21 and April 18
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Enrollment assistance by phone to adults and children, disabled or blind and anyone over the age of 65. Call 631-435-5000, M-F, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. After hours, call 631-656-9783.

Lotus Flower Lantern Craft

Thursday, March 2, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Korean Spirit and Culture Promotional Project presents how to make a lotus flower lantern. \$6 fee. **Non-refundable/non-transferable.**



Job Readiness Workshop

Thursday, March 9, 10:30 AM - 12:30 Noon

Come get ready for this afternoon's Job Fair! Interviewing skills, the Elevator Pitch, mock interviews, professional attire in the workplace, and professional conduct and conflict resolution in the workplace. Question and answer session at the end of the presentation/workshop. Be sure to test your skills at the Job Fair here at 1:00 pm.

Job Fair

Thursday, March 9, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Representatives from various Long Island companies will discuss their employment opportunities, explain how to apply and answer questions you may have. Sponsored by the Suffolk County Department of Labor. Dress for success.

Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving

Friday, March 10, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Check or money order for \$30, payable to Empire Safety Council only. Held downstairs.

Foreign Film Night: Secrets of War

Tuesday, March 14, 6:00 - 7:35 PM



Adult Paint Night: Butterfly and Bamboo

Thursday, March 16, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Let's paint some fun art; no experience necessary. 16x20 canvas, acrylic paints, brushes, easels and step-by-step instructions provided. \$10 fee. **Non-refundable/non-transferable.**

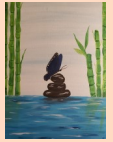


Photo Editing with Smartphone

Friday, March 17, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Take your best shot! Join Arooj, as she teaches you how to get the best possible photos from your smart phone. She will also show you how to edit the photos using third party apps.



Sunday Matinee Classics: Laura

Sunday, March 19, 2:00 - 4:00 PM



Tech Tutors

Tuesdays, March 21 and April 18, 3:00 - 3:45 PM
North Babylon cardholder only.

Art with Pamela: Charcuterie Board

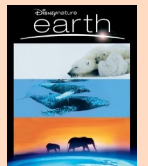
Thursday, March 23, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Create a personalized charcuterie board with artist Pamela Trastelis. All supplies included. \$10 fee. **Non-refundable/non-transferable.**



Documentary Film Night: Disneynature Earth

Friday, March 24, 6:00 - 7:30 PM



Gil McLean

Sunday, March 26, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Gil McLean will be here for a live performance of Irish folk songs, love songs, pub songs, rebel songs, with stories to go with them.



Alcohol Ink Mug

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

Join Designer Elizabeth to learn about colors and explore the world of vibrant alcohol inks. Let your creativity run as you create your own beautiful mug. No experience required. Held downstairs. \$10 fee. **Non-refundable/non-transferable.**



ADULT CLASSES

All Levels Yoga/Mobility Class

Fridays, March 31, April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12
5:30 - 6:30 PM. No class on April 7.

Join Kimberly for a mobility class that combines Vinyasa Yoga with modern mobility techniques. Improve flexibility and posture, build strength, and calm your mind. All levels are welcome. Bring a yoga mat.

Afternoon Movie: 13 Minutes

Friday, March 31, 1:30 - 3:30 PM



AARP Smart Driver Course

Saturday, April 1, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

\$25, member; \$30, non-member. Check or money order payable to AARP, only. Held downstairs.

National Library Day

Tuesday, April 4, 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM

Come down and vote!

Electric Vehicles 101

Tuesday, April 4, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Thinking of buying or leasing an electric vehicle? Join Drive Electric LI to learn the basics about electric vehicles, with the opportunity to ask current EV owners why they chose to go electric and what it's really like to drive an EV.



Sea Glass Jewelry

Thursday, April 13, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Robyn will be here to teach you how to wire wrap real Long Island Seaglass and turn them into beautiful, one of a kind, handmade pendants. \$20 fee.

Non-refundable/non-transferrable.

Sunday Matinee

Classics: Houseboat

Sunday, April 16, 2:00 - 4:00 PM



Catholic Health Bus

Wednesday, April 19, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Catholic Health will provide a mobile bus with free health screenings including cardiac history, blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes testing. You must be 18 years of age, no insurance necessary.

GRASP Orientation And Assessment

Thursday, April 20, 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Free home study program designed for adults 21+ to help prepare for the GED.

Volunteer Fair

Thursday, April 20, 1:00 - 4:00 PM



Belmont Lake State Park Historical Nature Walking Tour

Friday, April 21, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Tour fee is courtesy of the Library, parking fee for under 62. Register in advance. Meet at the park. North Babylon cardholders only.



Ceramic Mushroom

Tuesday, April 25, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Paint a ceramic mushroom. \$12 fee.

Non-refundable/non-transferable.



The Sinking of the Steamboat Lexington: Long Island's Worst Maritime Disaster

Thursday, April 27, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Join Bill Bleyer for a lecture about the 1840 fire and sinking in Long Island Sound that claimed the lives of 139 of the 143 people on board. An important milestone in journalism history because young lithographer Nathaniel Currier rushed to make an image of the fire for the New York Sun, which put out extra editions using the illustration. Led to tougher safety regulations for steamboats.



Arbor Day: Witch Hazel Seedling

Friday, April 28, all day

Celebrate Arbor Day with a free winter-bloom seedling from the Library. This small tree has bright yellow flowers that bloom in late fall or winter. Must register. North Babylon cardholders only.



Afternoon Movie:

Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris

Friday, April 28, 1:30 - 3:30 PM



Rockin' Robin

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

Rocco and Denise of Rockin' Robin will be here to entertain you with the music of the 40s, 50s, 60s, and 70s.



Calling all Community Experts

The Library is seeking volunteers to assist with our upcoming Repair Café, scheduled for May 20th. More information, Stephanie Salvatore, 669-4020.

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.

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

Drop in Crafts

Tuesdays, March 7 and April 11, 4:00 - 7:00 PM
Ages 3 - 10

Stop by the Children's Room and make fun crafts.

Family Story Time

Saturdays, March 11 and April 8
10:30 - 11:00 AM, Grades: PreK - 5
Enjoy a story time and activities.



Tot's Night Out

Monday, March 13, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
March Lion
Monday, April 10, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Birds in a Nest
Ages: 18 months - 5 years
Enjoy music, movement, activities, and a craft!



Marine Reptiles and Their Land Buddies

Tuesday, March 14, 4:00 - 4:50 PM, Grades: 1 - 5
Learn about reptiles and their adaptations. Visit with a variety of live marine and terrestrial reptiles.



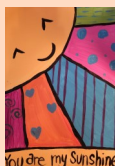
Lego Fun

Wednesdays, March 15 and April 12
4:00 - 4:45 PM, Grades: 1 - 5



Paint Night: You Are My Sunshine

March 20, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Grades K - 5
Paint a fun Sun with colorful rays, and the words: "You are my sunshine."



Pre-School Story Time Classes

Wednesdays, March 22 and 29, April 19 and 26
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM, Ages: 2 - 5
Fridays, March 24 and 31, April 21 and 28
6:30 - 7:00 PM, Ages: 2 - 5
Join us for a special story time.

Zumba Kids

Saturdays, March 25, April 15, 11:00 - 11:45 AM
Grades: K - 5
Join us for this exciting and fun dance party that helps children develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporates fitness as a natural part of children's lives.

Sweet Dreams Aromatherapy

Monday, March 27, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Grades: 1 - 5
Learn how aromatherapy and essential oils can help you get to sleep faster and stay asleep. Make and take a Sweet Dreams Aromatic Spray Mist and a Sweet Dreams Lotion to use at bedtimes.

Chess Club

Tuesdays, March 28 and April 25, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Grades: 1 - 5
Practice your game and perfect your skills in a match with fellow chess players!

Kids Can Vote Too!

Tuesday, April 4, 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM, PreK - 5
Cast your ballots on your favorite book, character, author and movie.



Earth Day Celebration

Tuesday, April 4, 4:00 - 5:00 PM, Ages: 3 - 8
Make an Earth Day craft with a Teen Buddy!



Minecraft

Thursday, April 6, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, Grades: K - 5
Team up with a teen buddy to improve your Minecraft gaming skills! Beginners welcome! Program will take place in the Library Parking Lot in an RV designed for gaming.



Insects - Good or Bad?

Monday, April 17, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Grades: K - 5
Learn about insects, and the differences between the insects that are beneficial, and those that aren't. Paint a ladybug rock and a beetle rock to take home!

A Lesson a Day: A Child's Way

Sunday, April 23, 3:00 - 4:30 PM, all ages

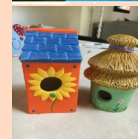


Join us, and local author Cheryl Williams who will share a special reading of her newly published book A Lesson a Day: A Child's Way. A treat for all who attend.



Ceramic Bird House

Monday, April 24, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Paint a beautiful ceramic bird house for home or garden!



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.



Oh Shift - Teen Mindfulness CSC

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 12
6:00 - 7:30 PM

1. Self-Awareness - Learning your areas of strength and recognizing what you can improve upon.
 2. The Power of Words – Learn how and what you say is what becomes your reality.
 3. Flow vs. Resistance – Learn to accept your reality and understand why fighting it does not work.
 4. Change – Learn why people struggle with change, fears around it and how to tackle these fears.
 5. Reactions – Learn to think and ask questions before you respond to people or situations so you get a better outcome.
 6. Personal Power – Learn to take full responsibility for your actions. Don't be a victim!
- Led by Youth Empowerment Coach, Keith Senzer.

Tech Tutors Volunteers CSC

Tuesdays, March 21 and April 18, 3:00 - 3:45 PM
Help adults learn how to use phones, tablets, laptops.

Chess Buddies CSC

Tuesdays, March 28 and April 25, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Teach a child to play chess. You must know how to play chess to volunteer for this program.

Earth Day Buddies CSC

Tuesday, April 4, 3:45 PM
Help a child to create an Earth Day craft.

Minecraft Buddies CSC

Thursday, April 6, 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Team up with a younger "buddy" and help them get started with Minecraft. This program will take place in a giant gaming RV in the Library's parking lot.

SAT Review Course

Tuesday, April 11
Wednesdays, April 19, 26, May 3
5:30 - 7:30 PM
\$85 fee includes study materials
Non-refundable/non-transferable.



Coffee Filter Flower Art

Wednesday, April 19, 6:00 PM
Craft a beautiful floral work of art.



Call for
Volunteers



Volunteer Fair

Thursday, April 20, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

A Lesson A Day CSC

Sunday, April 23, 2:45 - 4:45 PM
Attend this poetry reading by local author Cheryl Williams, then help children present to design and decorate a journal to jump start their writing career.



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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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