



News & Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Library Budget and Trustee Election

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM

Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading,
to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him.

Maya Angelou

The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man.

T.S. Eliot

For an impoverished child whose family could not afford to buy books, the library was the open door to wonder and achievement, and I can never be sufficiently grateful that I had the wit to charge through that door and make the most of it. Now, when I read constantly about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that the door is closing and that American society has found one more way to destroy itself.

Isaac Asimov

Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better.

Sidney Sheldon

Paradise will be a kind of library.

Jorge Luis Borges

Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library.

The only entrance requirement is interest.

Lady Bird Johnson

All that is necessary for a student is access to a library.

Thomas Jefferson

Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.

Laura Bush

A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library.

Shelby Foote

Marc David Horowitz
Library Director

	North Babylon Public Library				
	Proposed Budget				
		2023-2024	2024-2025	\$ 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	71,900	300	0.4
<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	67,000	9,000	15.5
	Fire, Liability, Comprehensive	20,200	20,200	0	0.0
<i>Library Operations</i>					
	Printing, Publication, Postage	28,500	29,500	1,000	3.5
	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	455,000	30,000	7.1
	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	1,595,000	1,619,000	24,000	1.5
	Technical	59,600	61,000	1,400	2.3
	Pages	46,350	47,350	1,000	2.2
Total		3,373,500	3,440,200	66,700	2.0
REVENUES					
	State Aid, Interest, Copy, Fines, Etc.	101,300	94,800	-6,500	-6.4
	Amount to be raised by taxation	3,272,200	3,345,400	73,200	2.2
	Assessed Valuation	32,784,791	32,693,533	-91,258	-0.3
	Tax per \$100 assessed value	9.981	10.233	0.25	2.52
	Proposed cost / household @ \$3500	349.33	358.14	8.81	2.52

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 9, 2024 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 8, 2024.

**Public Information Meeting
and Candidate Presentation
Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 PM**

**Annual Budget Vote
and Trustee Election:
Tuesday, April 9
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 2%. We remain within the NYS tax cap. With the exception of modest negotiated raises for the staff and health insurance premiums, the budget is basically flat. As tax payers, we appreciate the tax cap, but as service providers, we are challenged.

Our expansion is in full swing. As we have stated, there is *no bond issue* for this expansion and there is no request for additional funding. We will seek grants to assist us; we have done very well in the past. We hope to complete construction by the end of the year. Furnishings may come later.

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

Locally, circulation of traditional library materials has remained consistent. County-wide, electronic checkouts have now exceeded print checkouts. Some readers still like the printed book. 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.

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

If you agree with our plan, we urge you to come down on April 9th 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.*

Access to the Library during construction is only from the Deer Park Avenue entrance. You will need to walk around the library from the parking lot.

Board of Trustees Meetings

Tuesdays, March 19 and April 16, 6:00 PM

Book Discussions

New members are always welcome.

Please pick up your book at the Circulation Desk.

Tuesday, March 19, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

The Librarianist

By Patrick deWitt



Tuesday, April 16, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Better Living Through Birding

By Christian Cooper

Long Island Reads 2024 title



Career Counselor

Mondays, March 4, April 1

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturdays, March 16, April 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.

ESL

Postponed due to construction.
Call the Reference Desk for updates.

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
Long Island Maritime Museum
New York Hall of Science
New York State Empire Pass
9/11 Museum
Old Westbury Gardens (April Opening)
Planting Fields Arboretum
Sagtikos Manor (June Opening)
Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium
North Babylon cardholders only
For more information, ask at the Reference Desk

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

Help Us Help Others

We maintain drop off boxes to donate to the local food pantry, eye glasses, cell phones and pet food.

Looking for Something to Read or Watch?

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

Tech Help: "Book a Librarian"

Meet in-person for help with your technology.

Call 669-4020 for a reservation.

North Babylon cardholders only.

The Library will be closed:

Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday

ADULT CLASSES

**During construction,
parking can be difficult.
Plan accordingly.**

Health Insurance Assistance

One-on-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesdays, March 5, April 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 19 and April 16

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Enrollment assistance by phone to adults and children, disabled or blind and anyone over the age of 65. By appointment. Call 631-435-3000, M-F, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. After hours, call 631-656-9783.

Get Your Eclipse Glasses

Friday, March 1, 9:00 AM

Pick up two pair of glasses per North Babylon Library card. The eclipse is in the afternoon on April 8th. North Babylon Cardholders only.

Meet Senator Martinez

Thursday, March 7, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Senator Monica Martinez and her staff will be holding office hours in the reference area.



All Levels Yoga/Mobility Class

Fridays, March 8, 15, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26

5:15 - 6:15 PM

All levels. Bring a yoga mat, held downstairs. No class on March 22.

Deep Stretch Yin Yoga

Saturdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 13, 20, 27

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Bring a yoga mat. Held downstairs. No class on April 6.

Learn to be Tobacco Free

Tuesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 30

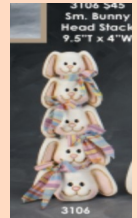
6:00 - 7:15 PM

This free, multi-session program is offered by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services and is based on the CDC's Clinical Practice Guidelines for treating nicotine dependence. The emphasis is on *preparing* to quit by addressing the physical, behavioral and psychological aspects of nicotine dependence. For more information or to register, please call Debora at 631-853-2928 or email debora.rippel@suffolkcountyny.gov

Ceramic Bunnies

Thursday, March 21, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Paint a heap of bunnies. All supplies included. \$12 fee. **Non-refundable/non-transferrable.**



Adult Chess Club

Tuesdays, March 26 and April 30

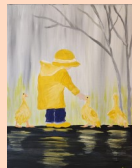
6:00 - 7:45 PM

Paint Night: Rainy Day Ducks

Thursday, March 28, 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-transferrable.



AARP Smart Driver Course

Saturday, April 6, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

AARP 6-hour driving course: \$25 members (membership card required), \$30 non-members. Bring your membership card and driver's license to class. There will be a break for lunch. Check or money order payable to AARP, no cash. Held downstairs.

National Library Week

April 7 - April 13

Come down and vote on Tuesday, April 9th

12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM

Retirement Planning

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Join Jonathan Roth, CPFA, CSSCS, PPC, to learn what you need to know about Medicare, Social Security, and Tax Planning for retirement.

ADULT CLASSES

GRASP and ESL Assessments

Thursday, April 18, 4:00 - 8:00 PM

High School Equivalency is designed for those who are able to speak, read and write in English, but unable to attend classes and would like to prepare for the GED exam.

Paint with Pamela: Daisies

Thursday, April 25, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Paint a whimsical sky filled with daisies with artist Pamela Trastelis.

No experience needed, all materials provided. \$10. **Non-refundable/non-transferrable.**



Arbor Day Giveaway

Friday, April 26, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

This year you can register to receive two Winged Sumac seedlings. Winged sumac is a native, deciduous, large shrub that rarely exceeds 10 feet. The flowers appear in June, and the dull red to purple fruits are well-developed by September. The leaves turn bright red in the fall. Winged sumac (*Rhus copallinum*) looks similar to poison sumac, but doesn't cause an allergic reaction. North Babylon cardholders only.



Ceramic Garden

Thursday, May 2, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

We will be painting a plaque with a garden scene. All supplies will be included in the class. \$12 fee.

Non-refundable/non-transferrable.



Library of Things

Ames Instruments Infrared Laser Thermometer

Binoculars

Blood Pressure Cuff

Corn Hole

Ektagraphic Slide Projector

Kan Jam

Metal Detector

Telescope

Volleyball Set

WiFi Hotspot

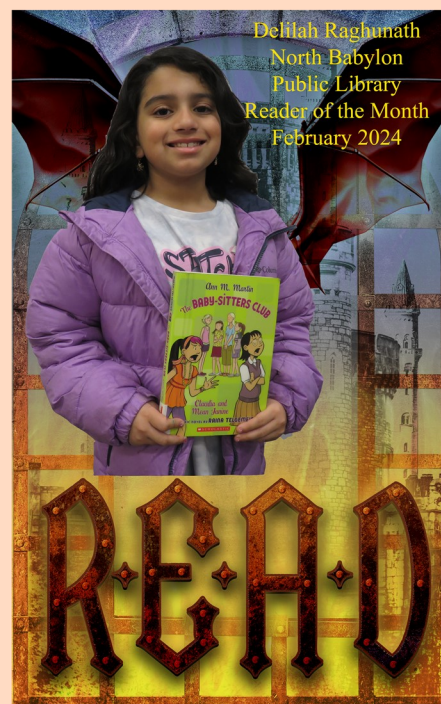
Zurich ZR28 OBD-II Reader

North Babylon Cardholders only.

1 week loan period, not renewable.

\$5/day late fee.

Our WiFi reaches all the way to the parking lot 24/7.



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.

Puzzle Day

Fridays, March 1, April 5, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Grades: PreK - 5

Saturday Games

Saturdays, March 2, April 6, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Grades: PreK-5

Drop in Surprise Craft Day

Monday, March 4, Wednesday, April 3

4:00 - 7:00 PM, Grades; PreK - 5

Drop in Play Date

Thursdays, March 7, 21 and April 4, 18

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, Ages: 1 - 5

Drop In Game Night

Fridays, March 8 and April 12, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Grades: PreK - 5 w/parent

Family Story Time

Saturdays, March 9 and April 13

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



Tot's Night Out

Monday, March 11, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Shamrock Silliness

Monday, April 15, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Hungry, Hungry Hippos

Ages: 18 months - 5 years

Enjoy music, movement, activities, and a craft!



Children's Chess Club

Tuesdays, March 12 and 26, April 9

6:00 - 7:30 PM, Grades: 1-5

Pre-School Story Time Classes

Wednesdays, March 13 and 20, April 17 and 24

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM, Ages: 2 - 5

Fridays, March 15 and 22, April 19 and 26

6:45 - 7:15 PM, Ages: 2 - 5

Join us for a special story time.

Zumba Kids

Saturdays, March 16 and April 20

11:00 - 11:45 AM, Grades: K-5

Spring Scavenger Hunt

Monday, March 18, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Grs: PreK - 5

Drop In Craft

Tuesday, March 19 and Monday, April 8

4:00 - 7:00 PM, Ages: 3-10

Sensory Story Time

Saturday, March 23, 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Ages: 2-5

Ceramic Rainbow Catch-All

Monday, March 25, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Grades 2 - 5

Lego Fun

Wednesdays, March 27 and April 10

4:00 - 4:45 PM, Grades: 1 - 5



Imagination Station

Friday, March 29 and Tuesday, April 30

4:00 - 7:00 PM, Grades: PreK-5

Saturday Drop in Play Date

Saturday, March 30, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Ages: 1-5

Kids Can Vote Too!

Tuesday, April 9, 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM, PreK - 5

Cast your ballots on your favorite book, character, author and movie.

Craft Buddies: Spring Craft

Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 - 6:30 PM, Gr: K - 3

Stories and Stretches

Saturday, April 27, 11:00 - 11:45 AM

Ages: 2-5

Paint Night: Friendship Bracelet

Monday, April 29, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Grades: K - 5

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.



Drop in Game Night

Wednesday, March 6, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Stop by the teen area and play some large and normal sized games.

Chess Buddies CSC

Tuesdays, March 12 and 26, April 9

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Teach a child to play chess. You must know how to play chess to volunteer for this program.

Kraft with Katrina

Wednesdays, March 13, April 17, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Do you love to make crafts? Come down and flex your creative muscles and create a handmade craft.

Adopt Me! Bandanas CSC

Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Stencil lettering onto a bandanna and leash slide to help animals find their forever homes. The items made will be donated to a local animal adoption organization.

Community Service Planning CSC

Wednesday, March 27, 6:00 - 6:30 PM

Join Miss Katrina and give your opinion on what community service programs you would like to see offered by the library.

100 Books Before Graduation

Begins Monday, April 1

This is a reading challenge for teens to read 100 books before they graduate from high school. Register at the NBPL website and track your books online. Every 10 books will earn you a prize. North Babylon Public Library cardholders only.

SAT Prep Workshop

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 30, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Prepare for the SAT with this multiple session workshop. Study materials will be provided. \$85 fee. Held at the West Islip Public Library.

Non-refundable/non-transferrable.

Decorate a Bag CSC

Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Earn community service by decorating tote bags for the library and its patrons.

Craft Buddies CSC

Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 - 6:30 PM

Help younger children make fun crafts and earn community service credit while doing it!

Teen Paint Night

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Join our paint night and learn step-by-step how to create your own artistic masterpiece.



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Library Hours (subject to change):

9 AM - 8 PM, Monday - Friday

9 AM - 5 PM, Saturday

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

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