

Agenda
February 17, 2026
6:00 PM

1. Call to order.
2. Remarks from guests. (Period for public expression)
3. Reading, amendment, if necessary, and approval of the minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting.
4. Consideration of the Treasurers' Reports for January.
 - a. Cultural Programming Fund
 - b. Library Fund
5. Consideration of the Financial Report for January.
6. Consideration of the Director's Statistical Report for January.
7. Approval of Bills - Authorization for February Payment No. 915.
8. Approval of Disbursements for February Cultural Programming Fund.
9. Communications.
10. Old Business.
11. New Business.
 - A. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
 1. EXHIBIT A - Appointment of election personnel and Permanent Chairperson for the Library Election.
 - i. Remuneration is in line or better than school district election personnel rates.
 - ii. Chief Inspector receives additional stipend.
 2. Absentee ballots and Early Voter Ballots will be provided.
 - B. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - C. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
 - D. PERSONNEL REPORT
12. Remarks from guests. (Period for public expression)

13. Future Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 @ 6:00 PM (Budget Hearing & Board Meeting)

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

14. Executive Session.

15. Adjournment.

**TREASURER'S REPORT
CULTURAL PROGRAMMING FUND
For the period of January 1 to January 31, 2026**

Total available balance as reported at the end of preceding period \$ 9,614.65

RECEIPTS DURING PERIOD

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Paint Night	\$ 480.00	
Ceramic Butterfly	\$ 168.00	
Ceramic Snail	\$ 288.00	
Aquarium Tickets	\$ 234.00	
Latin Flavors	\$ 10.00	
Interest Earned	\$ 0.79	
	Total Receipts	<u>\$ 1,180.79</u>
	Total receipts including balance	<u>\$ 10,795.44</u>

DISBURSEMENTS MADE DURING PERIOD

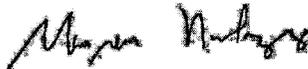
<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	
4117	Rosemarie Attard	Ceramic Snowman	\$ 288.00	
4118	Melinda Space	Italian Sushi	\$ 85.00	
4119	Rosemarie Attard	Ceramic Butterfly	\$ 168.00	
		Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 541.00</u>
		Cash balance as shown by records		<u>\$ 10,254.44</u>

RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENT

Bank statement balance at end of period	<u>\$ 9,070.44</u>
Less total outstanding checks	<u>\$ 298.00</u>
Net balance in bank	<u>\$ 8,772.44</u>
Due from Library Fund	<u>\$ 1,180.00</u>

Total available balance	<u>\$ 9,952.44</u>
Total commitments	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balance	<u>\$ 9,952.44</u>

This is to certify that the above cash balance is in agreement with the bank statement as reconciled.



Treasurer, Cultural Programming Fund

NORTH BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY		
TREASURER'S REPORT		
FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2026		
M&T BANK - NOW Checking #0017110022060 Statement Balance		\$ 535,484.70
Plus: Deposits in Transit	\$ 55.40	
Less: Outstanding Checks		\$ (83,552.39)
Balance at End of Month		\$ 451,987.71
M&T BANK - MMA #15005010003749 Statement Balance		\$ 585,853.37
Capital One - MMA #7527401539 Statement Balance		\$ 521,528.20
Total		\$ 1,559,369.28
Beginning Balance:		
M&T BANK - Checking		\$ 464,611.13
M&T BANK - MMA		\$ 585,803.62
Capital One MMA		\$ 521,015.51
Real Property Taxes	\$ 276,866.67	
PILOT Funds: Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ -	
Fines	\$ 90.70	
Interest Income	\$ 612.96	
Lost Books Paid	\$ 174.81	
Gifts and Donations	\$ -	
E-Rate	\$ 5,702.00	
Copy Machine Revenue	\$ 336.20	
Unclassified Revenue	\$ 204.66	
State Aid	\$ -	
Due to CPF	\$ 1,180.00	
Lost Books Paid Refund	\$ 32.12	
Excess NYSLERS Withholding	\$ 48.98	
Total Receipts	\$ 285,249.10	
Minus: Disbursements		
Accounts Payable 1/20/26		\$ 72,214.63
Payroll 1/2/26		\$ 58,169.85
Payroll 1/16/26		\$ 54,613.13
Payroll 1/30/26		\$ 112,312.47
Total Disbursements		\$ 297,310.08
Total Ending Balance		\$ 1,559,369.28

Outstanding Checks as of 01/31/2026

Check No.	Amount
46041	60.00
46207	407.10
46224	1,110.00
46352	805.00
46368	225.00
46410	555.00
46412	555.00
46416	555.00
46431	350.00
46433	180.00
46436	12,310.00
46447	15.00
46448	400.00
46457	1,602.16
46460	1,306.54
46469	5,357.31
46472	175.00
46473	350.00
46474	300.00
46475	325.00
46482	2,000.00
46483	500.00
46484	48,368.81
154971502	3,009.49
154971503	2,376.99
154971505	40.00
	125.60
	188.39
	83,552.39

**NORTH BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR MONTH ENDING January 31, 2026**

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>2025-2026 BUDGET</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Real Property Taxes	3,322,400.00	1,938,073.53
PILOT Funds: Payment in Lieu of Taxes	4,500.00	-
Fines	8,000.00	364.95
Interest Income	2,000.00	4,374.11
Lost Books Paid	5,500.00	947.42
Gifts & Donations	8,000.00	-
E-Rate	5,000.00	5,702.00
Copy Machine Revenue	7,000.00	2,097.45
Unclassified Revenue	6,000.00	1,862.69
State Aid	8,800.00	8,766.90
Other State Aid	-	-
Appropriated Fund Balance	40,000.00	-
Prior Year Refund	-	-
	3,417,200.00	1,962,189.05

CASH SUMMARY

Fund Balance - July 1, 2025 (Preliminary)	745,218.51	
Add: Reserve for Prior Encumbrances	54,394.94	
Deferred Real Estate Taxes	-	
Reserve for Retirement/Terminal Pay	80,000.00	
Reserve for Unemployment	11,195.71	
Committed for Post Employment Benefits	265,000.00	
Due to Employees' Retirement System	57,000.00	
Appropriated Fund Balance	40,000.00	
Accounts Payable	309,756.00	
Accrued Payroll	85,972.28	
	1,648,537.44	
Current Revenues	1,962,189.05	<u><u>3,610,726.49</u></u>

EXPENSES

Budgetary Expenditures	<u><u>1,995,942.64</u></u>	
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		1,994,243.99
Dis. Ins. Withheld	120.01	
Federal Withholding		
State Withholding		
Social Security - EE		
Retirement System Deductions	349.66	
Retirement System Contributions - ERSBACK		
Excess Retirement Contributions		
Excess Retirement Contributions -- LOANS	48.98	
Social Security - ER		
CPF Exchange	1,180.00	
Petty Cash		370.00
Deferred Real Estate Taxes		23.05
Citibank Account		-
Insurance Receivable		-
Prepaid Insurance		18,121.17
Prepaid Expenses		38,599.00
LIPA Rebate Receivable		-
Grants Receivable		-
Accrued Interest Receivable		-
Checking Accounts Balance		<u><u>1,559,369.28</u></u>

**NORTH BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR MONTH ENDING January 31, 2026**

	<u>2025-26 BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENSED</u>	<u>ENCUMBERED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Professional Salaries	800,000.00	\$506,374.15	\$0.00	\$293,625.85
Clerical Salaries	725,000.00	\$316,526.73	\$0.00	\$408,473.27
Custodial/Maintenance Salaries	94,000.00	\$58,063.07	\$0.00	\$35,936.93
Technical Services Salaries	61,000.00	\$38,783.40	\$0.00	\$22,216.60
Library District Treasurer Salaries	2,900.00	\$2,523.04	\$0.00	\$376.96
Pages	47,350.00	\$18,916.51	\$0.00	\$28,433.49
Retirement	280,000.00	\$230,863.00	\$0.00	\$49,137.00
Social Security	117,000.00	\$68,092.06	\$0.00	\$48,907.94
Workmen's Compensation	17,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,000.00
Health Insurance	455,000.00	\$281,966.18	\$0.00	\$173,033.82
Vision Insurance	1,100.00	\$528.65	\$0.00	\$571.35
Disability Insurance	5,000.00	\$1,033.93	\$0.00	\$3,966.07
Dental/Life Insurance	21,550.00	\$6,280.09	\$0.00	\$15,269.91
Employee Assistance Plan	1,400.00	\$1,348.50	\$0.00	\$51.50
Books/Downloadable Books	200,000.00	\$18,543.25	\$1,057.11	\$180,399.64
DVD	20,000.00	\$5,789.85	\$46.78	\$14,163.37
Audio Recordings	4,000.00	\$66.69	\$0.00	\$3,933.31
Periodicals	14,500.00	\$12,377.70	\$0.00	\$2,122.30
Computer Software	10,000.00	\$3,146.30	\$0.00	\$6,853.70
Online Services	29,400.00	\$23,730.61	\$0.00	\$5,669.39
Misc Expenses	1,000.00	\$44.30	\$0.00	\$955.70
Printing and Publication	16,000.00	\$12,039.00	\$0.00	\$3,961.00
Library Programs	63,000.00	\$39,068.74	\$0.00	\$23,931.26
Postage	13,500.00	\$11,749.02	\$0.00	\$1,750.98
Telephone	9,000.00	\$2,939.89	\$0.00	\$6,060.11
Telecommunications	11,000.00	\$9,900.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Electric	47,500.00	\$35,490.51	\$0.00	\$12,009.49
Gas	7,000.00	\$3,780.91	\$0.00	\$3,219.09
Water	1,000.00	\$466.08	\$0.00	\$533.92
Building Repair	15,000.00	\$7,167.40	\$4,856.00	\$2,976.60
Equipment Repair and Service Contracts	38,000.00	\$19,838.08	\$0.00	\$18,161.92
Trash Removal Service	2,300.00	\$491.19	\$0.00	\$1,808.81
Snow Removal Service	13,000.00	\$4,160.00	\$0.00	\$8,840.00
Security and Protective Services	67,000.00	\$38,775.70	\$0.00	\$28,224.30
Equipment	35,000.00	\$19,071.27	\$0.00	\$15,928.73
Circulation Control	20,000.00	\$14,778.56	\$0.00	\$5,221.44
SCLS Services Contract	45,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00
Legal	14,000.00	\$52,288.50	\$0.00	(\$38,288.50)
Accounting Services	10,000.00	\$12,310.00	\$0.00	(\$2,310.00)
Other Professional Fees (UMS)	5,000.00	\$665.00	\$0.00	\$4,335.00
Fire Liability Comprehensive Insurance	20,200.00	\$23,202.64	\$0.00	(\$3,002.64)
General Supplies	46,000.00	\$32,122.98	\$2,324.66	\$11,552.36
Maintenance Supplies	5,000.00	\$2,000.17	\$200.60	\$2,799.23
Travel	3,000.00	\$427.06	\$0.00	\$2,572.94
Continuing Education	3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Membership Dues	3,500.00	2,070.00	0.00	\$1,430.00
Election Expenses	5,000.00	251.18	0.00	\$4,748.82
Building Improvements	15,000.00	11,180.00	4,125.00	(\$305.00)
Expansion Project	0.00	44,710.75	0.00	(\$44,710.75)
	<u>\$3,440,200.00</u>	<u>\$1,995,942.64</u>	<u>\$12,610.15</u>	<u>\$1,431,647.21</u>

NORTH BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Statistical Report for January 2026

CIRCULATION STATISTICS

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Grand Total Materials (month)	<u>3,950</u>	<u>6,855</u>
Grand Total Materials (calendar year to date)	<u>3,950</u>	<u>6,855</u>
Total Videos and DVD's (month)	<u>776</u>	<u>1,202</u>
Total Videos and DVD's (calendar year to date)	<u>776</u>	<u>1,202</u>

COLLECTION:

	Books	Audio	Video	PB Books	DVD	Pamphlets	Microfilms	Software
Added	<u>113</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>108,384</u>	<u>7,253</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>4,519</u>	<u>13,444</u>	<u>2,736</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>71</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>136,499</u>							

BORROWER REGISTRATION:

	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>This Month</u>
Adult	<u>9,031</u>	<u>9,016</u>
YA	<u>2,800</u>	<u>2,817</u>
Juvenile	<u>2,019</u>	<u>2,024</u>
TOTAL	<u>13,850</u>	<u>13,857</u>

INTERLIBRARY LOAN:

# of items received from other libraries for our patrons	<u>322</u>
# of items lent to other libraries for their patrons	<u>564</u>

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

Adult Reference Questions	<u>950</u>	Juvenile Reference Questions	<u>224</u>
Adult Computer Use	<u>316</u>	Juvenile Computer Use	<u>28</u>
Downloads - Live-brary.com	<u>5,116</u>	Door Count	<u> </u>
Flipster	<u>191</u>	Scans	<u> </u>
Kanopy	<u>123</u>		

North Babylon Public Library

Circulation Statistics

ALL MATERIALS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	<i>*Note : Library COVID closure, March 16- June 15, 2020</i>						
January	12,410	8,086	7,381	7,802	8,143	6,855	3,950
February	12,868	7,255	7,170	7,837	7,715	6,717	
March	7,341	8,044	7,549	8,523	8,136	7,743	
April		7,722	7,392	7,955	7,619	7,372	
May		7,039	7,181	7,840	7,085	7,187	
June	3,607	7,236	7,896	8,498	7,594	6,978	
July	5,442	8,153	8,171	8,471	9,095	8,951	
August	6,885	8,558	8,412	9,136	8,710	13,417	
September	10,252	7,936	8,081	8,293	8,027	8,069	
October	7,434	8,213	8,169	8,550	7,799	7,868	
November	8,924	7,826	7,299	8,520	7,676	7,321	
December	7,837	7,300	7,007	8,337	7,213	6,681	
TOTAL	83,000	93,368	91,708	99,762	94,812	95,159	
VIDEOS & DVDs							
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	3,472	2,712	1,548	1,642	1,613	1,202	776
February	3,583	2,283	1,698	1,638	1,715	1,237	
March	2,005	2,320	1,707	1,729	1,743	1,472	
April		2,071	1,833	1,469	1,553	1,268	
May		1,853	1,772	1,586	1,425	1,273	
June	490	1,800	1,888	1,671	1,422	854	
July	1,368	1,911	1,845	1,425	1,573	1,303	
August	1,847	1,973	1,964	1,787	1,408	1,373	
September	2,142	1,729	1,530	1,679	1,341	1,374	
October	2,195	1,761	1,642	1,589	1,286	1,207	
November	2,457	1,837	1,400	1,488	1,436	1,313	
December	2,471	1,034	1,481	1,879	1,339	1,046	
TOTAL	22,030	23,284	20,308	19,582	17,854	14,922	

**NORTH BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROGRAM STATISTICS
January 2026**

DATE	PROGRAM	AGE LEVEL	FUND	ATTENDANCE
1/5/2026	Career Counselor	Adult		0
1/6/2026	One-on-One Medicare Counseling	Adult		4
1/6/2026	Afterschool Gaming	Teens		0
1/6/2026	Chess Buddies CSC	Teen		0
1/8/2026	Ceramic Butterfly Lantern	Adult		14
1/9/2026	All Levels Yoga and Mobility Class	Adult	L	13
1/13/2026	Sewing Club	Adult		Cancelled
1/13/2026	Deep Stretch Yin Yoga	Adult		13
1/15/2026	The Examine Life? What is Philosophy?	Adult	L	3
1/16/2026	All Levels Yoga and Mobility Class	Adult	L	11
1/17/2026	Career Counselor	Adult		2
1/17/2026	Benjamin Tallmadge and the Tallmadge Trail	Adult		6
1/18/2026	Tennessee Walt's Big-Time Lonesome Town: The Song	Adult	L	23
1/20/2026	Medicaid Enrollment Assistance	Adult	L	3
1/20/2026	Teen Study Session	Teens		Cancelled
1/20/2026	Paint Night	Adult		Rescheduled by in
1/21/2026	Stretch Your Dough	Adult		Cancelled
1/21/2026	Lego Crab Robotics	Teens	L	7
1/22/2026	GRASP & ESL Assessments	Adult		Cancelled
1/23/2026	Self Care Jars & Journaling	Adult	L	8
1/23/2026	All Levels Yoga and Mobility Class	Adult	L	14
1/24/2026	Starting a Business on a Small Budget	Adult		5
1/26/2026	Book Discussion	Adult	L	5
1/27/2026	Deep Stretch Yin Yoga	Grades: K - 5	L	12C, 8A
1/27/2026	Chess Buddies CSC	Teens		2
1/28/2026	Bookmark Bonanza	Teens		5
1/30/2026	Friday Movie-Naked Gun (PG-13)	Adult	L	0
1/30/2026	All Levels Yoga and Mobility Class	Adult		13
1/2/2026	Drop-In Surprise Craft	PreK - Grade 5		3C, 2A
1/3/2026	Saturday Games	PreK - Grade 5 w Parent		3C, 2A
1/5/2026	Paint Night: Little Snowman	Grades: K - 5	L	16C, 15A
1/6/2026	Chess Club	Grades: 1-5		5C, 5A
1/7/2026	Lego Fun!	Grades: 1 - 5		8C, 7A
1/8/2026	Catching Colors: White	Ages: 18 mo. - 4 yrs.		19C, 17A
1/9/2026	Imagination Station	PreK - Grade 5		4C, 2A
1/9/2026	Tween Cottage Painting	Grades: 4 - 8	L	3C, 1A
1/10/2026	Family Story Time	Birth - Grade 5		11C, 14A
1/12/2026	Tots Night Out	Ages: 18 mo. - 5 yrs.	L	15C, 13A
1/13/2026	Sonic Sounds	Grades: 1 - 5	L	9C, 8A
1/13/2026	Sleepy Times Tales	Ages: 1 - 5 yrs.		6C, 6A
1/14/2026	Preschool Story Time	Ages: 2 - 5 yrs.		23C, 15A
1/14/2026	Tween Art Lab	Grades: 4 - 8		10C, 9A
1/15/2026	Drop-In Play Date	Ages: 1 - 5 yrs.		7C, 7A
1/15/2026	Kandi Suchi & Slime	Grades: K - 5	L	16C, 11A
1/16/2026	Preschool Story Time	Ages: 2 - 5 yrs.		21C, 20A
1/17/2026	Baby Start	Birth - 17 mo.	L	1C, 2A
1/20/2026	Just Baby & Me	Ages: Birth - 18 mo.		7C, 6A
1/21/2026	Preschool Story Time	Ages: 2 - 5		13C, 12A
1/23/2026	Preschool Story Time	Ages: 2 - 5		17C, 17A
1/23/2026	Binary Code Bracelets	Grades: 1 - 5	L	2C, 2A
1/24/2026	Sensory Story Time	Ages: 2 - 5	L	9C, 12A

1/24/2026	Art With Miss Laura	Grades: 2 - 5		10C, 8A
1/25/2026	Family Movie Time	All Ages		Cancelled
1/26/2026	Winter Reading Club	Grades: K - 5		12C
1/26/2026	Winter Read-To-Me Club	Birth - Age 5		11C
1/26/2026	Ceramic Snowman	Grades: 2 - 5	L	Cancelled
1/27/2026	Chess Club	Grades: 1-5		6C, 6A
1/27/2026	Tween CSI	Grades: 4 - 8	L	Cancelled
1/27/2026	Chess Club	Grades: 1-5		6C, 6A
1/28/2026	Snow Bunnies	Ages: 3 & Up	L	26C, 18A
1/29/2026	Drop-In Play Date	Ages: 1 - 5 yrs.		11C, 7A
1/31/2026	Family Yoga	Ages: 5 - 8 w Parent	L	4C, 3A
1/31/2026	Zumba Kids	Grades: K - 5	L	14C, 9A

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CULTURAL PROGRAMMING FUND

OUTSTANDING CHECKS

January 2026

<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>
4120	\$ 5.00	Kerry Posliggua- Sinnott
4121	\$ 5.00	Cheryl Kennedy- Mhuguzi
4122	\$ 288.00	Rosemarie Attard
Total	\$ 298.00	

Library Election Personnel – 2026

Chief Inspector of Election

Mary LaRocca
118 Alicia Drive
North Babylon, NY 11703
631-321-4954

Election Clerks

Eileen Boyle
84 Kane Place
North Babylon, NY 11703
631-667-9263

Marion Casserly
6 Birchfield Avenue
North Babylon, NY 11703
631-587-6612

Barbara Pepe
496 French Avenue
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516-329-5203
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Barbara Scherg
15 Celeste Court
North Babylon, NY 11703
631-587-0515

Permanent Chairperson

Kim Dunne
126 Elkton Lane
North Babylon, NY 11703

Evelyn Digsby is a back-up and priority to call back to clerk for 2026 election
11 Park Drive, Apt. 316
Wyandanch, NY 11798
631-940-8905

Report for the Board of Trustees February 17, 2026

Communications

We received a Town of Babylon IDA PILOT (Payment in lieu of taxes) check for \$750. We receive these checks from time to time for business in our community, such as new stores, apartment complexes etc.

Policy of the Month

None at this time.

Personnel

A new Administrative Assistant has been hired. She will start March 2nd.

Buildings and Grounds/Expansion Update

Our semi-annual fire extinguishers inspection was completed.

Security and Vandalism

None at this time.

Public Relations

We are completing the layout for the March-April newsletter. Children's room packed their calendar. Computer classes are back for adults. Our National Library Week raffles return. Patrons will have a chance to guess candies in a jar, win raffle baskets and Long Island Aquarium tickets for a family of four.

Requests for Purchase

None at this time.

Unmet Needs

With the support of the Library's Board of Trustees we are continuing the process of addressing issues presented by the staff and patrons of the North Babylon Public Library:

Trustee Training

Some of the Trustees attended an online webinar as part of a series called Trustee Handbook Book Club sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Library System.

Other Items of Interest

Snow closings continued in January. The Teen librarian and I attended Library Advocacy Day in Albany. We met with our local representatives. It was nice to see they are supportive of libraries. We have been receiving very positive feedback from patrons regarding the changes in Children's room and increase in programs. Tech

Services is busy learning a new processing system now that Ingram is our main distributor. They are attending training to understand the system better.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Nicolazzi, Librarian III

Reference Department January 2026 Report

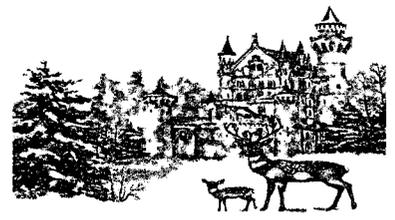
The weather played havoc on our programming in January. The cold definitely kept some patrons home. Paint Night had to be rescheduled. Yoga classes continue to have a strong turnout. In honor of our country's 250th anniversary we will be offering History programs every month. In January we offered a program on Benjamin Tallamadge, famous for the Culper Spy Ring during the American Revolution. Patrons thoroughly enjoyed Tennessee Walt and the Songs of Kris Kristofferson. This month we did multiple teen and tween programs. Our Clay Creations: Tween Art Lab and our teen Lego Crab Robotics programs were well attended. This month we also started our Free Tree program through Neighborhood Forest for all kids under the age of 18, we already had 38 people register. Signup continues until March 15.

Katrina posted 5 new videos on our YouTube channel. We are up to a total of 74 subscribers. We had 8 logs in our 100 Books before Graduation Program. Katrina and Kirsten continue to weed the adult fiction books. Katrina and Meeghan are relabeling YA paperbacks to interfile them in the YA fiction collection. Katrina is now organizing the 2026 seed library by printing out information seeds and labels. The clerks are cutting out the cards. Katrina and Kirsten are also sorting the seeds. The Seed Library will be available beginning April 1. Our patrons continue to be very generous with the Food Pantry. St. Paul's Church is very appreciative that we collect for their pantry. Kate and Mary have updated our entrance display for Valentine's Day and winter. The Long Island Children's Museum pass is very popular. It is booked every week since we advertised it on Facebook. We held two rounds of interviews for the Administrative Assistant position. The new Assistant will start March 2. The High School CDP class visited and we signed them up for library cards. They also made friendship bracelets as a craft. Katrina attended the Mock Printz workshop through SCLS where she was the Suffolk County discussion leader. Katrina also submitted a terrarium craft program to the CSLP summer reading manual for the summer reading program for 2027. I worked on and completed my first Library budget. Initially I reviewed the budget with our Board president and treasurer to discuss areas we felt changes could occur to improve the upcoming budget. Kevin Verbesey, the SCLS Director assisted our bookkeeper Jacquelyn and myself to create the 2026-2027 budget. I also attended my first Director Zone meeting. The Town of Babylon directors meet monthly to discuss ideas and issues.

The Adult displays included "New Movies" (DVD Display) and Bridgerton Books (Book Display). The two teen displays were "New year, new book" which showcased new Young Adult fiction, mangas and graphic novels and "get comfy with a cozy book" which featured teen cozy romance books.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Nicolazzi



Monthly Report—January, 2026 **Children's Department**

Drop-In Crafts program was held in the Children's Room on Friday, January 2 for preschool aged children through fifth grade. Saturday Games program was held in the Children's Room on January 3 for preschool aged children through fifth grade and their families.

On Monday, January 5, children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade attended Paint Night-Little Snowman program. They enjoyed painting, with guided instruction, an adorable little snowman sitting on a red mitten.

Children in grades one through five attended Chess Club on Tuesdays, January 6, and 27 in the Children's Room. Teen tutors/advisors were on hand to give guided instruction if needed.

Lego Fun program was held in the Children's Room on Wednesday, January 7. The attendees, in grades one through fifth, created Lego sculptures to place in the Library's display case.

Catching Colors: White program was held in the Children's Room on Thursday, January 8 for children eighteen months through four years. During the program children learn about colors through music, and participating in games, and activities.

Imagination Station was held in the Children's Room on Friday, January 9. Children, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade enjoy using craft materials from the cart and use their imaginations and be creative.

Tween Winter Cottage Painting program was held in the Auditorium on Friday, January 9 for children in grades four through eight. The picture was beautifully rendered, and the children who attended enjoyed creating something to treasure.

On Monday, January 12, the program Tots Night Out-Snowmen at Night was held in the Meeting Room for children eighteen months through age five. During the program children enjoyed activities, music and movement, stories, and a craft all surrounding the theme.

Mad Science-Sonic Sounds program was held in the Meeting Room on January 13 for children in grades one through five. Children learned about sound, engaged in experiments, and had fun altering their voices using devices provided by the programmer. Participants took home their own sonic horn to continue the fun at home.

Sleepy Time Tales program was held in the Children's Room on Tuesday, January 13 for children ages one through five. During the program children enjoyed stories, music and a play time with librarian Lauren Edzards.

Preschool Story Times were held in the Children's Room on Wednesdays, January 14 and 21 and Fridays January 16 and 23. Children aged two through five enjoyed stories, music, activities, and a craft with librarian Marylou Famiglietti.



Tween Art Lab program was held in the Auditorium on Wednesday, January 14 for children in grades four through eight. The attending children really enjoyed being creative making sculptures and charms with colorful air dry clay. The program was created and run by librarian Katrina Phillips.

Drop-In Play Dates were held in the Children's Room on Thursdays, January 15 and 29 for children ages one through five. Little ones have fun playing with age appropriate toys and puzzles, listen to music, and enjoy the company of other little ones.

The program Kandi Sushi and Slime was held in the Meeting Room on Thursday, January 15 for children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Attending children had a great time making sushi out of some of their favorite candies, and fruit roll-ups; then afterwards made a fun slime to take home as well.

Baby Start program was held in the Children's Room on Saturday, January 17 for newborns, and babies through seventeen months. Our very littlest patrons enjoyed music, rhymes, and activities with their adults.

Just Baby & Me program was held in the Children's Room on Tuesday, January 20. Children, newborn through eighteen months, enjoyed bouncy rhymes, nursery rhymes and puppets, music, activities, a play time, and bubbles.

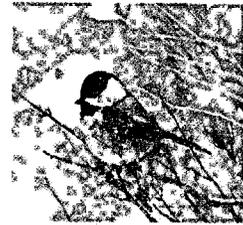
On Friday, January 23, Binary Code Bracelets program was held in the Meeting Room for children in grades one through five. During the program children learned about coding, and for fun made special bracelets to wear using the code that the children learned about during the program.

Sensory Story Time program was held in the Children's Room on Saturday, January 24. Children ages two through five participated in interactive stories, and then enjoyed sensory stations and bins.

Also on Saturday, January 24, Librarian (and art teacher) Laura Harper conducted an art program regarding the artistic techniques of Piet Mondrian. During the program children in grades two through five learned about the subject artist, his techniques, and then applied that knowledge in creating their own art piece on canvas to take home.

Due to the snow storm of Sunday, January 25, the library was closed, and was closed as well on Monday, January 26. Therefore, the Family Movie Elio that was scheduled to be screened on Sunday, January 26 was cancelled, and the program scheduled for Monday, January 26, Ceramic Winter Wonderland Snowman, cancelled as well.

On Tuesday, January 27, the program Tween Crime Scene Investigation was cancelled by the programmer (L.I. Science Museum) due to illness.



Winter Reading Club commenced on Monday, January 26 with sign-ups for children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. In person sign ups were delayed due to the library closing for the day. (The ability to register on-line was still available of course) Children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade earn incentives for filling out a brief report for each book read. The Read-To-Me Club also started on Monday, January 26 for infants to age five (preschool.) Little ones also earn incentives for being read to, and being good listeners. A record of each book read with their adult is filled out, and "reported" on. The Reading Clubs will continue through Saturday, March 14.

Snow Bunnies program was held in the Children's Room on Wednesday, January 28. Sweetbriar Nature Center of Smithtown brought in wildlife (rabbit, tortoise, hedgehog, owl, hawk) to discuss how animals cope with the winter season, and survival in general. The audience really enjoyed the animal visitors (I think the adults enjoyed the program more!)

Family Yoga program was held on Saturday, January 31 in the Auditorium. Children aged five through eight and their adults participated in a yoga class together that included yoga stories, songs, and games.

Also on Saturday, January 31 Zumba Kids program was held in the Meeting Room for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The children had a great time dance-exercising to hip-hop and other contemporary music.

Submitted by

Elizabeth Arena,
Head of Children's Services



**PERSONNEL REPORT
FEBRUARY 2026**

Lisa Martin, Administrative Assistant, appointment effective 3/2/2026 (\$70,000)