West Islip Public Library

ANNUAL REPORT & BUDGET

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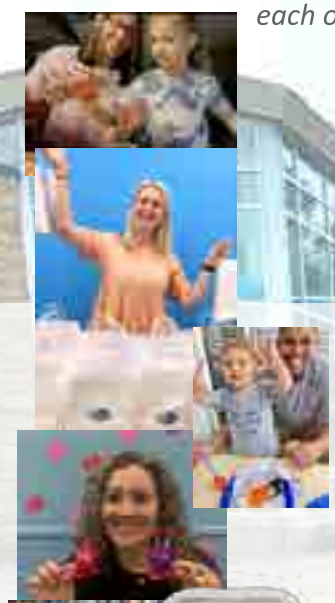
This past year has proven to be challenging on many levels; however, as we approach the spring season of 2022, we are looking forward to a continual shift towards a packed schedule of in-person activities and events.

Our library has remained proactive during this time – engaging our community in virtual and in-person programming, engaging through social media, and continuing to offer curbside assistance.

The West Islip Library is a place where our community connects - to things like broadband, computers, programs and classes, books, movies, video games, and more. But most importantly, libraries connect us to each other. We invite you to visit the library today! We look forward to connecting with you.



Connect WITH YOUR LIBRARY

FEATURED LIBRARY SERVICES

PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS TUESDAY, MARCH 1 @ 10AM

3 WAYS TO REGISTER

1. Register on our website
2. Call the library at (631)661-7080
3. Send an email to registration@westisliplibrary.org

ADULTS

COPPERLINE: THE JAMES TAYLOR EXPERIENCE (IN-PERSON)

WIA 192 **Tuesday, April 5 @ 7pm**

The West Islip Public Library welcomes back Copperline, a musical group performing music by James Taylor along with other artists he has collaborated with over the years. Registration is required.

LONG ISLAND READS

THE LIVING AND THE LOST BY ELLEN FELDMAN (IN-PERSON)

WIA 191 **Tuesday, April 26 @ 7pm**

This year's Long Island Reads book is set in Berlin, Germany during post WWII. After finding refuge from the Nazis in America, a brother and sister return to their native Germany in 1945, as the Allied occupation begins. The Living and the Lost brims with a spot-on timeliness in its concern about the lasting damage of a culture of hatred while delivering a riveting look at the days and months leading up to the building of the Berlin Wall, its consequences and its lasting impact on individuals.

TEENS

CARDS FOR FIREFIGHTERS KIT

Monday, April 4 **WIYA 172**

Take home a kit with blank cards and suggested messages to create remarkable thank you cards so we can pass them along to our dedicated firefighters. Please return the completed project to the Reference Desk by April 29th to receive **one hour of community service.**

SEED BOMB KIT

Friday, April 22 **WIYA 164**

Celebrate Earth Day by making your very own seed bomb using clay and soil. This approach to gardening is fun to watch as it develops after each rainfall. Supplies and paper instructions will be made available the date of the program.

CHILDRENS

STUDIO PAINTING LIVE!: GRUMPY CAT Grades K - 3 · WIJ022

Wednesday, March 23 @ 6:15 PM

Join Kathy Reccardi for a fun night of in-person painting fun! Dress for a mess!

COOL CLAY VASES FOR MOM Ages 3 years to PreK · WIJ015

Monday, April 11 @ 10:30 AM or 11:30 AM

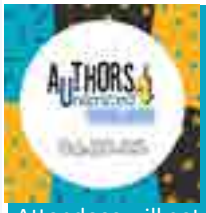
Using clay, kids will sculpt a bud vase for mom and decorate with stamps and impressions. Vases will be brought back to the Pottery on Wheels studio to be glazed & fired. Finished pieces will be available for Pick-up at the library about 2 weeks later.

WILDLIFE WONDERS: EARTH DAY Grades K - 6 · WIJ027

Friday, April 8 @ 4:00 or 5:00 PM

Earth Day is a special day that reminds us how important it is to take care of our planet. Find out what you can do here on Long Island and make a fun Earth Day craft to take home!

This year we celebrate **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** by connecting with your library. Stop in anytime throughout the first full week in April to see all we have to offer. In addition, we are providing green screen technology for you to take a memorable photo on Thursday, April 7th. Please make an appointment by calling the Reference Desk if you would like to participate.



AUTHORS UNLIMITED

will be taking place on Saturday, April 30th online through Zoom! It's a free program that celebrates reading by connecting teens and authors. Attendees will get the chance to hear from dynamic authors of young adult literature first at a panel and then in solo sessions. Earn ***three hours of community service credit*** for attending and then filling out a survey at the end of the day. Look for updates on our Twitter @AuthorsUnlim!

2021 THE FISCAL YEAR AT A GLANCE

* There were 94,712 visitors to the library.
* There were 13,919 active library cards.
* 9,101 books and printed items, 550 DVDs and CDs, and 253,821 electronic items were added to the collection.
* 2,397 music tracks were downloaded and 9,440 tracks streamed using *Freegal Music.*
* There was a total of 937,515 holdings in the collection, including both physical and electronic items.
* 69,321 physical items and 48,811 electronic titles were borrowed.
* Museum passes were circulated 71 times.
* 356 items were borrowed from the "Library of Things".
* 21,431 reference questions were answered.
* There were 120,928 hits on the library's webpage.
* There were 3,613 Facebook followers, 1,352 Instagram followers, and 809 Twitter followers of the library on social media.
* There were 9,562 log-ins on the public access computers.
* There were 9,554 sessions on the library's wireless network.
* Information was retrieved 47,636 times from the library's 68 electronic databases.
* There were 25 technology programs attended by 189 people and 30 individual sessions.
* The library sponsored 310 Adult and Teen programs with 5,434 participants.
* The library sponsored 436 children's program sessions attended/viewed by 19,883 children and family members.
* The library distributed 1,184 Take and Make Kits to Adults and Teens, and 14,560 to Children and Families.

PROPOSED LIBRARY BUDGET 2022-2023

BUDGET CATEGORY	APPROVED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
Books and Materials	**2021-2022**	**2022-2023**
Books and Periodicals	$145,000	$140,000
Electronic and AV	204,000	211,000
Library Programs	165,000	175,000
TOTAL	**$514,000**	**$526,000**
Library Operations		
Library Automation	$53,000	$54,000
Library supplies	47,500	49,500
Administrative Expenses	91,500	93,500
Accounting and Legal	27,000	29,500
SCLS Member Support	41,000	41,000
TOTAL	**$260,000**	**$267,500**
Staff Salaries		
Librarians, Clerks, Pages, Custodial		
TOTAL	**$2,172,800**	**$2,232,000**
Fixed Expenditures/ Benefits		
Social Security	$166,219	$170,748
NY State Retirement System	260,000	200,000
Health, Dental, Disability	457,000	457,000
TOTAL	**$883,219**	**$827,748**
Building Operations		
Insurance	$35,000	$35,000
Service Contracts and Repairs	111,500	128,000
Utilities	112,000	116,000
Capital Outlay and Furniture	110,000	110,000
TOTAL	**$368,500**	**$389,000**
OPERATING BUDGET	**$4,198,519**	**$4,242,248**
Interest & Other Income	68,000	50,000
From Fund Balance	25,000	25,000
TOTAL TAX APPROPRIATION	**$4,105,519**	**$4,167,248**

The 2022/2023 Library Budget will increase the Tax Appropriation by $61,729, or 1.50% , which is well below the tax cap limit calculated for the library.

How much more will the 2022/2023 Library Tax Appropriation cost me?

Based on existing* Homestead valuation figures, the proposed budget and resulting tax appropriation is projected to increase the annual library tax bill of the average West Islip homeowner by $6.39.

This would work out to approximately 53 cents more per month in library tax than the current budget.

ASSESSED VALUATION	CURRENT TAX	PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE FOR YEAR
$30,000	$274.20	$278.46	$4.26
$40,000	$365.60	$371.28	$5.68
$45,000	$411.30	$417.69	$6.39
$50,000	$457.00	$464.10	$7.10
$60,000	$548.40	$556.92	$8.52
The increase in the Homestead Tax Rate is estimated to be 1.55%.			

*Assessment figures for 2022/2023 will be released by the Town later in the year.

Board of Trustees Budget Message 2022

The Library Board of Trustees
from left: Vice President Dana Esposito, Trustee Louise Sokolowski, Board President Marilyn Gutierrez, Trustee Simonne Harkavy, Trustee Margaret Bell

The mission of the West Islip Public Library is to enhance and enrich the life of our community by connecting individuals, families, and groups to each other and the world around them. In plain English, that means that we provide the community with traditional print sources like books and magazines; AV items like CDs and DVDs: and increasingly, the latest in digital electronic materials like eBooks, online databases, and downloadable and streaming music and video. Also available for loan are Museum Passes (courtesy of the Friends of the Library) and our new Library of Things, which includes WiFi hotspots, electronics, games, and other non-traditional items. In addition, we offer a place for the community to interact, and take advantage of in-library and remote programs and activities for children, teens, adults and seniors, free WiFi and public access computers, as well a meeting space for community groups.

The past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic have been difficult for the entire West Islip Community. It is our fervent hope that we are finally turning the corner on this pandemic. The library has resumed in -person community meetings and has increased the number of in-library programs for all ages, while still providing remote programs and take and make crafts. The library continues to waive fines on most overdue items, with an eye to going fine-free permanently. Until the pandemic is completely behind us, we continue to encourage you to wear a mask and keep the recommended distance from others, if possible, and stay safe.

The total Library Tax Appropriation will increase by 1.5%. This is estimated to result in an additional cost of approximately $6.39 per year for the average homeowner.

2022 Library Budget and Trustee Vote Tuesday, April 5, 10am-9pm

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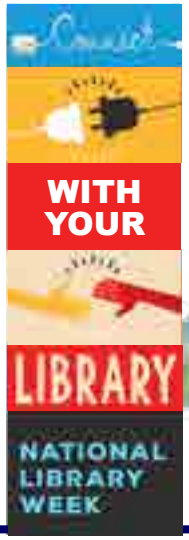
BOARD MEETINGS:
Wednesday, March 16: 6:30PM
Wednesday, April 20: 3PM



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LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday - Thursday	10-9	Saturday	9-5
Friday	10-6	Sunday	1-5

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The Friends of the West Islip Public Library is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the library. Membership in the Friends is open to all, and annual dues start as low as $5.00 a year. The Friends are always ready to welcome new members! Information and applications are available at the Circulation Desk and on the web at *www.westisliplibrary.org/about-us/friends-of-the-library/*

Friends of the Library Officers 2022

Secretary Melissa Matheson, President Barbara Maher, Vice President Linda Hay, Treasurer Angela LaGiglia, Member at Large Steven Komins.

LIBRARY SERVICES AND MATERIALS SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

- Library Museum Passes
- Poster Printing Supplies
- Shredding Day
- Senior Month Give-Away
- Adult Summer Reading Club Prize
- Library Concerts
- Library Promotions