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BROOKHAVEN FREE LIBRARY

ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 8 | 10AM - 8PM

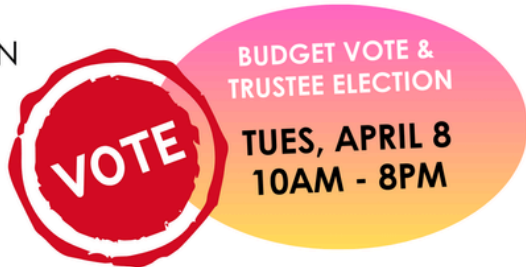
BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 18 | 6:30PM - 7:30PM



**BROOKHAVEN
FREE
LIBRARY**
273 BEAVER DAM RD
BROOKHAVEN, NY 11719
(631) 286-1923

HOURS:
Monday - Thursday: 9:30AM - 8:00PM
Friday, Saturday: 9:30AM - 5:00PM | Sunday: Closed

Email: bfl@brookhavenfreelibrary.org
Website: www.brookhavenfreelibrary.org



Board of Trustees

Sonja Anderson, Treasurer
Kathleen Dallin • Jackie Subhash
Kristin Kirk-Murphy, Vice President
Brittany LaValle, Secretary
Megan Reitzel, President
Anthony Zutter, Library Director

Upcoming Board Meetings:

The Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September to July at 7:00 PM. All meetings are open to the public. Please call the library or check our calendar to verify dates and times.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

Patrons please note that during Library events and visits, staff may take photographs for Library publicity. Please inform us if you do not want photos taken of you or your child.

Questions? Contact the library via phone or email
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Brookhaven Free Library

Proposed Operating Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

| | Current 2024-2025 | Proposed 2025-2026 | \$ Change | % Change |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES: | | | | |
| Library Programs and Materials Books, periodicals, media, classes and events for all ages, Overdrive, electronic resources, museum passes and Suffolk County Cooperative Library System member support | \$137,224 | \$137,419 | \$195 | 0.14% |
| Employee Salaries and Benefits Salaries, health insurance, payroll taxes, retirement and workers compensation | \$731,628 | \$756,644 | \$25,016 | 3.42% |
| Library Operations Telephone, internet, insurance, printing, postage, office supplies, professional fees, travel, professional development, marketing, port charges, library vote and administration | \$90,389 | \$89,688 | (\$701) | (0.78%) |
| Utilities, Repairs and Maintenance Electric, fuel, service contracts, building equipment maintenance and computers | \$74,375 | \$76,000 | \$1,625 | 2.18% |
| Capital Expense | \$10,728 | \$10,728 | - | - |
| Tax Anticipation Note | \$18,000 | \$18,000 | - | - |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES: | \$1,062,344 | \$1,088,479 | \$26,135 | 2.46% |
| Less Anticipated Income Fines, gifts and donations, and other income | \$91,652 | \$95,252 | \$3,600 | 3.92% |
| AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES | \$970,692 | \$993,227 | \$22,535 | 2.32%* |

Please note that the proposed 2025-2026 operating budget will maintain the Library's continued day-to-day operations as well as allow us to advance our mission to offer exceptional services, resources, and programs to the South Country Central School District community.

* The proposed budget does not exceed the New York State tax levy limit.

| Estimated Impact of Proposed Appropriation | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Accessed Value of Home | Increase from 2024-2025 |
| \$3,000 | \$2.50 |
| \$4,000 | \$3.34 |
| \$5,000 | \$4.17 |

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we approach this year's library budget vote, I want to take a moment to highlight the vital role Brookhaven Free Library plays in our community. The library is more than just books—it is a hub for education, enrichment, and connections. Providing valuable resources and services that benefit residents of all ages.

Your continued support allows us to offer free access to technology, digital resources, educational programs, museum passes, cultural events, and a growing Library of Things—all designed to meet the evolving needs of our community. The budget vote directly impacts our ability to maintain and expand these essential services, ensuring that the library remains a welcoming space for learning, creativity, and growth.

We encourage you to stay informed, ask questions, and participate in the upcoming vote. Your voice helps shape the future of Brookhaven Free Library and the services we provide.

If you have any questions about the budget, becoming a trustee, or anything about the library, please don't hesitate to reach out. I would love to chat and share more about all the wonderful things happening at Brookhaven Free Library! Thank you for your ongoing support and for making the library such a valued part of our community.

Anthony Zutter
Library Director

BFL AT A GLANCE 2024

4,130 - LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS

5 - FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBERS
9 - PART-TIME STAFF MEMBERS

22,568 - BOOKS & MAGAZINES
6,169 - MEDIA ITEMS

1.78 MILLION - DOWNLOADABLE
BOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

1,762 - FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS
1,668 - INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

764 - CLASSES & EVENTS
6,201 - CLASS & EVENT ATTENDANCE

15,459 - VISITORS IN 2024

10,122 - DIGITAL DOWNLOADS

28,927 - ITEMS BORROWED

4,317 - RESEARCH QUESTIONS ANSWERED

406 - FOOD ITEMS COLLECTED IN HOUSE
12 - ESSENTIAL ITEM DRIVES HELD
COLLECTING 1,000S OF LBS OF FOOD,
TOILETRIES AND CLOTHING ITEMS

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION

- You are at least 18 years of age
- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are a resident of South Country Central School District
- You have voted in any general, school or other election in the last four years

VOTER REGISTRATION

Registration is available every school day through April 2 at the South Country Central School District Administration Building, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, NY

ABSENTEE & EARLY MAIL-IN BALLOTS

Applications are available at the library and library website. Completed applications will be accepted by the District Clerk between March 10 and April 7. If the ballot is to be mailed, the application must be received by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 1.