2024-25 Budget Information Meeting March 26, 2024 @ 6:30 pm











This was our first full year without formal COVID-19 restrictions on all programming. Most programs were in full swing, in person, at the library and offsite locations.

- Visitation up 15% from 48,280 to 55,636
- Programs & Attendance up 22% & 7% (669 to 818 & 12,054 to 12,866)
- Reference Transactions up 21% from 8,089 to 9,811
- Total Circulation up 26% from 292,019 to 368,729
- Computer Usage up 26% from 3,024 to 3,800
- Website Visits up 19% from 36,848 to 43,859
- Wireless Sessions down 13% from 1,930 to 1,710
- Database Retrieval down 8% from 41,286 to 38,187



Our mission is to provide quality service to all the residents of the Babylon School District in an open and non-judgmental environment with access to all library materials and services in a variety of formats.

Our community outreach was significant this past year.

- We were at the St. Patrick's Day Parade, 5 Chamber of Commerce Block Parties,
 Rotary Events, School Events, Village Events and shared events with other libraries in our Zone. We engaged with over 11,000 individuals at these events.
- We held 5 movie nights at the Gazebo, engaging with over 500 individuals and families.
- Summer Reading Program statistics were considerably larger than the last few years with 491 (45% up) individuals signed up, 99 (87% up) programs, 2107(142% up) program attendees (last year we saw 338 individuals signed up, 53 programs, and 869 program attendees.









Programs & Special Events

- Our most popular programs this year were culinary programs, craft programs, socialization programs, and special events.
- Our teens (Capri Suns) came in third place at Suffolk County Battle of the Books
- Our Seed Library, Library of Things, and Museum Pass Program grew this
 past year, as we saw over 10,000 circulations of these items.











Collaborations

This year we continued to partner with Babylon Village, Babylon Schools, and Babylon Village Arts Council. We also collaborated with the Babylon Village Chamber of Commerce, Babylon Rotary, Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition, Long Island Cares, Babylon Lions Club, Assemblyman Durso's Office, Senators Martinez & Weik's Offices, Babylon Village Historical Society, Town of Babylon Recreation Department, Councilman Manetta's Office, Federation of Organizations, Stony Brook University, SCLS, and many other organizations to assist the community of Babylon Village, and at large.













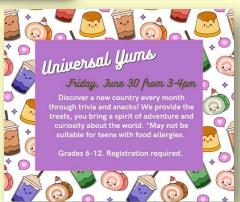
New Additions













Just for Fun!















Babylon Public Library PROPOSED BUDGET 2024/2025						
			2023-2024	2024-2025	\$ Change	% Change
			Adopted	Proposed		
EXPENSES	Total Operating		2,068,235	2,411,382	343,147	16.6%
REVENUES	State Aid		2,800	3,800	1,000	36%
	Interest		2,200	40,000	37,800	1718%
	Fees		0	4,100	4,100	0%
	Miscellaneous		5,000	16,000	11,000	220%
	Subtotal		10,000	63,900	53,900	
	Appropriated Fund Balance		45,000	293,890	-248,890	653%
	Total Projected Revenues		55,000	357,790		
	Amount to be raised by taxation		2,013,235	2,053,592	40,357	2.00%
	Divided by Assessed Evaluation		19,152,511	19,214,393	61,882	0.32%
	Equals Tax Rate		0.10512	0.10688	0.00176	1.68%
	Tax per \$100 assessed value		10.51	10.69	0.18	1.68%
	Proposed cost / household @ \$4500		473.02	480.95	7.93	1.68%
	Estimated Tax to Support Operating Budg			ing Budget		
						Tax plus
						previously
	If your home is					approved bond
BOND	assessed at:	2023-2024	2024-2025	\$ Change	% Change	levy:
357,000.00	3000	315.35	320.63	5.29	1.68%	370.00
	3500	367.91	374.07	6.17	1.68%	431.67
	4000	420.46	427.51	7.05	1.68%	493.33
	4500	473.02	480.95	7.93	1.68%	555.00
	5000	525.58	534.39	8.81	1.68%	616.67
	5500	578.14	587.83	9.69	1.68%	678.33
	6000	630.70	641.27	10.57	1.68%	740.00

Goals & Objectives

- Launch our new, user-friendly website with a new registration calendar linked to Sierra & Square, a virtual reference chat, and a new museum pass/L.O.T. management system.
- Continue to work with our community partners to shape the future of the Village and Town.
- Increase programming and collection through community involved strategic planning.
- Tackle roof replacement, planning of HVAC replacement and the continued exploration of new planning of existing spaces to meet community demand.

PLEASE VOTE

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12 Noon to 8 p.m. Babylon Public Library Community Room