



## ANNUAL LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**  
**12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.**  
**at the Babylon Public Library**

### Proposed Library Budget 2025-2026

| <u>BUDGET CATEGORY</u>                      | <u>2024/2025</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>2025/2026</u> |
|---|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>LIBRARY MATERIALS AND PROGRAMS</b>       | \$ 226,700       | \$ 246,200                    |
| Books                                       |                  |                               |
| Periodicals                                 |                  |                               |
| CD's, Audiobooks, DVD's,                    |                  |                               |
| Online Resources                            |                  |                               |
| Programs                                    |                  |                               |
| <b>LIBRARY OPERATIONS</b>                   | \$ 279,450       | \$ 340,850                    |
| Circulation/ Automation                     |                  |                               |
| Supplies & Equipment                        |                  |                               |
| Maintenance & Repairs                       |                  |                               |
| <b>STAFF</b>                                | \$ 1,280,582     | \$ 1,362,923                  |
| Librarians                                  |                  |                               |
| Support Staff                               |                  |                               |
| <b>FIXED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>        | \$ 170,750       | \$ 197,950                    |
| Financial                                   |                  |                               |
| Legal                                       |                  |                               |
| Insurance                                   |                  |                               |
| Utilities                                   |                  |                               |
| Computer Services                           |                  |                               |
| <b>MANDATED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>           | \$ 453,900       | \$ 442,100                    |
| NYS Retirement                              |                  |                               |
| Health Insurance/Dental & Vision            |                  |                               |
| Social Security                             |                  |                               |
| Disability & Workers Compensation           |                  |                               |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>               | \$ 2,768,382     | \$ 2,590,023                  |
| <b>Less Estimated Revenues:</b>             | \$ 63,900        | \$ 100,000                    |
| <b>Less Appropriated Fund Balance:</b>      | \$ 293,890       | \$ 50,000                     |
| <b>TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</b>       | \$ 2,053,592     | \$ 2,440,023                  |
| <b>** Expansion/Renovation Debt Service</b> | \$ 357,000       | \$ 0                          |

Yearly increase on a home assessed  
At \$4500 is \$6.90 per year

\*\* Debt service represents the amount due this fiscal year to repay our capital improvement bond. The bond was approved by the voters of the Babylon Library District in October 2002, for the expansion project. **The bond is fully repaid and this debt service is now assumed into the operating budget.**

Voting will take place for two purposes:

1. To vote on the proposed Library Budget for 2025-2026 fiscal year, and
2. To elect one Trustee.

To vote in the Library Election you must be a U.S. citizen 18 years of age or older; have been a resident of the Babylon School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote; and be registered to vote with either the School District or the Suffolk County Board of Elections.

**Voter registration** – Residents not yet registered to vote for the Library Budget and Trustee Election may do so in the School District Clerk's Office at the Babylon Junior-Senior High School, 50 Railroad Ave., Babylon Village, up to and including April 3, 2025 on days when school is in session.

To verify your registration status, please call the School District Clerk at 631-893-7923.

### Absentee Ballots

If you cannot vote in person, you may be eligible to vote absentee. Remember that filing for an absentee ballot is a multi-step process: **application, ballot, vote.**

1. Applications for absentee ballots can be obtained at the Library, 24 South Carll Ave., Babylon; or at the School District Clerk's Office, 50 Railroad Ave., Babylon Village; or online at the Library's website: [www.babylonlibrary.org](http://www.babylonlibrary.org)
2. Completed absentee ballot applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter; or one day before if personally delivered to the voter.
3. Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 8, 2025 to the School District Clerk. It may be returned by someone other than the voter.

*Thank you for taking the time to vote!*

**For questions about the  
proposed budget, please call  
Library Director Tom Vitale  
631-669-1624 x 214**

**La información del presupuesto está disponible en  
español en la Biblioteca Pública de Babylon.**

## Did you know...

In addition to regular library materials, the library offers e-books, e-audio books, videos, and magazines that can be used and downloaded from home on the Libby App.

The library offers a "Library of Things" which are non traditional items that can be borrowed including Wi-Fi hot spots, outdoor games, metal detector, a telescope etc. We offer many different museum passes. We continue to offer notary services.

The library circulated 99,772 total materials last year. This is up 36% from 2024.

The library continues to offer virtual programs on Facebook and Zoom as well as in-person programs.

## Budget Informational Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Budget copies are available on the Library 's website beginning March 18, 2025 at [www.babylonlibrary.org](http://www.babylonlibrary.org)

Visit us online at [www.babylonlibrary.org](http://www.babylonlibrary.org)



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