



ANNUAL LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, April 14, 2026
12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.
at the Babylon Public Library

Proposed Library Budget 2026-2027

<u>BUDGET CATEGORY</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>	<u>Proposed 2026/2027</u>
LIBRARY MATERIALS AND PROGRAMS	\$ 246,200	\$ 265,124
Books		
Periodicals		
CD's, Audiobooks, DVD's,		
Online Resources		
Programs		
LIBRARY OPERATIONS	\$ 340,850	\$ 281,574
Circulation/ Automation		
Supplies & Equipment		
Maintenance & Repairs		
STAFF	\$ 1,362,923	\$ 1,477,045
Librarians		
Support Staff		
FIXED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 197,950	\$ 184,950
Financial		
Legal		
Insurance		
Utilities		
Computer Services		
MANDATED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 442,100	\$ 529,100
NYS Retirement		
Health Insurance/Dental & Vision		
Social Security		
Disability & Workers Compensation		
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 2,590,023	\$ 2,737,793
Less Estimated Revenues:	\$ 100,000	\$ 141,300
Less Appropriated Fund Balance:	\$ 50,000	\$ 110,000
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$ 2,440,023	\$ 2,486,493

Yearly increase on a home assessed
At \$4500 is \$6.60 per year

Voting will take place for two purposes:

1. To vote on the proposed Library Budget for 2026-2027 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 9, 2026 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
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 14, 2026 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 had 78,166 visitors in 2025, that’s a 40% increase from 2024’s 55,865 visitors!

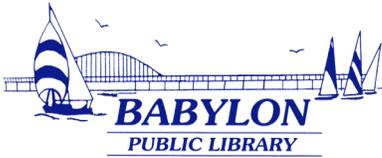
The library is a place to learn, whether through traditional or online resources.

Libraries are for everyone, and that’s a mission we take seriously! See you soon!

Budget Informational Meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 6:30 pm. Budget copies are available on the Library’s website beginning March 24, 2026 at www.babylonlibrary.org

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