

Annual Community Report and 2024-25 Budget and Trustee Election Information



VOTER INFORMATION

The 2024-2025 Annual Budget and Trustee Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2024 from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm at the library building.

The Board of Registration will meet at the library on March 26, 2024 from 2:00 -6:00 pm for the purpose of registering qualified voters who seek to vote at the Annual Budget and Trustee Election. Residents who voted at an annual or special meeting of the Lindenhurst UFSD within four (4) years from April 9, 2024 or who registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections under the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law, need not register to be eligible to vote at the Annual Budget and Trustee Election of the Lindenhurst Memorial Library.

An in-person Annual Report and Budget and Trustee Information meeting will take place at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, March 26 at the library. Please contact Library Director Lisa Kropp with questions regarding the budget or the trustee election process at lkropp@lindenhurstlibrary.org or 631-957-7759.

There is one five-year (5) term of office open, beginning July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2029. The seat is currently held by incumbent Kenneth St. John, whose term expires on June 30, 2024. Petition forms for interested candidates were advertised in the library's newsletter and website beginning February 8, and are due back to the office of the Library Director no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, March 11.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING

Residents of the Lindenhurst Union Free School District who are registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections can vote in person at the library.

Voter registration forms can be obtained through the Board of Elections, the post office, or at the library. Applications for early mail and absentee ballots are available at the library, and must be received by the Director's office at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be personally delivered to the voter.

All early mail and absentee ballots must be received at the library by 5:00 pm on April 9 to be counted. Patrons designated by the Board of Elections as "permanently disabled" following provisions of the election law automatically receive an absentee ballot and do not need to apply.



Tax Rate and Budget

The Board of Trustees is pleased to present a budget within the New York State tax cap allowable levy.

Based on current taxable values for the Town of Babylon as this brochure went to press, the library portion of your tax bill is approximately 4% of the total bill. Homes with an assessed value of \$3,500 would see an increase of approximately \$10.76 for the year.

A copy of the line item draft budget will be available online at www.lindenhurstlibrary.org and in the library building at the Customer Service desk beginning March 11, 2024.

Visit www.lindenhurstlibrary.org and use our “**library value calculator**” (under the about tab) to get an estimate of the value of using the library to borrow items, attend programs, and utilize the services and physical space of the building.



CATEGORY	2023-2024 Approved Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget
Property Tax	\$5,537,094	\$5,669,863
Other Revenue	\$87,500	\$134,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,624,594	\$5,803,863
Salaries	\$2,319,794	\$2,400,000
Employee Benefits	\$1,264,300	\$1,359,000
Library Materials and Classes	\$517,000	\$518,000
Library Operations	\$425,000	\$412,000
Building Operations	\$248,000	\$270,763
Capital Expenditures	\$115,000	\$110,000
Debt Service Interest & Principal	\$735,500	\$734,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,624,594	\$5,803,863



COMMUNITY ROOM BOOKINGS

When the Library completed its renovation and expansion in October of 2022, the space grew from one community room, to four different rooms for programs, classes, and outside meetings. ***In 2023, 67 organizations booked community room space at LML.***

2023 Year at A Glance

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVOCATES AT LML

LML participates in a partnership with Stony Brook University, that provides social work interns to public libraries. Due to the popularity of this service, in addition to having a social work intern, in 2022 the Library hired a part-time social worker to increase the number of appointments we could offer. **Our social workers assisted 454 patrons in 2023** with rent assistance information; help in locating social services programs available to them; job and unemployment assistance, and referrals to counseling services.

MUSEUM PASSES

Over 20 museum passes circulated 1,000 times.

SEED LIBRARY

Our circulating seed library remains in demand, with over 3,200 packages of seeds distributed in 2023. Because of the strong interest in all things garden, we added a Garden Discussion Group to our program offerings, with a steady group of over 20 people at each session exchanging growing tips, native plant ideas, and more.

WIFI

Not everyone has dedicated WiFi at home, and LML continues to assist patrons with this issue by circulating WiFi hotspots with a 21 day loan period. **In 2023, hotspots circulated 344 times.**

FOREIGN LANGUAGE MATERIALS

Circulating collections of fiction and non-fiction titles in Polish and Spanish feature a wide variety of titles, and our collection development experts who are fluent in those languages, are continuously adding titles for circulation. Our library card application is now offered in four languages: English, Spanish, Polish and Ukranian.

COLLECTION & RESOURCE USE:

In response to community needs and interests, LML provides a high-quality collection of books and other materials in a variety of formats. **At the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year, LML had 1,107,238 items in its print, media, and digital collections.**

162,831 ITEMS BORROWED/USED



Digital Items
57%



Print Items
43%

This includes books, movies, magazines, music, and digital materials including downloaded eBooks and audiobooks, along with database articles, streamed movies, and music.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES WERE ADDED OR EXPANDED UPON IN 2023:

- **Expanded “Library of Things” circulating collections,** including blood pressure kits, WiFi hotspots, backyard lawn games, a telescope, ukulele and other items.
- **The library became a certified Passport Acceptance Facility in July 2023.** As of December, 138 passports were processed at your library.



KEY STATISTICS

41,711 RESIDENTS

Service population: (2020 Census)

65

Hours open per week

18,549

Library cardholders

84,131

Physical visits to the library

35,435

Information/reference transactions answered

46

Computers/tablets available

5,932

Public WiFi sessions

368,415

Total website visits



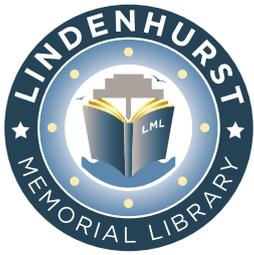
BOOK A LIBRARIAN APPOINTMENTS

One-on-one “book a librarian” appointment slots were very busy in 2023, with over 300 individuals seeking assistance with technology, research, and accessing library resources.

NOTARY APPOINTMENTS

Did you know that the Library has two notaries on staff? In 2023, 490 people used this free service.





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MISSION STATEMENT

Helping its community engage, grow, and discover using library resources and services.

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Our Values

As a sustainably certified library, Lindenhurst Memorial Library values:



RESPECT - We treat everyone, and each other, as valued individuals, and make an effort to ensure diverse collections, programs, services, and staff to serve our community.



LEARNING - We offer a wide variety of programs, classes, services, and databases designed to appeal to a wide range of patrons from all backgrounds, abilities and ages.



ACCESSIBILITY - We provide basic library services without fees (most programs, elimination of late fees) to help ensure access to information and enrichment for people of all ages, abilities and means. we protect an individual's freedom to read and view library materials.



COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS - We value our role as a community anchor, and offer partnerships and collaborations with local organizations, small businesses, and local government entities. to date, 20 adults are participating in our first class.



SUSTAINABILITY - We hold ourselves accountable to following the "triple bottom line" definition of sustainability, recognizing that in order to be truly sustainable, the Library must embody practices that are environmentally sound, economically feasible, and socially equitable.

853 Total Number of Library Programs



20,078
Total Attendance at Library Programs



120
Offsite events in the community



UCAWD

LONG ISLAND
SUNY UCAWD



PARTNERSHIPS

The Library partnered with the Long Island Education Opportunity Center and SUNY UCAWD (University Center for Academic and Workforce Development) and began offering beginner English classes that meet twice a week at the library. **To date, 20 adults are participating in our first class.**

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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