

# Commack Public Library



Budget Information Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

# COMMACK PUBLIC LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

The Commack Public Library is dedicated to providing the community with quality library services to fulfill the informational, educational, cultural, professional and recreational needs of patrons of all ages, by providing traditional, current and popular materials, knowledgeable reference service, and innovative programs in an open and friendly environment.

# COMMACK PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A GLANCE - 2024

- 55 years of service to our Commack Public Library patrons
- Serving 16,000+ patrons of all ages
- 153,486 visits to the Library
- 105,713 materials checked out
- 54,605 E-Books and Audio Books Downloaded
- 9,634 items were borrowed from other libraries for our patrons
- 2,075 program sessions offered for ages Birth – Adult
- 19,626 patrons attended for Birth-Adult
- 803 patrons participated in the Summer Reading Clubs with over 10,000 books read
- 29 Museum Passes that provide free access to local museums
- 25,990 Reference questions answered by our Adult and Youth Services Librarians
- 1,066 items notarized
- 100 one-on-one sessions of digital literacy
- 150 full-text digital magazines available from the Library website
- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, patrons have access to the Commack Public Library homepage, Live-brary, e-Resources, Brainfuse, downloadable books and a variety of other online resources made available to you by the Commack Public Library

# LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

- A separate children's room designed to provide an enriching environment for children and families with special dedicated spaces for computer use, play space and programs
- A designated young adult area for teenagers
- A designated area for senior citizens
- A large, dividable community room and meeting room space for Library programs and community groups
- Handicapped accessibility
- Space for public seating and leisure reading
- Quiet Study Spaces for individual and/or group study
- Wi-Fi access throughout the Library
- Energy efficient
- Overhead ceiling mounted projector and audio/visual equipment for use with visual presentations, educational and music programs, movies, with assistive listening devices for the hearing impaired
- Outdoor garden area with Wi-Fi access and lighting for outdoor Library programs and events

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

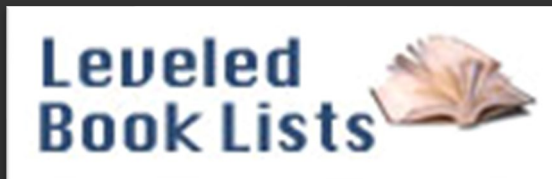
- All About Rabbits
- A Time For Kids: Valentine's Day Surprise
- A Time for Kids: Jungle Fun
- Babies Boogie
- Baby & Toddler Sign Language
- Baby Starts
- Kidz Course
- Krafty Kids Storytime
- Little Athletes Sports Training
- Let's Explore Sensory Play
- Library Playdate
- Messy Play
- Mini Makers
- Mother Goose On The Loose
- Pajama Storytime
- Intro to Woodworking: Wooden Tote
- Kids Paint Party
- Kids Course Spa Party
- Leap Day Leap Frogs
- Lego Adventure
- Physics of Toys
- Robotic Sports
- Scratch Art
- Scratch Coding
- Shamrock Sun Catchers
- Slime Time
- STEM Club: Lifecycle of Plants
- Super Hero Day
- Tiny Art Show
- Yoga for Kids



# GIVING TREE



# CHILDREN'S ONLINE DATABASES







1000 BOOKS

Before Kindergarten

Read it and Reap!

# TWEEN PROGRAMS

- Tween De-Stress with a Mess
- Tween Diamond Art
- Tween DIY: Fall Gnomes
- Tween Guess That Chip
- Tween Lemon Sugar Scrub
- Tween Mini Dino Garden
- Tween No-Sew Snowman Pillows
- Tween Perler Beads
- Tween Steam Challenge: Marshmallow Tower
- Tween Steam Challenge: Paper Chain Challenge
- Tween Trivia & Snacks

100 BOOKS

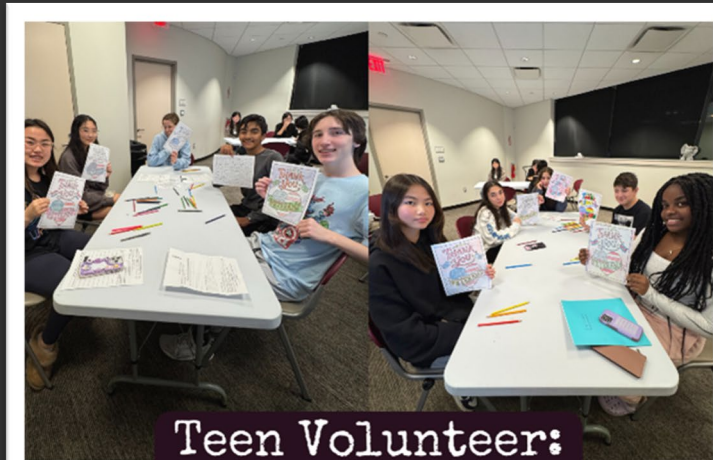


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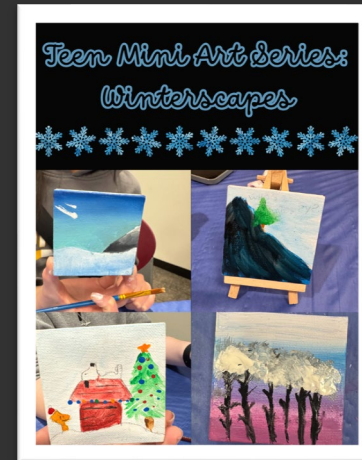
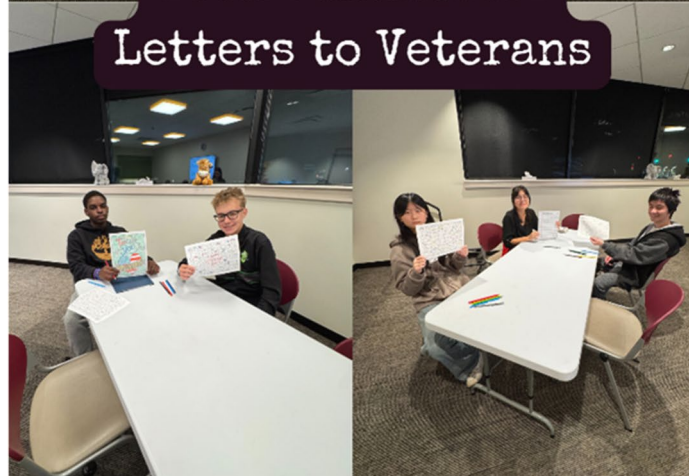
# YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

- Battle of the Books Competition
- Teen Shell Decorating
- Teen Dirt Cups Dessert
- Teen Volunteer: Birthday Bags
- Teen Faux Flower Pumpkins
- Teen TERRORariums
- The Great Give Back
- Teen DIY Halloween Totes
- Teen Volunteer: Letters to Veterans
- Teen Fall Lanterns
- Teen Mini Art Series: Winterscapes
- Teen Penguin Cupcakes
- Teen Volunteer: Gift Wrapping for the Community
- Teen DIY Mason Jar Snow Globes

# YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS



Teen Volunteer:  
Letters to Veterans



# BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

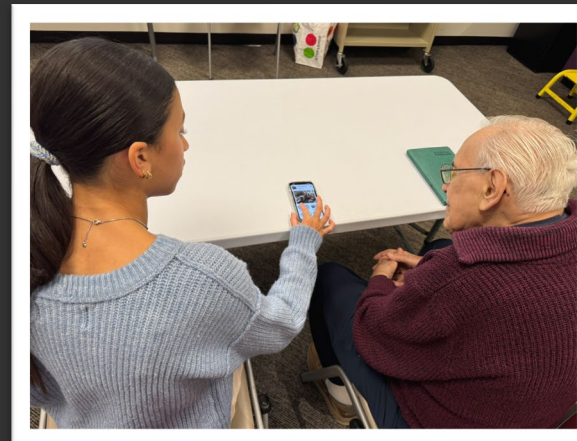
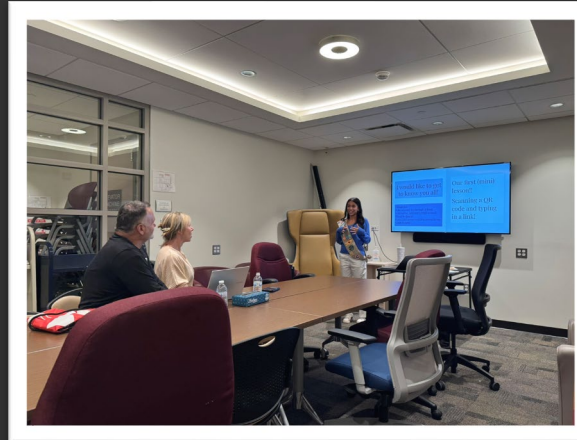


# THE GREAT GIVE BACK



# GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD PROJECT BY CHLOE NUCCIO

Chloe Nuccio, a Teen patron, is organizing a year's worth of beginner technology classes aimed for Seniors. Chloe organizes the programs alongside Librarian, Ocaria DiMango. The classes are offered to all Commack patrons, every other week and some Saturdays. Patrons can come in and bring their own devices to ask questions and get 1-1 assistance using their device. One of the classes offered also includes volunteer Teens from the community who are gaining community service through assisting the Seniors during these classes. The program is a year long and will end June 2025. When the program is completed, Chloe will submit it for her Girl Scouts of America Gold Award Certificate.





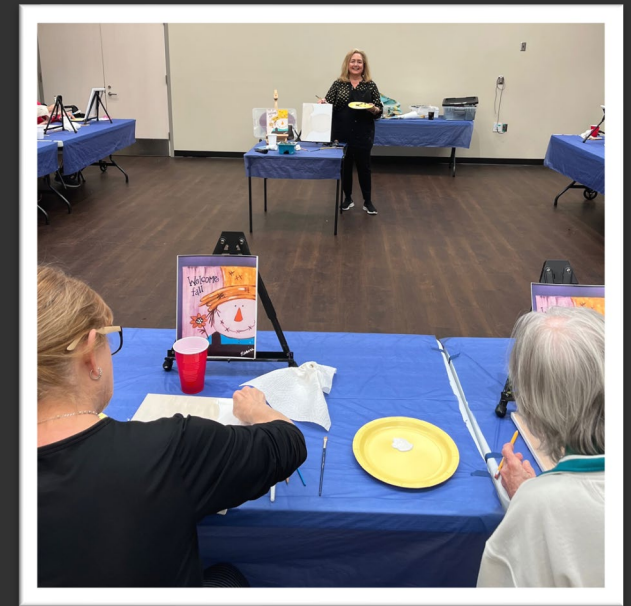
# EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT BY WYATT BODE

In the spring of 2024 three pine wood containers were built and donated to the Library by local Teen and Boy Scout, Wyatt Bode. In order to complete his Eagle Scout badge, Wyatt ensured that the containers would be utilized by the Library to offer educational programs and resources. Thanks to Wyatt, the Commack Public Library now grows their own vegetables and native plants during the warm months, and then donates the harvested food to the local food pantry at the SYJCC. The Library offers seasonal gardening classes to accompany what's growing in the containers and patrons get to learn about seed saving, growing their own food and sustainability.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

- 93 Minutes that Changed the World
- AARP Tax Assistance
- An Irish Feast
- Bingo!
- Book Discussions
- Challenge Your Mind: Word Games
- Chess Club
- Beaded Wire Bookmark
- Defensive Driving Course
- Document Shredding Day
- Exercise Classes
- Gardening Programs
- Hearts in Hand
- Hummingbird Seashells
- Know Thy Shelf Book Discussions
- The Making of the Twilight Zone
- Medicare Counseling
- Mindful Eating
- Pizza and a Movie
- “Sign” of the Season
- Sunday Afternoon Concerts
- Vanishing New York



# LIBRARY OF THINGS

- 4-to-Score Giant Game Set
- Binoculars
- Cricut EasyPress 2
- Cricut Explore Air 3
- Cricut Mug Press
- Telescope
- Giant Checkers & Tic Tac Toe
- Cornhole
- Giant Wooden Playing Dice
- Happy Birthday Yard Signs
- Inflatable Birthday Cake
- Towerball
- Inflatable Storks
- Kan Jam
- Lawn Signs
- Jenga Giant Game
- Ladder Toss
- Lawn Bowling
- Luggage Scale
- Pickleball Set
- Giant Tic Tac Toe
- Spikeball
- Tire Inflator

# DISCOUNT TICKETS



- Adventure Land
- Bronx Zoo
- CM Performing Arts Center
- Gateway Playhouse
- Long Island Aquarium
- Long Island Science Center
- Splish Splash
- Wildlife Conservation Society



# MUSEUM PASSES

- 9/11 Memorial & Museum
- American Airpower Museum
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Children's Museum of the East End
- Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery and Aquarium
- Cradle of Aviation
- Fire Island Lighthouse
- Guggenheim Museum
- Harbes Barnyard Adventure
- Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau
- Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum
- LT. Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum
- Long Island Children's Museum
- Long Island Explorium
- Long Island Maritime Museum
- Long Island Museum
- Long Island Music & Entertainment Hall of Fame
- Heckscher Museum of Art
- Montauk Lighthouse
- Museum of Modern Art
- Nassau County Museum of Art
- New York Hall of Science
- New York State Empire Pass
- Old Bethpage Village Restoration
- Old Westbury Gardens
- Planting Fields
- Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium
- Walt Whitman Birthplace Association
- Whaling Museum in Cold Spring Harbor

ADULT WINTER READING CLUB  
MEMBERS= 89  
BOOKS READ = 255

# ADULT READING CLUB

ADULT SUMMER READING CLUB  
MEMBERS= 177  
BOOKS READ = 1,057




ADULT READING CLUB 2024  
FRIDAY, JUNE 21 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024  
**SUMMER READING CLUB PRIZES**  
Read and complete challenges for a chance to win prizes! Register in person, via phone, or download the Beamstack app. For CPL cardholders only.

- 1 iPad
- 2 Movie Lovers
- 3 Birding Kit
- 4 Midwest Tape Taco Night
- 5 Out on the Town: Patrizia's Marquee, Del Fuego, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Anthony's Coal Fired, Atelier Nail Salon
- 6 Beach Day
- 7 Family Night Out



ADULT Winter Reading Club  
December 29, 2023 - February 2, 2024  
*Reading Wonderland*  
Let it snow...prizes!!

- firebox
- Electric
- Midwest Tape
- Beach Day
- Family Night Out



**SUMMER READING CLUB**

**WATER BOTTLE!**



# YOUTH SERVICES

## SUMMER READING CLUBS

|   | Read to Me<br>(Birth – Ent. K) | Read to Me<br>(Birth – Ent. K) | School Age<br>(Ent. 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade) | School Age<br>(Ent. 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade) | School Age<br>(Ent. 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade) | Teen<br>(Ent. 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade) | Teen<br>(Ent. 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade) | Teen<br>(Ent. 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade) |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|---|
|   | Readers                        | Books/Activities               | Readers  | Minutes Read   | Activities   | Readers   | Minutes Read  | Activities  |
| 1 | 76                             | 836                            | 115  | 8,997  | 113  | 42  | 5,115   | 41  |
| 2 | 93                             | 1,758                          | 162  | 22,545   | 264  | 57  | 12,663  | 72  |
| 3 | 112                            | 2,706                          | 188  | 35,621   | 448  | 68  | 22,996  | 113   |
| 4 | 117                            | 3,744                          | 198  | 48,661   | 595  | 75  | 29,529  | 142   |
| 5 | 121                            | 4,699                          | 203  | 60,126   | 726  | 77  | 33,966  | 165   |
| 6 | 125                            | 5,983                          | 207  | 72,849   | 871  | 77  | 38,861  | 185   |
| 7 | 125                            | 6,841                          | 209  | 85,377   | 1,070  | 78  | 43,106  | 228   |



# YOUTH SERVICES WINTER READING CLUBS

|   | Read to Me<br>(Birth – Pre-K)<br>Readers | Read to Me<br>(Birth – Pre-K)<br>Books/Activities | School Age<br>(K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)<br>Readers | School Age<br>(K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)<br>Minutes Read | School Age<br>(K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)<br>Activities | Teen<br>(6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)<br>Readers | Teen<br>(6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)<br>Minutes Read | Teen<br>(6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)<br>Activities |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| 1 | 18                                       | 381   | 23   | 1,962   | 14  | 7   | 829  | 5  |
| 2 | 29                                       | 660   | 37   | 5,312   | 40  | 10  | 2,570  | 10   |
| 3 | 38                                       | 880   | 49   | 8,061   | 71  | 12  | 4,574  | 17   |
| 4 | 42                                       | 1,210   | 58   | 10,964  | 89  | 14  | 5,708  | 23   |
| 5 | 45                                       | 1,525   | 63   | 19,219  | 133   | 17  | 8,324  | 30   |

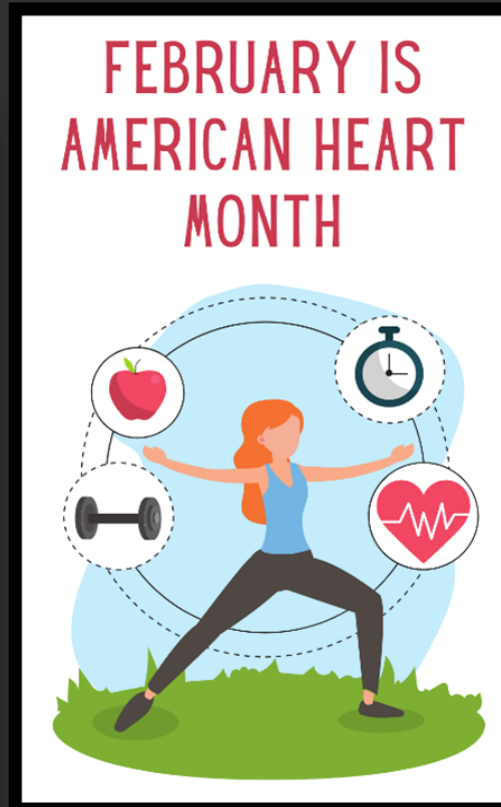
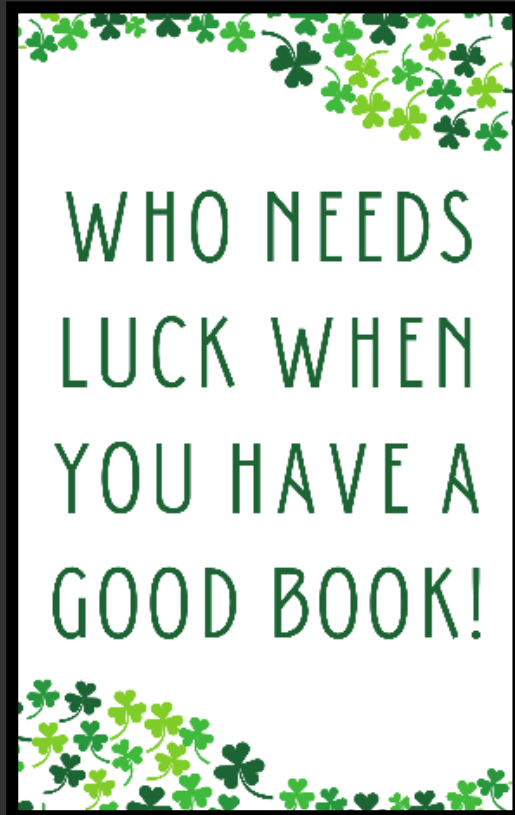
# HOMEBOUND DELIVERIES



# FAX AND NOTARY SERVICES



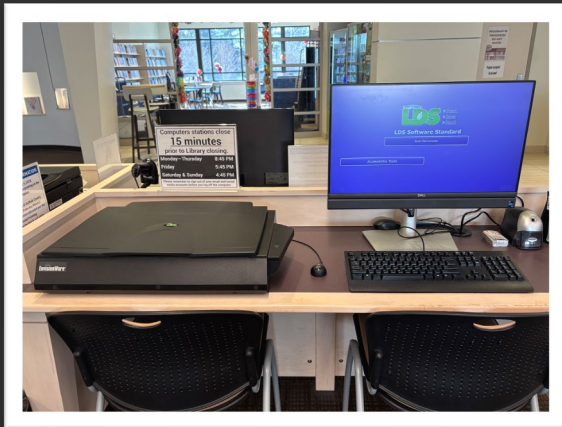
# BOOK DISPLAYS



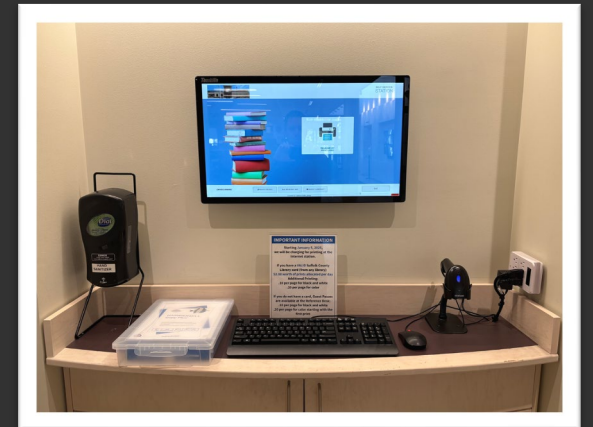
# ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

- Ancestry
- BrainFuse - CollegeNow
- BrainFuse - HelpNow
- BrainFuse - JobNow
- BrainFuse - VetNow
- Flipster
- Hoopla
- Kanopy
- Libby
- LinkedIn Learning
- NextReads
- NY DMV Permit Practice Tests
- Pronunciator
- Suffolk eLibrary

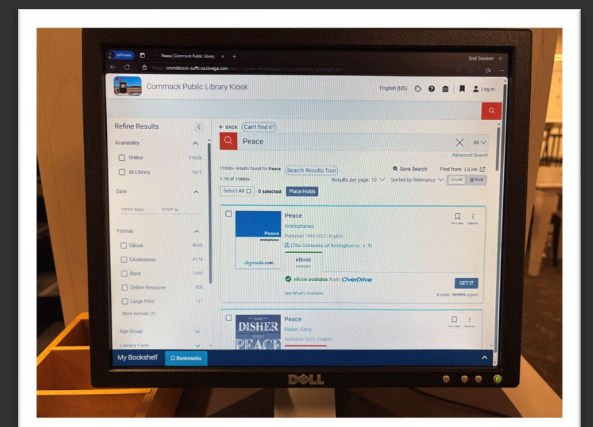
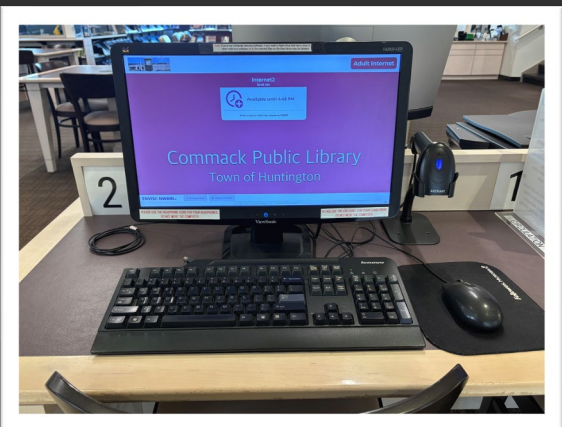
# TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS & SERVICES



- EnvisionWare Self-Service Check-in/out System
- EnvisionWare Self-Service Print Release Terminal
- EnvisionWare Document Station



- Museum Key / Lending Key
- Upgraded Public Workstations
- VEGA Discovery



# DONATIONS AND GRANTS

- Bullet Aid
- Friends of the Commack Public Library
- Patrons of the Commack Public Library
- New York State Education Department Construction Grant
- Stop & Shop Bag of the Month

# PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES



- American Flag Drop-off
- Commack Pantry at the JCC
- Legislator Sanin Dress for Success Drive
- Medicine Collection
- Pop-N-Drop Balloon Collection
- Soles 4 Souls





# PROPOSED BUDGET 2025-2026

| Expenses:                                 |             |
|---|-------------|
| Professional salaries/contracted benefits | \$1,265,941 |
| Clerical salaries/contracted benefits     | \$340,438   |
| Page salaries/contracted benefits         | \$145,617   |
| Custodial salaries/contracted benefits    | \$157,360   |
| Guard salaries                            | \$87,322    |
| Sunday salaries                           | \$110,000   |
| Staff contingency                         | \$45,000    |
| Equipment                                 | \$15,000    |
| Books                                     | \$110,000   |
| Books on CD                               | \$6,000     |
| DVDs                                      | \$14,000    |
| Compact discs                             | \$300       |
| Print periodical and subscriptions        | \$10,000    |
| Conference and training                   | \$6,500     |
| Library supplies                          | \$6,000     |
| Software                                  | \$25,000    |
| General supplies                          | \$25,000    |
| Custodial supplies                        | \$14,000    |
| Telephone                                 | \$8,000     |
| Equipment repair                          | \$3,000     |
| Postage                                   | \$16,000    |
| Publicity and printing                    | \$32,000    |
| Programs                                  | \$160,000   |
| Travel                                    | \$3,000     |
| Legal                                     | \$20,000    |
| Accounting                                | \$15,000    |
| Data processing                           | \$15,000    |
| Exterminator                              | \$800       |
| Snow removal                              | \$11,000    |
| Protective service                        | \$4,000     |

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|---|--------------------|
| Photocopy expense                           | \$6,000            |
| Automated circulation and catalog           | \$41,000           |
| Postage meter                               | \$300              |
| Other contract services                     | \$45,000           |
| Electricity                                 | \$65,000           |
| Water                                       | \$3,000            |
| Gas   | \$8,000            |
| Building repair                             | \$10,000           |
| Air conditioning                            | \$12,000           |
| Insurance                                   | \$40,000           |
| Miscellaneous                               | \$2,000            |
| Vote  | \$7,000            |
| Online patron services                      | \$105,000          |
| Workers compensation                        | \$22,000           |
| Retirement                                  | \$296,762          |
| Social security                             | \$190,000          |
| Unemployment insurance                      | \$5,000            |
| Health Insurance                            | \$756,000          |
| Disability insurance                        | \$8,000            |
| SCLS fees                                   | \$32,233           |
| Debt Service (approved public vote 10/2015) | \$479,000          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>\$4,804,573</b> |
| <b>Revenues</b>                             |                    |
| Anticipated interest                        | \$25,000           |
| Anticipated photocopy income                | \$5,000            |
| Anticipated state aid                       | \$5,500            |
| Anticipated miscellaneous income            | \$15,000           |
| Anticipated lost income                     | \$3,000            |
| Transfer from Unappropriated Fund Balance   | \$200,000          |
| Amount to be raised by taxes                | \$4,551,073        |

# 2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

2.25 % Budget Increase

2.34 % Tax Rate Increase

The estimated increase in the tax rate is \$.54 per \$100 assessed valuation which, based on a \$4,000 assessment, amounts to approximately \$21.60 for the year per household. This equates to less than \$1.80 per month.

Thank you!