

## A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

To our Patrons and Neighbors in Commack, Libraries do more than house books. They bring people together, spark curiosity, and strengthen our community. Thanks to your continued support, the Commack Public Library remains a vibrant place where learning, creativity, and connection thrive.

Over the past year, the Library has continued to evolve to better meet the community's needs. Physical improvements to the building have enhanced accessibility, comfort, and functionality, helping our shared spaces work better for everyone. We have also expanded our community outreach services, bringing library resources and programs beyond our walls and directly into the community.

Our Youth Services Department continues to be a cornerstone of the Library. From early literacy and storytime programs to sensory play, STEAM activities, and schoolage enrichment, these services support learning, imagination, and growth at every stage. The Library remains a welcoming place for children, teens, and families to learn, create, and connect together.

We have heard your requests for more lectures and educational experiences and are responding with an expanded lineup of engaging talks and presentations. In the coming year, patrons can also look forward to more exciting programming and the introduction of pop-up makerspace opportunities that encourage hands-on learning, creativity, and exploration for all ages.

Our dedicated staff is here every day to support you, whether that means recommending your next great read, helping with research or technology, or providing access to materials and services both in person and online. With 24/7 digital access to collections, museum passes, databases, language learning tools, and homework help, the Library is always available to you.

The proposed 2026-2027 budget reflects our continued commitment to providing high-quality services while planning thoughtfully for the future.

We appreciate your ongoing support and encourage you to participate in the upcoming library budget vote on Tuesday, April 14th.

Sincerely,  
The Commack Public Library Board of Trustees

For a full Spanish Budget Brochure please visit our website, [www.commackpubliclibrary.org](http://www.commackpubliclibrary.org)  
Para obtener un folleto completo sobre el presupuesto en español, visite nuestro sitio web,  
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# ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 • 9 AM - 9 PM

## IMPORTANT DATES

VOTER REGISTRATION • Tuesday, March 31st, 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING • Tuesday, March 31st at 7:30 PM

### Commack Public Library at a Glance 2025

#### 56 YEARS OF SERVICE

Serving **16,000+** patrons of all ages

**159,029** visits to the Library

**77,630** materials checked out

**61,606** Digital Materials Accessed

**16,758** patrons attended programs for Birth-Adult

**35,686** Reference questions answered by our Librarians

**941** Museum Passes were circulated across 29 locations, providing free access to local museums and cultural institutions

**227** unique items checked out from our Library of Things



# PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

LIBRARY MATERIALS AND PROGRAMS		
	2025-2026	2026-2027
Books, Periodicals, Online Patron Services and Software	\$250,000	\$223,000
DVDs, CDs, Books on CD	\$20,300	\$18,300
Programs	\$160,000	\$165,000
LIBRARY OPERATIONS		
Automated Circ and Catalog	\$41,000	\$42,000
General Supplies, Custodial Supplies, Library Supplies & Misc.	\$47,000	\$46,000
Other Contract Services and Photocopy	\$51,000	\$58,000
Publicity and Printing, Postage, Postage Meter	\$48,300	\$46,300
Accounting, Legal and Data Processing	\$50,000	\$49,000
Equipment	\$15,000	\$5,000
SCLS Fees	\$32,233	\$33,000
Training, Conference and Travel	\$9,500	\$7,500
Vote	\$7,000	\$2,000
LIBRARY BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE		
Insurance	\$70,000	\$68,000
Gas, Electric, Water, & Telephone	\$84,000	\$82,000
HVAC, Exterminator, Protective Services, & Snow Removal	\$27,800	\$27,800
Building & Equipment Repair	\$13,000	\$13,000
EMPLOYEE SALARIES		
Professional	\$1,242,941	\$1,180,022
Clerical and Pages	\$449,055	\$497,194
Custodial	\$140,360	\$150,690
Security	\$87,322	\$49,500
Sunday Salaries and Staff Contingency	\$155,000	\$155,000



MANDATED AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
	2025-2026	2026-2027
Contracted Benefits	\$77,000	\$75,000
Health Insurance	\$756,000	\$760,000
Retirement	\$296,762	\$352,225
Social Security and Unemployment	\$195,000	\$190,000
Debt Service (Approved via public vote 10/20/15)	\$479,000	\$480,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$4,804,573</b>	<b>\$4,775,531</b>
ANTICIPATED REVENUES		
Lost Book and Photocopy Income	\$8,000	\$8,000
Interest, State Aid and Miscellaneous Income	\$45,500	\$45,500
Transfer from Unappropriated Fund Balance	\$200,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$253,500</b>	<b>\$103,500</b>
<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</b>	<b>\$4,551,073</b>	<b>\$4,672,031</b>
<b>ESTIMATED TAX RATE PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION</b>	<b>\$23.47</b>	<b>\$24.32</b>



The estimated increase in the tax rate is \$.85 per \$100 assessed valuation which, based on a \$4,000 assessment, amounts to approximately \$34.00 for the year per household.

### Requirements to Vote in This Election

You are at least 18 years of age • You are a citizen of the United States • You have been a resident of the Commack Union Free School District within the Town of Huntington for at least 30 days

*You do not need to register if you have voted in any general, school, or other election in the last four years.*

### Absentee or Early Mail Ballots

Applications for absentee or early mail ballots are available at the library or Office of the District Clerk of the Commack Union Free School District, Hubbs Administration Center, Clay Pitts Road, East Northport, New York, 11731. Completed applications must be sent to the District Clerk and will be accepted between March 16 and April 13. If the ballot is to be mailed, the District Clerk must receive the application by 5:00 pm on April 7. Completed absentee or early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 pm on April 14 in order to be counted.