



COMMACK
PUBLIC LIBRARY
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

Budget Information Meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 | 7:30 PM

BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION: TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 9 AM – 9 PM

Mission Statement

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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.

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COMMACK PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A GLANCE — 2025

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Years of Service

16,000+

Patrons Served

159,029

Library Visits

2024 - 153,486



77,630

Materials Checked Out

61,606

Digital Materials Accessed

2024 - 54,605



16,758

Program Attendees

35,686

Reference Questions

2024 - 25,990



941

Museum Passes Circulated

227

Library of Things
Items Circulated

What We Accomplished

New Library Website

Redesigned with Idea Stream Marketing — improved navigation and digital access for all patrons.

Building Improvements

Physical upgrades enhanced accessibility, comfort, and functionality across shared spaces.

Expanded Community Outreach

Library resources and programs extended directly into the community beyond our walls.

New Logo & Commack Road Signage



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What We Accomplished



Seed Library

Patrons can choose 5 packets of vegetable, herb and/or flower seeds to grow at home.

New Program Registration System

Changes to accessibility laws rendered our former registration system inadequate.



All-Abilities Craft Cart

Designed for adults on all learning levels to let their imaginations soar through arts and crafts.

Shred-it Free Secure Document Shredding

Saving 33 trees since August 2025.

Programming for Every Age

Children

- Early Literacy & Storytimes
- STEAM Activities
- Summer Reading Club
- Family PlayHooray
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- National Library Week Scavenger Hunt

Teens (Gr. 6–12)

- Battle of the Books
- Community Service Programs
- Teen Buddy Program
- Dungeons & Dragons
- DIY Crafts & Cooking
- SAT Prep & College Essay Help

Adults

- Fitness & Wellness Classes
- Lectures & Author Talks
- Cooking Demonstrations
- Arts & Crafts Workshops
- Financial & Medicare Counseling
- Sunday Afternoon Concerts

BUDGET DETAIL

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
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,804,573	\$4,775,531


Budget Summary & Tax Impact

Revenue Sources

Lost Book & Photocopy Income	\$8,000
Interest, State Aid & Misc.	\$45,500
Transfer from Fund Balance	\$50,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$103,500
Amount Raised by Taxes	\$4,672,031

Tax Rate Impact

\$23.47 Tax Rate 2025–26 per \$100 assessed valuation	\$24.32 Tax Rate 2026–27 per \$100 assessed valuation	~\$34 Annual Household Impact based on \$4,000 assessment
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 Total expenditures decrease from \$4,804,573 to \$4,775,531 — a reduction of \$29,042 (0.6%)
Tax rate increase: \$0.85 per \$100 assessed valuation

Donations & Grants

Bullet Grant

\$20,000 from Assemblyman Keith Brown

State Aid

\$5,500

New York State Education Department Construction Grant

\$43,000 - Replacement and Repairing of the HVAC system

Sanitation Credits

\$30,000

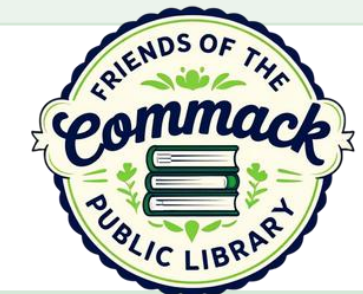
LOOKING FORWARD

Expanded lineup of engaging talks and presentations

Exciting programming across the library

Pop-up makerspace opportunities for all ages

Revitalization of the Friends of the Commack Public Library



Partnerships with the SYJCC and other Commack community organizations including Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs

COMING UP

National Library Week April 19–25

MONDAY

4/20

Merch Monday



Wear library-themed gear

TUESDAY

4/21

Twin Tuesday



Match with a friend or crew

WEDNESDAY

4/22

Team Wednesday

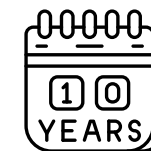


Rep your favorite sports team

THURSDAY

4/23

Throwback Thursday



Dress in your favorite decade

FRIDAY

4/24

Floral Friday



Hawaiian shirts & vacay vibes



Participate any day for a chance to win!

Guess the Books Raffle — How many books are in the library? Submit your best guess!

Thank You!

Get In Touch

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Budget Vote: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 • 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM • Your vote matters!

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