



# Annual Library Vote

Tuesday, April 10  
9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees has set the annual Library Vote for Tuesday, April 10, 2007. Voting will be for two purposes: to vote on the Library budget for 2007/2008 and to elect TWO (2) Library Trustees: one to fill a five-year term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending on June 30, 2012 as a result of the expiration of the term of office presently held by Robert Little; the other to fill a three-year term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending on June 30, 2010 as a result of the vacancy of the position held by C. Annette Carr, presently held by appointment by Andrea Gladding. Candidates for trustee will be announced in the Library's April newsletter.

## Important Voting Facts:

**Public Information Meeting** —  
Thursday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Northport Library Community Room

**Who Can Vote** — Anyone who is

- at least 18 years of age;
- a citizen of the United States;
- a resident of the Northport-East Northport School District for at least 30 days;
- registered to vote.

If you have not voted within four years in a general, school, or library election, re-registration is required.

Registration may be made in person prior to April 4 at the following location: the offices of the School District Clerk, 158 Laurel Avenue, Northport; Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. any day that school is in session.

You may register prior to March 30 at the Suffolk County Board of Elections, Yaphank Ave., Yaphank; Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

You may register by mail using application forms available in both library buildings. Applications must be received at the Suffolk County Board of Elections no later than March 30, 2007.

**Absentee Applications** — Applications for absentee ballots are available in both library buildings.

## WHERE TO VOTE

If you live in the portion of the library district that is **SOUTH OF ROUTE 25A** your polling place is the **EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

If you live in the portion of the library district that is **NORTH OF ROUTE 25A** your polling place is the **NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY**



**Dow and Jones**  
present  
**LIBRARY ECONOMICS**

*monthly cost*

Cost of New Hardcover Book (average fiction & non-fiction)	\$36.00
Subscription to <i>The New York Times</i>	\$39.60
Subscription to <i>Newsday</i>	\$20.00
Family Cable Subscription (TV)	\$46.95
Subscription to Optimum Online	\$49.95
Night at the Movies (for 4, without popcorn)	\$38.00
Theatre Tickets on Long Island (for 2)	\$56.00
Adult Ed Computer Training Class	\$40.00
<b>Homeowner's 2006/2007 Library Taxes (average)</b>	<b>\$34.44</b>

*Your public library, which offers services to everyone, from infants to senior citizens, returns more value to the community than it costs. The sharing of resources which can be used over and over saves individuals the cost of purchasing books, newspapers, subscriptions, and other services.*

## Library Statistics 2006

More than **2,825** new patrons obtained library cards

**490,265** items were checked out by patrons

**28,189** people in the community have library cards

**32,882** items were interlibrary loaned for patrons

**582,162** visits were made to the library

**3,283** patrons received free access to the Internet through SuffolkWeb

Our programs entertained, educated, and enriched **11,262** adults

**88,979** patrons used the Library's Internet stations

**1,349** teens

**33,422** patrons used the Library's applications computers

The library has **157,341** books for adults

**95,675** items were purchased from the Library Cafe

**94,781** books for children

**27,122** videos, compact discs, DVDs, and audiobooks

more than **1,000** newspapers and magazine subscriptions

open for service **72** hours weekly in each building

**195,721** reference questions were answered:

online access from home

**106,784** asked by children

**24** hours a day, **7** days a week

**88,937** asked by adults

Statistics from *New York State Annual Report for Public Libraries 2006*

## A Message from the Library Board of Trustees

Vigorous and sustained commitment on the part of the public towards library use has been demonstrated according to a recent report (*Knowing Our Communities: Perceptions of Libraries and Information Resources*) published by the Online Computer Library Center. Ninety-six percent of the respondents in the survey visited a library in person, and 69% said their library use had gone up or not changed.

Another extensive national study (*Long Overdue, a Fresh Look at Public and Leadership Attitudes About Libraries in the 21st Century*) prepared by Public Agenda and The Americans for Libraries Council, shows that "In an age of deep cynicism about performance of all sorts of public services, public libraries are rated 'A' more often than any other public service we asked about." Americans responding in these focus groups shared their feelings that public libraries will "continue to play a vital role in communities." These reports articulate respondents' beliefs that communities must have well-functioning public libraries in order to be "healthy and strong."

These gratifying expectations juxtapose the day-to-day challenge of delivering current information and enrichment opportunities in a global environment where methods and approaches are changing before the "send" button is clicked. The expectation of

\*Copies of studies available at the Reference Desk upon request.

today's library public is to be respected and treated as a patron of the arts, while receiving customer-driven services constantly updated and designed to fit their multitasking, gadget-driven, online lives.

Our customer-centered library seeks new strategies and opportunities to maintain an integral role in community life. We are satisfying customers, our patrons, on a daily basis while looking to the future.

The library budget is the main vehicle that is used by the Library Board of Trustees to manage resource allocation. The resources that are the foundation for your library's success in serving the community include the staff, along with the collections, the facilities, and the technology offered to patrons. During the past three-and-a-half months, the Administration has worked with the Department Heads to plan the budget, and the Board of Trustees has carefully and thoroughly evaluated how resources are being used to achieve the real objectives and mission of the library in the community. We believe that as you review this budget newsletter, you will agree that a sound and most financially reasonable budget and tax rate increase is being proposed.

### Library Board of Trustees

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## Patrons Share Their Comments

*I would like to express my personal thanks for the latest upgrade of your computer facilities. The installation of USB ports on the Internet stations and the inclusion of other applications on these computers are very helpful. I also like the efficiency and reliability of the sign-in programs on both the computers and the printers. On the printer, especially, the problem of printouts from different users at the same time has been eliminated. And then there is the always friendly, always competent assistance of your wonderful staff.*

*Clearly, you are all working to make our library experiences friendlier and more gratifying. The beautiful new courtyard in the Northport Library, of course, is an extra attraction. Along with our houses of worship and our schools, our libraries enrich our community immeasurably. I feel both privileged and fortunate to live here. Thank you.*

*I want to thank you for all the Library does for us in terms of services and materials, but especially the caring, friendly staff!*

*I am writing to praise the efficiency and diligence of your reference staff. I recently made an inquiry regarding the source of some lines of poetry inscribed on a plaque in the Vietnam Veteran's Park in Huntington. Your research team contacted the Town Historian for the exact quotation and then tracked down the full text of the source within a few hours.*

*I would like to thank Ms. Formosa, Ms. Gillman, and Ms. Hunt for their cooperative, professional effort and prompt attention to my request.*

*My five-year-old son has been involved in many different programs at the library since he was a baby, and all have just been remarkable. I think it is so wonderful that these classes are available to children from birth, with so many different choices and varieties. And best of all, these ongoing programs are offered three seasons each year. Of course they are free, and should be taken advantage of, in my opinion, by all moms.*

*The Library Cafe has been a great convenience. Thank you!*

## Your Community Library

### Proposed Operating Budget 2007/2008

	APPROVED BUDGET 2006/2007	PROPOSED BUDGET 2007/2008
<b>LIBRARY MATERIALS &amp; PROGRAMS</b>		
Books, Periodicals & Electronic Resources	455,800	456,500
Videos, CDs, DVDs, Audiobooks	118,100	118,100
Adult, Teen & Children's Programming	89,000	89,000
<b>LIBRARY OPERATIONS</b>		
Computer Hardware & Software	132,800	132,700
Online Public Access Catalog & Circulation Control	58,000	58,000
Telecommunications	78,000	74,100
Equipment	40,000	42,000
Office, Library & Café Supplies	123,500	133,100
Printing & Postage	78,000	75,000
Professional Development & Training	25,000	25,000
Professional Fees	56,000	57,000
SCLS Plan of Service Participation	76,000	81,700
<b>LIBRARY BUILDINGS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>		
Fuels & Utilities	85,000	95,000
Facilities Repairs & Improvements	67,900	68,600
Maintenance Supplies	43,000	40,000
Building & Equipment Service Contracts	139,900	145,500
Insurance	106,000	106,000
<b>EMPLOYEE SALARIES</b>		
Sunday & Holiday Service	220,200	229,000
Professional	2,390,700	2,490,300
Clerical/Technical, Café & Library Pages	1,808,200	1,840,800
Custodial & Security Service	368,600	379,200
<b>MANDATED &amp; EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>		
Social Security, Retirement	780,000	784,900
Health Insurance, Disability & Group Life	547,000	583,000
<b>DEBT SERVICE — PRINCIPAL &amp; INTEREST</b>	593,000	569,600
<b>CAPITAL &amp; TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	8,509,700	8,724,100
<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>		
Fines & Fees	78,000	79,000
Interest, Library System Grant	45,600	56,600
Café	80,000	85,000
Unrestricted Fund Appropriation	135,000	100,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	338,600	320,600
<b>TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</b>	<b>8,171,100</b>	<b>8,403,500</b>

### TAX RATE HISTORY AND PROPOSAL ON THE OPERATING BUDGET

	Approved 2006/2007	Proposed 2007/2008
Amount to be raised by taxes	\$8,171,100	\$8,403,500
Assessed Valuation of District	\$81,379,623	\$81,379,623 (est.)
Tax rate per \$100	\$10.04	\$10.33
\$ Change in tax rate	0.35	0.29
% Change in tax rate	3.61%	2.89%

The estimated increase in the tax rate is 29¢ per \$100 assessed valuation which, based on a \$4,000 assessment, amounts to \$11.60 for the year.

## FOR CHILDREN

### Dr. Seuss Birthday Party

(N) Saturday, March 3, 2:00 p.m.

Children in grades K-5 with families

Come celebrate the 50th birthday of the Cat in the Hat with games, crafts, and snacks. Registration is underway at the Northport Library.



### Science in Motion

(N) Tuesday, March 20, 4:00 p.m.

Children in grades 4-6

Have fun with motion and join an instructor from the Long Island Science Center for hands-on experiments, amusement park physics, and a take-home project. Registration begins March 6 at the Northport Library.

### Book Discussion

(N) Monday, March 12, 4:00 p.m.

Children in grades 4-6

Join a Children's Librarian for a discussion of *A Corner of the Universe* by Ann M. Martin. In this novel, a carnival comes to Hattie's town and her life is changed in unpredictable ways. Registration is underway at the Northport Library.

### Family Carnival Night

(N) Friday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

Children in grades K-5 with families

Join Jester Jim for an evening of fun! Adults and children will be captivated by his many skills: beat-boxing, magic, balancing, and juggling. Registration begins March 30 at the Northport Library.



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### HOURS

9 to 9 Monday thru Friday  
9 to 5 Saturday  
1 to 5 Sunday



## Design A Bookmark Contest Congratulations!

The Northport-East Northport Public Library is happy to announce the winners of our 11th Annual Design A Bookmark Contest. The winning designs will be reproduced in the Library newsletter and in the Children's Room each month throughout the year.

All of the contest entries will be displayed in the Children's Room at the East Northport Library. The winners and their families are invited to a reception on Wednesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the East Northport Library. Congratulations to everyone!

Grade Bookmark

Scott Hatch	4	March '07
Amelia Libbey	1	April '07
Natalie Gregorius	4	May '07
Ann Marie Thomas	3	June '07
Sarah Connor	2	July '07
Nicholas Anderson	K	Aug. '07
Hope Badanes	1	Sept. '07
Natalie Nowak	3	Oct. '07
Nick Cardinale	K	Nov. '07
Deirdre McPartland	5	Dec. '07
Jenn Ruder	4	Jan. '08
Samantha Schoeps	2	Feb. '08

### The Bookmark Spot

Stop by the Library and pick up March's bookmark by Scott Hatch. A reading list, compiled by our Children's Librarians, is on the back.



Scott Hatch

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## What does the Library mean to you and your family?

Thanks to your tax dollars, all of these services are available at the Northport-East Northport Public Library. You can use them as often as you want. Now *that's* a bargain!



- Find answers for your homework.
- Plan your next vacation.
- Browse your favorite websites.
- Pick up voter registration information.
- Reserve the latest mystery.
- Check out a video or DVD.
- Listen to a classical CD.
- Attend a Sunday Family Special.
- Prepare your resume.
- Get new ideas for redecorating your house.
- Request a list of community organizations.
- Attend a lecture or workshop.
- Meet award-winning authors.
- Join a book discussion group.
- Attend a Road to Reading program.
- Look up all kinds of health information.
- Research the purchase of a new car.
- Trek to another planet in a Sci-Fi novel.
- Call the Reference Desk with your question.
- Research your term paper.
- Learn about the history of your town.
- Check your stock portfolio.
- Read a magazine from another country.
- Borrow an audiobook for your next trip.
- Find a quiet place to study.
- See a new art exhibit.
- Volunteer as a literacy tutor.
- Find a new recipe.
- Pick up a reading list for your kids.
- Make photocopies.
- Get a book through interlibrary loan.
- Enroll your child in the summer reading program.
- Take a computer class.
- Read the latest fashion magazine.
- Enjoy a concert.
- Trace your family tree.
- Check out a legal question.
- Find out how to file a consumer complaint.
- Borrow some craft books.
- Learn how to use a database.
- Find the latest romance paperback.
- Pick up tax forms.
- Get some Internet training.
- Relax in the cafe or the courtyard.