

# Library Trustee Candidates

## Theresa Germano

It has been my great honor and pleasure to serve as Trustee of the amazing Longwood Public Library. I am ever committed to providing exceptional library service in a responsible and efficient manner.

With an exciting mix of programs for all ages, in-demand materials in every format, talented and caring staff, and of course, our wonderful building we are an invaluable resource to our community. I look forward to continuing in my role as Trustee, ensuring that our library and its mission are supported and protected and that we deliver the best possible library experience for all in the best possible way.

## Thomas Tallerico

Since relocating to Yaphank in 2006 the first acquaintance I made was this wonderful library and the friendly and helpful staff. Being a frequent user of the programs, content and museum passes, I decided it is time to give back and volunteer my time and efforts to the Longwood Public Library. Over the years I have gotten to know some of the staff on a personal level and can't help but think what a joy it would be to work with them. Even before moving to this area I would frequent the library at lunchtime as I have worked at Brookhaven Labs for 35 years. I watched the library grow to its current beautiful state as the years have passed. I have a passion for libraries and books and as such I am a member of two libraries in NYC. I truly hope to be selected as a trustee so that I can show you my ambition.

## Vivett Dukes

Vivett Dukes is in her eleventh year as a middle and high school English Language Arts teacher, literacy specialist, and teacher of English as a new language. During her time as a teacher within the New York City Department of Education she has served as a member of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Teacher Advisory Council 2014-2016 cohort, a classroom lab facilitator with Chancellor Carmen Fariña's Learning Partners Program, grade team leader, inquiry team leader, English Department Chairperson and Bethune Teaching Fellow for the New York Urban League.

At her core, Vivett Dukes is a passionate wife, mom, teacher-leader, social activist, social advocate, and humanitarian who is dedicated to taking her voice outside of the classroom and into the public arena as the voice for many rendered voiceless in an effort to elevate authentic conversations and grassroots changes in educational equity and human rights advocacy, of which literacy is at the pinnacle. Literacy is power.

As a Longwood Library Board Trustee, I will engage literacy advocates and community members to embrace the fact that if a human being can read, they can achieve ANYTHING!

I thank you in advance for your vote and support.

# Remember to Vote!

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – 8:00 am-9:00 pm

## 2019-2020 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election

### Voter Registration Information

#### 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 Longwood Central School District for at least 30 days
- You have voted in any general, school or other election in the last four years

#### VOTER REGISTRATION

Registration is available every school day through March 28 at the Longwood Central Office, 21 Everett Drive, Yaphank

#### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Mailed applications must be completed and received by the District Clerk on or before

**Tuesday, March 27, 2019.**

*(Applications are available at the library.)*

#### It's Amnesty Day!

On April 2, 2019 no fines will be collected for library materials returned late.

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Public Library  
Board of Trustees

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#### Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:30 am–9:00 pm  
Saturday: 9:30 am–5:00 pm  
Sunday: 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

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Visit us at [longwoodlibrary.org](http://longwoodlibrary.org)

**Director,** Lisa H. Jacobs  
**Assistant Director,** Ann Hofbauer

## Budget Information Meeting

Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm

The Library Director, Lisa Jacobs, will be happy to answer any questions you have about the library or the budget.

Please call (631) 924-6400 x275 or e-mail: [lisa@longwoodlibrary.org](mailto:lisa@longwoodlibrary.org)



	Current 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020
<b>MATERIALS &amp; SUPPLIES</b>		
Books & eBooks	\$305,000	\$310,000
Audiovisual Materials	\$190,000	\$175,000
Information Software	\$73,000	\$75,000
Other Library Materials	\$22,000	\$27,000
Library Programs	\$202,000	\$207,000
Museum Passes	\$15,000	\$16,000
Library & Custodial Supplies	\$84,000	\$101,000
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; CONSULTING SERVICES</b>		
Legal, SCLS, Treasurer, Auditor	\$122,400	\$113,000
<b>LIBRARY OPERATIONS</b>		
Circulation System	\$45,000	\$45,000
Printing, Postage & Publicity	\$100,000	\$99,000
Election Expenses	\$8,000	\$8,000
Training	\$26,500	\$28,500
Office Equipment	\$55,000	\$55,000
Service Contracts	\$51,000	\$53,000
<b>BUILDING OPERATIONS</b>		
Utilities	\$105,000	\$110,000
Telephone & Internet	\$26,000	\$33,000
Insurance	\$67,000	\$67,000
Campus Maintenance	\$31,000	\$31,000
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$37,000	\$64,000
Miscellaneous Building Costs	\$18,750	\$20,250
Transfer to Building Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>		
Computer Hardware	\$65,000	\$65,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$30,000	\$15,000
<b>FIXED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>		
Retirement, Social Security	\$694,464	\$712,227
Health & Supplemental Insurance	\$570,450	\$604,133
Workers Compensation	\$27,000	\$30,000
Unemployment & Disability	\$10,200	\$10,200
<b>SALARIES</b>		
Professional	\$1,885,461	\$1,957,287
Clerical, Maintenance, IT	\$1,371,154	\$1,389,952
Pages	\$155,000	\$167,000
Sundays/Holidays	\$150,000	\$175,000
<b>BOND PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$1,148,656</b>	<b>\$1,152,006</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,741,035</b>	<b>\$7,965,555</b>
<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>		
State Aid, Interest, Fines & Fees	\$93,950	\$66,500
PILOTs	\$35,000	\$42,000
Fund Balance	\$75,000	\$100,000
<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</b>	<b>\$7,537,085</b>	<b>\$7,757,055</b>



# 2018 The Year in Review

## Annual Message to the Community

2018 was another banner year at the LPL! Our talented and enthusiastic staff always strives to provide the best service to the Longwood community. This year we launched our very popular Equipment & Gadgets collection, which includes such varied items as wifi hotspots, drones, lawn games, telescopes, sewing machines and so much more! We continued our new annual author program with a visit from bestselling author Sara Paretsky. We introduced a new, accessible and mobile-friendly website at [longwoodlibrary.org](http://longwoodlibrary.org). And we were thrilled to open the incredibly popular Learn & Play children's garden, located near the terrace.

### A Few Statistics from 2018

- Library visits totaled more than 243,000
- More than 500,000 physical items were checked out or renewed; more than 120,000 eBooks, audio and video were streamed or downloaded
- Public computers were accessed more than 55,000 times; the wifi was accessed more than 100,000 times
- Free museum passes were borrowed more than 1,600 times, saving taxpayers over \$64,000. Many of our museum passes are now conveniently available as printable passes!

### What are we planning for the coming year?

- Quadrupling the library's Internet bandwidth to improve access
- Expansion of the eBook collection by 35%
- Adding new features to the Learn & Play garden
- Even more equipment and gadgets to borrow
- Making plans to phase in a makerspace

We will hold our **Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election on Tuesday, April 2**, from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm in the Library Community Room. The Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the proposed operating budget for **2019-2020** is below the NYS tax cap. It is estimated that the adoption of this budget will raise the library's tax rate to \$15.01 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This would increase the average homeowner's tax payment by \$9.71 per year.

The Board will hold a budget information meeting on **Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm**. Completed petitions for library trustee are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 4, and information about trustee candidates will be available in the library and on our website shortly thereafter.

If you have any questions about the budget, the trustee election or the library in general, please contact Library Director Lisa Jacobs, at (631) 924-6400 x275, or by email at [lisa@longwoodlibrary.org](mailto:lisa@longwoodlibrary.org).

### Please Vote

The Library Board of Trustees is committed to offering excellent library service while keeping the budget below the state-mandated tax cap. We thank you for your support throughout the year, and ask you to come in and vote on April 2.

It is estimated that adoption of the Proposed Budget would increase your property taxes as follows:

Impact of Proposed Increase	
Assessed Value of Home	Annual Additional Cost
\$2,000	\$8.51 per year
\$2,280 (district average)	\$9.71 per year
\$3,000	\$12.77 per year



Esta información también está disponible en español.