

LIBRARY TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

Clayton Hudson

Clayton is a native of North Carolina and a graduate of North Carolina A&T State, CW Post and Syracuse Universities. He's a retired educator of 34 years from Central Islip Public Schools, teaching Regents, Honors and AP Chemistry and served as Scholarship Chairperson of the Central Islip Teachers Association. He was also an Adjunct Professor at Dowling College, Chemistry Instructor in "The Minority High School Student Apprentice Program" at BNL and Rochester Community College, Rochester, NY.

Clayton's continuously involved with the Central Islip and Gordon Heights communities. Presently, he's Treasurer of the Trustee Board of St. Mary AME Zion Church, member of the Gordon Heights Chamber of Commerce, Gordon Heights and Middle Island Civics, Friends of the Library, and member of the Black History Commission for Brookhaven Town. Clayton served on Strathmore on Green The Homeowners Assoc. Board as Treasurer and is CEO of Search World Global Travel.

Frank Muraca

Over 40 Year Community Member

Experience:

- 42 Years Northrop Grumman Middle Management
- 9 Years Longwood BOE, 3 Years as President
- 6 Years Restaurant Manager
- 8 Year Coram Civic, 4 Years as a Board Member
- US Veteran

Education:

- AAS Industrial Engineering

Memberships:

- Coram Civic Association
- Davis Town Meeting House
- American Legion
- Friends of Longwood Library
- Honorary Lifetime PTA Member
- NYS School Board Association Board Lifetime Achievement

I will to the best of my ability work with my fellow Library Trustees and Library Director to build on and enhance Library services and capabilities. Unlike other communities which have well developed Down Town areas. The Longwood community has our Library, Fire Departments, School District and Local Civic Organizations that provide our community at every level both young and senior with numerous services, activities and events to attend and enjoy. As I stated I will work to expand our Library services.

Regards Frank

Longwood
Public Library

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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

Visit us at longwoodlibrary.org

Director, Lisa H. Jacobs
Assistant Director, Ann Hofbauer

2024-2025
Annual Budget Vote
& Trustee Election
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2024-2025 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 April 4 at the Longwood Central Office, 35 Yaphank-Middle Island Road, Middle Island

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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

Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

(Applications are available at the library.)

Budget Information Meeting
Wednesday, March 27 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

	Current 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES		
Books & eBooks	\$330,000	\$340,000
Audiovisual Materials	\$140,000	\$140,000
Information Software	\$79,000	\$79,000
Other Library Materials	\$22,000	\$23,000
Library Programs	\$204,000	\$213,000
Museum Passes	\$20,230	\$20,500
Library & Custodial Supplies	\$114,000	\$117,000
PROFESSIONAL & CONSULTING SERVICES		
Legal, SCLS, Treasurer, Auditor	\$118,700	\$118,100
LIBRARY OPERATIONS		
Circulation System	\$45,000	\$47,000
Printing, Postage & Publicity	\$90,000	\$95,000
Election Expenses	\$10,000	\$10,000
Training	\$27,000	\$24,500
Office Equipment	\$55,000	\$55,000
Service Contracts	\$55,130	\$47,000
BUILDING OPERATIONS		
Utilities	\$148,000	\$150,000
Telephone & Internet	\$29,000	\$29,100
Insurance	\$60,000	\$62,000
Campus Maintenance	\$31,000	\$31,000
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$60,000	\$60,000
Miscellaneous Building Costs	\$21,250	\$21,250
Capital Projects	\$50,000	\$0
EQUIPMENT		
Computer Hardware	\$60,000	\$70,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$15,000	\$20,000
FIXED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Retirement, Social Security	\$836,845	\$885,836
Health & Supplemental Insurance	\$672,370	\$860,200
Workers Compensation	\$30,000	\$33,000
Unemployment & Disability	\$10,200	\$10,200
SALARIES		
Professional	\$2,322,832	\$2,509,350
Clerical, Maintenance, IT	\$1,515,293	\$1,642,383
Pages	\$184,000	\$184,000
Sundays/Holidays	\$185,000	\$195,000
BOND PAYMENT	\$1,172,375	\$1,176,000
SUBTOTAL	\$8,713,225	\$9,268,419
ANTICIPATED REVENUES		
State Aid, Interest, Fines & Fees	\$68,000	\$71,500
PILOTs	\$65,000	\$80,000
Fund Balance	\$200,000	\$300,000
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$8,380,225	\$8,816,919



Annual Message to the Community

2023 was another very busy year at the library!

Our staff was excited to re-introduce some pre-pandemic programs, such as bus trips and the ever-popular Life-Sized Candyland. In conjunction with our status as a certified Sustainable Library, we launched the NexTrex Challenge, helping our community take soft plastic film out of the waste stream. We introduced the community to the Great Backyard Bird Count, a fantastic national citizen science program. New services were added to the makerLAB with a sublimation printer, which allows for more creative experiences for our patrons. We upgraded our wireless network with a faster and more reliable system, improving internet access for mobile users in the building. Many great new programs were planned and presented by our staff, including our first-ever Plant Swap, a Craft Supply Swap, the Kovarik Author Talk with Ridley Pearson, and Magic Treehouse: the Musical, just to name a few. We embarked on some new collaborations: partnering with LIEOC to present high-quality English language classes for our English language learners, and collaborating with other libraries in the county for the fun Summer Library Tour. As always, we continue to enhance our collections: new travel-related items were added to our Equipment & Gadgets collection, and in the Teen Department, a new set of tablets with full manga series were added. At the end of December, our Circulation Department introduced the convenient option for patrons to renew their library cards online.



Since the inception of the state tax cap, the library has annually operated within those limits, with the exception of two years during the building expansion. In the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the library Board of Trustees decided that the library would have no budget increase, which became challenging due to the price fluctuations from supply chain issues. Subsequently there have been several years of steep inflation. As a result, the Board of Trustees has determined that in order to maintain the library's current level of excellent service, the proposed 2024-2025 budget will need to exceed the state tax cap. The anticipated increase for the average household is \$1.75 per month (\$21.01 per year). Details of the proposed budget are shown here and will be available in the library and online in early March. The Board will hold a budget information meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 pm.

Completed petitions for library trustee are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 11, and information about trustee candidates will be available in the library and on our website shortly thereafter. There is one five-year term seat on the Board of Trustees that is up for election.

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

Please Vote

We will hold our **Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election on Tuesday, April 9**, from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm at the library. The Library Board of Trustees is committed to continuing to offer excellent library service while keeping the budget as low as possible. We thank you for your support throughout the year, and ask you to come in and vote on April 9.

A Few Statistics from 2023

- More than 489,000 physical items were checked out or renewed. In addition, eBooks, movies, music and audiobooks were streamed or downloaded more than 181,000 times, a 10% increase over the previous year.
- Computers were used more than 37,000 times, and the library's wireless network was accessed more than 117,000 times. These represent increases of 25% and 5% over the prior year.
- Library staff planned and produced 2,027 in-person or virtual programs with 38,351 attendees or viewers, a 12% increase over the previous year.
- The library's convenient mobile app was launched more than 33,000 times during the year.

2024 Plans

The library provides incredible value for the community's modest investment. Your support in 2024-2025 will allow the library to continue our current excellent level of services and programs. Current services include:

- The ability to stream and download free eBooks and eAudio from Libby, Hoopla, Freegal and Kanopy
- Free museum passes to dozens of museums on Long Island and in New York City
- Equipment & Gadgets, our Library of Things collection
- Classes and events for all ages, including concerts and performances in our theatre-style Community Room
- Access to classes and appointments in the makerLAB, our makerspace
- Thousands of books, movies, audiobooks and more, with access to millions of additional titles through our shared county catalog
- Access to public computers with librarians who can provide guidance, as well as one-on-one tech assistance
- A wonderful playspace for families with young children, plus the interactive Learn & Play Children's Garden

In addition, your support will enable the library to introduce:

- The Community Yarn Project, a library-wide program for all ages, spanning most of 2024
- Additional programs and services in the makerLAB
- Programs focusing on April's near-total solar eclipse
- A podcast produced by teens
- A middle school reading challenge
- The first Repair Café held in our community

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	\$17.24 per year
\$2,438 (district average)	\$21.01 per year
\$3,000	\$25.86 per year