

Library Trustee Candidate information will be available after March 17.



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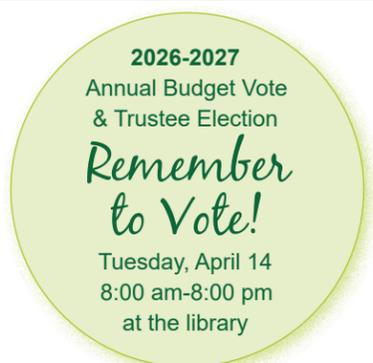
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Hours

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](http://longwoodlibrary.org)

Director, Lisa H. Jacobs  
Assistant Director, Ann Hofbauer



# Remember to Vote!

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 8:00 am-8:00 pm

## 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.

### Voter Registration

- Registration is available every school day through April 9 at the Longwood Central Office, 35 Yaphank-Middle Island Road, Middle Island.
- 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

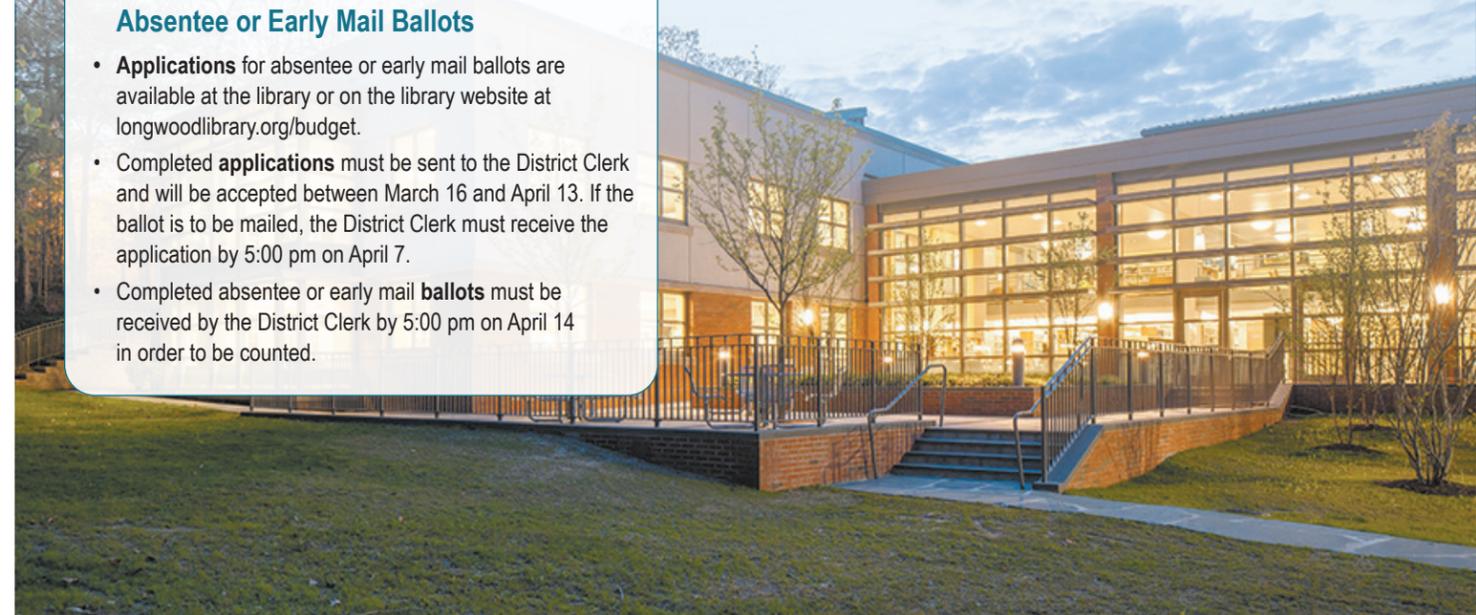
- Applications for absentee or early mail ballots are available at the library or on the library website at [longwoodlibrary.org/budget](http://longwoodlibrary.org/budget).
- Completed applications must be sent to the District Clerk and will be accepted between March 16 and April 13. If the ballot is 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.

## 2026-2027

## Longwood Public Library

## Annual Budget

## Vote & Trustee Election



# Budget Information Meeting

## Wednesday, March 25 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 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027
<b>Materials &amp; Supplies</b>		
Books & eBooks	\$360,000	\$370,000
Audiovisual Materials	\$125,000	\$112,000
Information Software	\$82,000	\$85,000
Other Library Materials	\$25,000	\$26,000
Library Programs	\$219,500	\$212,000
Museum Passes	\$23,000	\$24,000
Library & Custodial Supplies	\$121,000	\$122,000
<b>Professional &amp; Consulting Services</b>		
Legal, SCLS, Treasurer, Auditor	\$122,000	\$124,231
<b>Library Operations</b>		
Circulation System	\$40,000	\$40,000
Printing, Postage & Publicity	\$97,000	\$102,000
Election Expenses	\$10,000	\$9,500
Training	\$29,500	\$33,000
Office Equipment	\$58,000	\$65,000
Service Contracts	\$43,000	\$43,000
<b>Building Operations</b>		
Utilities	\$155,000	\$165,000
Telephone & Internet	\$25,100	\$22,100
Insurance	\$65,000	\$70,000
Campus Maintenance	\$31,000	\$30,000
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$64,000	\$65,000
Miscellaneous Building Costs	\$21,250	\$20,750
<b>Equipment</b>		
Computer Hardware	\$70,000	\$70,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Fixed Employee Benefits</b>		
Retirement, Social Security	\$985,675	\$1,010,000
Health & Supplemental Insurance	\$940,200	\$968,500
Workers Compensation	\$33,000	\$34,000
Unemployment & Disability	\$10,200	\$10,200
<b>Salaries</b>		
Professional	\$2,709,351	\$2,833,560
Clerical, Maintenance, IT	\$1,584,069	\$1,606,946
Pages	\$177,000	\$178,000
Sundays/Holidays	\$205,000	\$205,000
<b>Bond Payment</b>	\$1,179,000	\$1,181,375
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,629,845</b>	<b>\$9,858,162</b>
<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>		
State Aid, Interest, Fines & Fees	\$159,000	\$175,000
PILOTs	\$80,000	\$80,000
Fund Balance	\$350,000	\$350,000
<b>Amount to be raised by taxation</b>	<b>\$9,040,845</b>	<b>\$9,253,162</b>

## Annual Message to the Community

2025 flew by, a whirlwind of library programs and services. As usual, our dedicated and creative staff worked hard to provide the tried-and-true services you rely on as well as new innovations. A highlight of the year was July's "month of gaming," culminating in a one-day full-building event called GamerCon. GamerCon attracted more than 1,500 visitors to the library in a single day! We also had other new program highlights throughout the year, including Scooter Highway and Coding Buddies, which provide community service opportunities for teens. We launched a monthly Teen Sustainability Club, engaging teens in critical thinking about our environment. And swap-style events have been a hit – Puzzle Swap, Plant Swap, Décor Swap and more. Why buy new when you can swap with your neighbors? Reading initiatives took center stage in 2025: our summer Battle of the Books team, for teens entering grades 6-9, won the county championship, and the children's department launched a new reading challenge, 500 Books Before Junior High, a milestone academic goal for school age children. During the year, we rearranged some areas of the building to allow for additional seating and to keep the library feeling up to date. We are lucky to have custodians who not only keep the building clean and running smoothly but also are able to move shelves, heavy chairs and more when needed.

### A Few Statistics from 2025

- Almost 450,000 physical items were checked out or renewed. In addition, eBooks, movies, music and audiobooks were streamed or downloaded more than 205,000 times, a **10% increase** in usage over the prior year.
- Computers were used almost 35,000 times, and the library's wireless network was accessed more than 116,000 times.
- Library staff planned and produced 2429 in-person, virtual or hybrid programs with 47,441 participants, a **20% increase** over the prior year.
- Cardholders utilized our online learning courses more than 24,000 times.

### 2026 Plans

The library provides incredible value for the community's modest investment. Your support of the proposed 2026-2027 budget will allow the library to continue our current excellent level of services and programs, such as:

- The ability to stream and download free eBooks and eAudio from Libby, Hoopla, Freegal and Kanopy
- Free museum passes to more than 40 museums on Long Island and in New York City
- Equipment & Gadgets, our Library of Things collection
- Classes and events for all ages, including concerts 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
- Free online homework help including live tutors every day, now available 24 hours per day
- Access to public computers with librarians who can provide guidance, as well as one-on-one tech assistance
- The interactive Learn & Play Children's Garden, plus a fun and educational play area for families with young children, which has a new Giant Lite Brite board

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

- A wide range of America250 programs, with a focus on history, including a special batch of Hamilton-inspired programming this summer
- Two new reading initiatives: an adult version of our popular summer Battle of the Books program, and a new reading challenge for teens called 100 Books Before Graduation
- A faster, more reliable fiber connection, which provides high-speed internet across our building and outdoor spaces

## Please Vote

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the small proposed increase is again below the state tax cap. The anticipated increase for the average household is 87 cents per month (\$10.48 per year). The Board will hold a budget information meeting on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm.

Completed petitions for library trustee are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 16, and information about trustee candidates will be available in the library and on our website shortly thereafter. There is one five-year seat on the Board of Trustees that is up for election.

We will hold our **Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election on Tuesday, April 14**, from **8:00 am to 8:00 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 14.

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](mailto:lisa@longwoodlibrary.org).

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	\$8.60 per year
\$2,438 (district average)	\$10.48 per year
\$3,000	\$12.90 per year