

2017-2018 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

	2016-2017	2017-2018
Library Materials & Programs:	\$785,000.00	\$794,000.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Books & Ebooks DVDs Books on CD, Music CDs Magazines & Newspapers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programs, Lectures, Concerts & Museum Passes Downloads & Streaming Research Tools 	
Library Operations:	\$989,275.00	\$985,975.03
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulation & Security System Audit, Legal, Printing, Postage Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy Machines, Equipment & Supplies Utilities, Insurance 	
Staff:	\$3,306,369.00	\$3,394,158.64
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Librarians Support Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sundays & Holidays 	
Employee Benefits:	\$1,224,474.00	\$1,276,691.33
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NYS Retirement System Social Security Health Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment, Disability, Workers Compensation 	
Total Operating Budget:	\$6,305,118.00	\$6,450,825.00
Bond Payment APPROVED OCTOBER 2012	\$1,135,381.00	\$1,139,744.00
Subtotal	\$7,440,499.00	\$7,590,569.00
Less Anticipated Revenue	(\$151,950.00)	(\$141,950.00)
Less Fund Balance	(\$75,000.00)	(\$75,000.00)
Amount to be raised by taxation	\$7,213,549.00	\$7,373,619.00

The proposed operating budget for **2017-2018** is within the NYS tax cap. It is estimated that the adoption of this budget will raise the library's tax rate to \$14.38 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This would increase the average homeowner's tax payment by \$9.37 per year. *This increase is below the state tax levy limit.*

2016 The Year in Review

A Few Statistics from 2016

- Offered excellent library service in our new, high-performance building
 - Expanded programs for all ages
 - Introduced Launchpads for all audiences
 - Added a new assistive listening system to be used in any program room
 - Added a subscription to **Lynda.com**
 - Introduced a new downloadable media service, Hoopla
- There are nearly 49,000 cardholders, more than 74% of our district's population
 - Library visits topped 254,000
 - More than 425,000 items were checked out
 - Free ebook downloads through LiveLibrary (Overdrive) increased by more than 30%
 - Public computers were accessed more than 53,000 times, an increase of 20%
 - Free museum passes were borrowed 1425 times, saving taxpayers nearly \$45,000

Impact of Proposed Increase

Assessed Value of Home	Annual Additional Cost
\$2,000	\$6.24 per year
\$3,000	\$9.37 per year
\$4,000	\$12.49 per year

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

Library Trustee Candidate

Gretchen Cotton Rodney



I fell in love with libraries sitting with my mother at story time. For me, the library was a magical place where kingdoms were built, and there was always a happily ever after. The idea that I could borrow any book I liked was exhilarating. It is no surprise that I made a career from my love of stories. I have had the privilege of spending the past 20 years working in public education, first as a middle school reading teacher, and currently as an

elementary school principal. Through my profession as an educator, I have seen first hand the power of the public library. As a reading teacher, many of my students were reluctant to pick up a book. But when I took them on our annual field trip to the public library, the librarians helped them discover books and genres that fascinated them, and they were hooked.

I quickly became a regular at the Longwood Public Library when I moved to Ridge 10 years ago. Serving you as a member of the Board of Trustees, would allow me the opportunity to give back to a community that has embraced me as one of her own. It has been exciting to experience our beautifully renovated facility, and it offers its

patrons much more than books! As a Trustee, I will work tirelessly with my fellow Board members, and the library staff, to increase the number of community members who take advantage of all the wonderful things our library has to offer. I will also support the continued increase in the number of digital resources available. In addition, it will be my distinct pleasure to share my years of experience in education, as the library implements more hands-on, interactive, sensory-rich learning activities for the youngest patrons, while also meeting the diverse needs of our teenagers.

I ask you to allow me the chance to serve the community that has given me so much.

Remember to Vote!



Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – 8:00 am-9:00 pm



800 Middle Country Road
Middle Island, NY 11953
631.924.6400
longwoodlibrary.org

Voter Registration & Budget 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

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Voter Registration

Registration is available on every school day through **March 30** at the **Longwood Central Office**, 35 Yaphank-Middle Island Road, Middle Island

Absentee Ballots

Applications must be completed and received by the District Clerk on or before **Tuesday, March 28, 2017**. (Applications are available at the library.)

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

Budget Information Meeting **Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm**

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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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Director: Lisa H. Jacobs
Assistant Director: Ann Hofbauer

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IT'S AMNESTY DAY! On April 4, 2017, no fines will be collected for library materials returned late.