

2021: a rollercoaster ride!



Owl Prowl with biologist Eric Powers



Teen volunteers made no-sew fleece blankets to keep those in need warm in our community

Library Trustee Candidate

Gretchen Rodney

Running unopposed

Gretchen Rodney has been privileged to serve this community as a member of the Longwood Public Library Board of Trustees since 2017. It has been her honor to represent your interests as our library continues to grow and thrive.

During her time as a Trustee, Longwood Public Library opened the Learn & Play Children's Garden, increased the number of Little Free Libraries in our neighborhoods, and launched its very own lending collection of Equipment & Gadgets.

She is also grateful to have been part of the LPL Board of Trustees and witness the amazing way our library continued to provide first-rate service despite the restrictions associated with COVID-19.

Gretchen Rodney has worked in public education for over 20 years and sees the library as a place where families can play, relax, be entertained, and learn. She resides in Ridge with her husband and two adult children.



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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

2022-2023
Annual Budget Vote
& Trustee Election
**Remember
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Tuesday, April 5
8:00 am–9:00 pm
at the library

Visit us at longwoodlibrary.org

Director, Lisa H. Jacobs
Assistant Director, Ann Hofbauer

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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 31 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, March 29, 2022.

(Applications are available at the library.)



Budget Information Meeting
Wednesday, March 23 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 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES		
Books & eBooks	\$320,000	\$320,000
Audiovisual Materials	\$160,000	\$160,000
Information Software	\$72,000	\$72,000
Other Library Materials	\$19,000	\$19,000
Library Programs	\$201,000	\$201,000
Museum Passes	\$16,000	\$16,000
Library & Custodial Supplies	\$114,000	\$114,000
PROFESSIONAL & CONSULTING SERVICES		
Legal, SCLS, Treasurer, Auditor	\$115,000	\$117,500
LIBRARY OPERATIONS		
Circulation System	\$42,000	\$45,000
Printing, Postage & Publicity	\$98,000	\$90,000
Election Expenses	\$8,000	\$10,000
Training	\$25,000	\$22,500
Office Equipment	\$55,000	\$55,000
Service Contracts	\$58,000	\$58,500
BUILDING OPERATIONS		
Utilities	\$108,000	\$140,000
Telephone & Internet	\$29,000	\$29,000
Insurance	\$60,000	\$60,000
Campus Maintenance	\$31,000	\$31,000
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$52,000	\$60,000
Miscellaneous Building Costs	\$20,950	\$20,950
Transfer to Building Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000
EQUIPMENT		
Computer Hardware	\$60,000	\$60,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$15,000	\$15,000
FIXED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Retirement, Social Security	\$809,850	\$822,802
Health & Supplemental Insurance	\$623,869	\$622,172
Workers Compensation	\$28,000	\$28,000
Unemployment & Disability	\$10,200	\$10,200
SALARIES		
Professional	\$2,052,265	\$2,222,356
Clerical, Maintenance, IT	\$1,443,984	\$1,443,199
Pages	\$178,000	\$178,000
Sundays/Holidays	\$180,000	\$180,000
BOND PAYMENT		
	\$1,162,244	\$1,168,125
SUBTOTAL		
	\$8,217,362	\$8,441,304
ANTICIPATED REVENUES		
State Aid, Interest, Fines & Fees	\$67,000	\$68,000
PILOTs	\$65,000	\$65,000
Fund Balance	\$200,000	\$200,000
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		
	\$7,885,362	\$8,108,304

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Llamas at the Library



Teens and children volunteered to grow vegetables to donate to our local food pantries



Seashore Safari with Town of Brookhaven Environmental Educator, Nicole Pocchiare



Sustainable Libraries Certification Recognition

Annual Message to the Community

2021 was a rollercoaster ride! Throughout this pandemic year, our staff worked hard to make the library as accessible as possible while keeping safety protocols in place. As conditions changed, library employees demonstrated their adaptability by adjusting to new practices and protocols (sometimes on a weekly or even daily basis), changing programs from online to in-person (and sometimes back again), and so much more.

We made significant progress on a number of projects this year. We achieved Sustainable Library Certification, only the sixth public library in the country to receive this recognition! The certification program guided library staff through the process of infusing sustainable decision-making into the library's policies and services, which benefits our patrons, the library staff and the wider community around us. We also undertook a community survey and created a Board-approved library service plan for the next few years (available on our website). In addition, we began a partnership with the school district that we anticipate will result in getting a library card in the hands of every student in the district. This project was kicked off with digital teacher cards that allow teachers in the district to use and promote the library's digital resources to their students, including online homework tutoring, downloadable books, and high-quality research materials. We expanded resources on our website, including the Readers

Corner, the Children's Kit Gallery, and separate pages focused on services for children and teens. Finally, we began working on plans to convert our computer lab into the makerLAB, a dedicated space for collaboration and learning, which will be stocked with 3D printers, a banner printer, sewing machines, Cricuts and much more.

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the small proposed increase is again within the state tax cap. The anticipated increase to the average household is \$10.41 per year (approximately 87 cents per month). 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 23 at 7:00 pm.

Completed petitions for library trustee are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 7, 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 5, 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 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 5.

A Few Statistics from 2021

- Despite the ongoing pandemic, more than 400,000 physical items were checked out or renewed, an increase of 52% over the previous year. More than 146,000 eBooks, movies, music and audiobooks were streamed or downloaded.
- Librarians answered almost 45,000 reference questions, in person, over the phone, via email or through chat.
- Computers were used more than 19,500 times, and the library's wireless network was accessed almost 65,000 times.
- Library staff planned and produced 1,313 in-person or virtual programs with 37,723 attendees or viewers!

What are we planning for the coming year?

- Launching a mobile app that will provide our patrons with quick and easy access to library services
- Opening the makerLAB for programs and drop-in use
- Introducing a new collection of Citizen Science Kits for patrons of all ages
- Expanding our local history programs and services

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	\$8.54 per year
\$2,438 (district average)	\$10.41 per year
\$3,000	\$12.81 per year

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