

Library Trustee Candidate

Gail Lynch Bailey, running unopposed

Of all my volunteer jobs, serving as a Longwood Public Library Trustee is my absolute favorite. LPL is both the literary and literal heart of Longwood. It is such an honor to play a role in shaping and strengthening our greatest cultural resource. I am so proud of LPL's facilities, programs and professionals, and I am ever grateful for the consistent support of our wonderful community. If re-elected, I will continue to take this financial commitment very seriously in my third term as an LPL Trustee. Thank you, Longwood!



Backyard Building Area



September's BIG Tiny Art Show



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten multi-year celebration



Citizen Science Kits

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

2023-2024
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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 30 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 28, 2023.**

(Applications are available at the library.)

Budget Information Meeting

Wednesday, March 22 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 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES		
Books & eBooks	\$320,000	\$330,000
Audiovisual Materials	\$160,000	\$140,000
Information Software	\$72,000	\$79,000
Other Library Materials	\$19,000	\$22,000
Library Programs	\$201,000	\$204,000
Museum Passes	\$16,000	\$20,230
Library & Custodial Supplies	\$114,000	\$114,000
PROFESSIONAL & CONSULTING SERVICES		
Legal, SCLS, Treasurer, Auditor	\$117,500	\$118,700
LIBRARY OPERATIONS		
Circulation System	\$45,000	\$45,000
Printing, Postage & Publicity	\$90,000	\$90,000
Election Expenses	\$10,000	\$10,000
Training	\$22,500	\$27,000
Office Equipment	\$55,000	\$55,000
Service Contracts	\$58,500	\$55,130
BUILDING OPERATIONS		
Utilities	\$140,000	\$148,000
Telephone & Internet	\$29,000	\$29,000
Insurance	\$60,000	\$60,000
Campus Maintenance	\$31,000	\$31,000
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$60,000	\$60,000
Miscellaneous Building Costs	\$20,950	\$21,250
Capital Projects	\$50,000	\$50,000
EQUIPMENT		
Computer Hardware	\$60,000	\$60,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$15,000	\$15,000
FIXED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Retirement, Social Security	\$822,802	\$836,845
Health & Supplemental Insurance	\$622,172	\$672,370
Workers Compensation	\$28,000	\$30,000
Unemployment & Disability	\$10,200	\$10,200
SALARIES		
Professional	\$2,222,356	\$2,322,832
Clerical, Maintenance, IT	\$1,443,199	\$1,515,293
Pages	\$178,000	\$184,000
Sundays/Holidays	\$180,000	\$185,000
BOND PAYMENT	\$1,168,125	\$1,172,375
SUBTOTAL	\$8,441,304	\$8,713,225
ANTICIPATED REVENUES		
State Aid, Interest, Fines & Fees	\$68,000	\$68,000
PILOTs	\$65,000	\$65,000
Fund Balance	\$200,000	\$200,000
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$8,108,304	\$8,380,225



Annual Message to the Community

What a busy year we've had at the library! Our hard-working staff launched new initiatives, re-introduced pre-pandemic services, and were thrilled to see lots of patrons returning to visit.

We started off the year by launching our mobile app, to help our patrons access library services right from their phones. In keeping with our sustainability initiative, in the spring we hatched bobwhite quail to help restore this endangered native species; they were later released at the Longwood Estate. We also introduced our new collection of Citizen Science Kits, which allow ordinary people of any age to gather scientific information locally and share it with the global scientific community. In July, we celebrated the families with children who completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge over the last few years. During the summer, hundreds of patrons participated in various art programs—in the library or on their own—culminating in September's BIG Tiny Art Show. This fantastic event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, showed off 700 beautiful little canvases, with more than 400 people attending the show on a Friday evening. On that same night, we cut the ribbon on the makerLAB, a dedicated space for members of the Longwood community to invent, build, collaborate, and share skills. In September we also launched the Backyard Building Area, a collection of large wood building blocks with a cozy seating area for families with children. Later that fall, we were thrilled to re-introduce the Kovarik Author Series, back for the first time since 2019, with bestselling author Kate

White. Finally, we wrapped up 2022 by releasing a unique digital collection that will serve as a primary resource for researchers: the digitized and transcribed Civil War letters of Middle Island's own Bayles brothers.

In 2023, we've already jumped right into projects: we enhanced our mobile app with a new curbside pickup feature, and we coordinated local participation in the national Great Backyard Bird Count, a terrific example of citizen science at work.

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 \$15.06 per year (approximately \$1.26 per month). Details of the proposed budget are shown here. The Board will hold a budget information meeting on Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm.

Completed petitions for library trustee are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 6, 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 4**, 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 4.

A Few Statistics from 2022

- More than 495,000 physical items were checked out or renewed, an increase of 24% over the previous year. More than 165,000 eBooks, movies, music and audiobooks were streamed or downloaded, a 13% increase.
- Computers were used more than 30,000 times, and the library's wireless network was accessed more than 112,000 times. These represent increases of 54% and 73% over the prior year.
- Library staff planned and produced 1,795 in-person or virtual programs with 34,137 attendees or viewers.
- Our new mobile app has already been launched more than 18,000 times.

What are we planning for the coming year?

- Bringing back our hugely popular family event, Life-sized Candyland, and introducing a new original show, Magic Treehouse the Musical!
- Expanding programs and services in the makerLAB
- Introducing a Community Resources informational fair
- Adding increased streaming time on Freegal, our free online music service
- Digitizing and transcribing more original local historical collections
- Starting a new partnership with Long Island Educational Opportunity (LIEOC) for English classes
- Reintroducing bus trips
- Collaborating with other Suffolk libraries on the Summer Library Tour

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	\$12.36 per year
\$2,438 (district average)	\$15.06 per year
\$3,000	\$18.54 per year