



BUDGET MESSAGE 2011-2012

The Library Board has devoted much time to formulating a budget proposal that best serves the needs of the West Hempstead community, while being mindful of the challenging times we all face. For the coming tax year of 2011-2012, the Library Board is proposing a tax levy increase of 1.4%. We estimate that the complete cost of library service will increase \$12.00 per family per year. **That's only \$1.00 per month.**

The proposed budget reflects several costs over which the Board has no control, including significant increases in the New York State Retirement System contributions and mandated benefits, as well as the newly-imposed Nassau County sewer usage fee. To counterbalance these anticipated expenses, we have trimmed the budget in other areas and have held the line in personnel spending. Library services to the public were carefully evaluated to enable us to continue to provide the high level of innovative and traditional services we have always delivered at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer. We reduced the amount to be spent on reference books which are increasingly available online. We will continue to offer the museum pass program to our residents to allow them to visit, free of charge, such world class institutions as the American Museum of Natural History and the Museum of Modern Art.

Our extensive collection of books, newspapers, magazines, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks and electronic resources, as well as a wide variety of concerts, lectures, movies, dance classes, yoga and exercise programs are also available to all West Hempstead residents. We offer free tax assistance for seniors and one-on-one online homework help for students, from elementary school to adult learners.

All of these resources, together with educational and enriching workshops, have made the West Hempstead Public Library the cultural center of our community.

The Library provides materials and services that benefit everyone regardless of age. We encourage you to come in and experience the rich variety of all that we have to offer.



**WEST HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUDGET**

	PROPOSED BUDGET 11/12
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LIBRARY MATERIALS: (Books, Periodicals, Databases, Compact Discs, etc.)	\$270,000
LIBRARY PROGRAMS	39,000
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT:	25,000
TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE:	10,000
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Facilities Management	30,000
Conference, Travel & Dues	8,500
Insurance	45,000
Office & Cleaning Supplies	44,500
Office Equipment Maintenance	25,000
Computer Equipment Maintenance	13,000
NLS/ALIS Services	50,000
Payroll Service	3,600
Postage	10,000
Professional Services	51,100
Publicity and Printing	25,000
ADA Accessibility	2,000
Repair	10,000
Security	2,000
Utilities	118,000
Building & Grounds	20,000
Bank Charges	200
SALARIES AND BENEFITS:	
Salaries	1,374,997
Employee Benefits	519,496
Capital Expense	0
Library Bond Repayment and Interest Expense	611,264
Total Budget	\$3,307,657
RECEIPTS:	
Fines, State Aid, etc.	30,000
Transfer from previous year	28,900
To be raised by taxes	\$3,248,757

BE INFORMED

Library and Board of Education Budget Hearing
Tuesday, May 10, 2011
7:30 p.m.
West Hempstead High School Video Conference Room

There is one seat open on the Library Board of Trustees
for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2011.

VOTE



WHAT: Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election
DATE: Tuesday, May 17, 2011
TIME: 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
PLACE: West Hempstead Middle School Gymnasium



QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING

Registration is required only if a resident has not voted in a West Hempstead Union Free School District or Library referendum within the last 4 years or in a general referendum within the last 4 years.

In order to be eligible to register, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older and you must have been a legal resident of the West Hempstead UFSD for at least 30 days prior to the referendum.

Absentee Ballot applications are available in the District Clerk's Office.

For further information, call the District Clerk at (516) 390-3118 during business hours.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK DID YOU KNOW?

Between July 2009 and June 2010:

- We circulated over 218,000 items.
- We issued 1,032 new library cards.
- We serviced 11,193 patrons.
- We added over 13,700 items to our collection.
- We filled over 14,600 reserves.
- Over 16,000 patrons used our computers.
- We had 229 Adult programs.
- We scheduled 269 Children's programs.
- We presented 22 Young Adult programs.

MATERIALS IN OUR COLLECTION

Adult Fiction	22,450
Adult Nonfiction	30,436
Children's Fiction	22,608
Children's Nonfiction	17,849
Non-print	11,110
Magazines	4,955
TOTAL:	109,408

**REMEMBER THAT THE WEST HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY
IS A GREAT BARGAIN FOR YOUR TAX DOLLARS!**

The West Hempstead Public Library provides:

Books for leisure reading
Large print books
Interlibrary loan
Museum passes
Driver education courses
Tax preparation assistance and forms
Internet access
WiFi access
Community bulletin board
Computer classes
Notary Public
Photocopiers
Bus trips
Online databases
Winway resume software

Books for research
Business and investment information
Audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, E-books
Magazines and newspapers
Programs for infants through adults
Films
Word processing
Online catalog
Community meeting space
Fax machine
Homework Help Online
Concerts
Storytimes
Bibliographies
Genealogy resources

VOTE
on the Library Budget

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REMEMBER TO  **VOTE**