

Dear Community Members,

The Elmont Public Library Board of Trustees is proud to present its Proposed 2010/2011 Library Budget for the main Library and our two branches. We are proposing a budget with a **ZERO INCREASE** in the amount raised by taxes. The Trustees and Director have worked hard to maintain the existing quality of products and services, while holding the line on taxes.

Since we moved to our new location, total expenditures—not budget—increased 33%. The Proposed 2010/2011 Library Budget reduces that increase by 3%. Additionally, the Library Board and Director are setting new organizational goals that will shift to be more reflective of today's trends and our community's needs.

We are pleased to announce that East Franklin Square and North Valley Stream library funding districts voted to renew their contracts with the Elmont Library for an additional five years. The income from those areas allows us to maintain one of the best libraries in the County with one of the lowest tax rates.

The Library continues to offer our patrons the best FREE, live Library-sponsored entertainment in the Theatre, discounted tickets to BroadHollow at Elmont shows for Elmont Library cardholders, healthy and enriching programs for Seniors and adults, and the best fun and educational programs for infants through grade 12! Come in and check out our new YA reference area: students in grades 7 – 12 can come to the Library and study from the same text books they use in class! Please visit our website at www.elmontlibrary.org, stop in, or read the newsletter for more information on Library programs, products and services.

We are very proud to serve as Board Members. We live in this community and want our Library to be one of the best on Long Island! Please continue to support and use your Library, which is an integral part of this great community. We are here to serve you and provide you with top-notch products and services, while maintaining a budget that EVERYONE can afford!

From your Library Board of Trustees,

Tania Lawes, President * Joanne Mazzeo, VP * Maria Gregori

Monique Hardial * Kathleen Harsch * Pauline Johnson * Patrick Nicolosi

The following is the Library's Annual Report for the fiscal year 2008/09:

During the past year, 333,830 patrons entered the Library. Library patrons borrowed 147,123 books, and 67,508 DVDs, audio books, music CDs and magazines. Our patrons asked a total of 82,503 reference questions and 25,046 patrons attended 1,202 Library programs. The Library has 36,862 registered borrowers. Fifty nine thousand, six hundred and fifty-one (59,651) people used our public Internet computers, while approximately 109,500 visited the Library's web page and used our web-based resources.

	Current 2009/10 Budget	Proposed 2010/11 Budget	Increase or Decrease
Books, Magazines, CDs, DVDs, Computers	\$465,156	\$445,656	(\$19,500)
Operation, Maintenance (Rent, contracts, building maintenance, supplies, utilities, telephone, insurance)	\$360,712	\$361,112	\$400
Salaries and Benefits	\$2,173,555	\$2,115,242	(\$58,313)
Administrative (Legal, accounting, business/ building consultant, clerk, payroll services, treasurer)	\$154,942	\$144,050	(\$10,892)
General Expenses (Library office supplies, printing, postage, professional dues, conferences, programs)	<u>\$180,175</u>	<u>\$166,675</u>	<u>(\$13,500)</u>
	\$3,334,540	\$3,232,735	(\$101,805)
Less Estimated Receipts (East Franklin Square and North Valley Stream Tax Districts, Theatre rental, State income, fines)	<u>(\$942,598)</u>	<u>(\$840,793)</u>	<u>(\$101,805)</u>
Amount to Be Raised By Taxation (Total Budget)	\$2,391,942	\$2,391,942	ZERO INCREASE