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Annual Report to the Community

The Library Board of Trustees is proud to present its 2009/10 Proposed Library Budget for the Main Library and two Branches. The Board, Librarian in Charge and Business Manager have worked very hard to present a budget that will increase \$6.00 for the average home in our district--that's *only* .50 cents per month! You will recall that we have had zero increases in the Library's Budget for the past two years. The Board of Trustees does not wish to minimize the impact of any tax increase on the public, but we truly believe that the value our community receives from having a strong public library is worth the increase of **about .50 a month**. When you read the statistics below, you will see that more people than ever visited the Library. The reason: in these tough economic times nothing beats your local public library for value! Your Library has the tools you need for career building and job hunting: free public computers, free access to the Internet, free wi-fi access, resume software, and employment and career information. Parents, teens and children can get live homework help with the click of a button on our Webpage! In short, your Library offers many ways to stretch your budget--whether its books, magazines, DVDs, music CDs or audiobooks on CD.

As your trustees and neighbors, we are so proud of the the Library's successes since our move to the new building. To name a few: zero budget increases for the past two years; our neighbors in North Valley Stream voted to join our Library; being chosen "1 of 4 best libraries on Long Island" by *Newsday* and "1 of 26 best designed libraries in the United States" by *American Libraries Magazine*; receiving the 2008 ALA Gale Cengage Financial Development Award for creative fundraising efforts; and increasing circulation of materials more than 60%!

We added full- and part-time staff to accommodate the increased usage. With the addition of our own in-house IT person--who oversees, updates and maintains the Library's computers, teaches FREE computer classes and provides staff training--we've eliminated the need to use computer consultants and were

able to cut that line item by almost \$20,000!

Just within the past few months, the Library applied for and received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for "Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball Experience," an exhibit from the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. We are in the process of scheduling that event, which will encompass lectures, class visits and curriculum-based programs that will culminate during Black History Month.

We successfully migrated to ALIS (Automated Library Information Services), the circulation control and catalog system, giving patrons instant access to library materials in over 50 Nassau County libraries.

We've increased our book, DVD and CD budget lines by \$35,000 and our programming budget by \$20,000. Included in the programming budget is the cost to continue to offer FREE Museum Passes to Library cardholders. Since October, over 150 families have visited some of the most popular New York area museums and gardens.

Please, come out on *Tuesday, May 19, 2009* and vote on the Library Budget at your local elementary school (see inside mailer for a breakdown of the budget).

We'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Director, Maggie Gough. Maggie was the Assistant Director at Island Park Public Library. Prior to that, she was an academic librarian at Molloy and Mercy Colleges. Maggie's enthusiasm is contagious. "I'm anxious to embark on this latest journey (with the Board and staff) of providing service excellence, and being the source of cutting edge technology and information for our community."

Your Board of Trustees,

Tania Lawes, President * Joanne Mazzeo, Vice President
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The following is the Library's Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 2007/2008:

During the past year, 396,352 patrons entered the Library. Library users borrowed 202,456 books, 90,150 videos, DVDs, books on CD and music CDs, and 1,760 magazines. Our customers asked a total of 64,908 reference questions, and 24,315 patrons attended Library programs. The Library has over 36,085 registered borrowers, and approximately 57,624 people used our Internet, computers and databases during the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year. Elmont patrons borrowed 1,732 items from other Nassau County libraries and other Nassau County libraries borrowed 5,272 items from Elmont's collection.

adult programs



Lunch & Learn Cafe Time

- **Cafe Time: Laughs @ the Library w/Comedian Mark Brier**
Friday, May 15 • 12:30 PM
- **Lunch 'N Learn: Italian Genealogical Presentation**
w/Anthony DiBartolo
Friday, May 22 • 12:30 PM
- **Lunch 'N Learn: Frank Sinatra: A Man and His Music** w/Jack Schnur
Friday, May 29 • 12:30 PM
- **Trapunto Craft** w/Nancy Kraft
Friday, June 5 • 12:30 PM*
- **Lunch 'N Learn: Keeping It Simple: Elder Law 101**
w/Harold Gerry, Esq., Law Offices of Vincent J. Russo
Friday, June 12 • 12:30 PM
- **Lunch 'N Learn: Go Green w/LIPA-REAP**
w/Virginia Walsh, Senior Marketing Coordinator
Friday, June 19 • 12:30 PM
- **Cafe Time: Hawaiian Review** w/Tony Grant and the Olivia Myres Hawaiian Dance Troupe
Friday, April 24 • 12:30 PM

Let Us Entertain You

- **Line Dancing for Grandparents and their Adult Children**
Saturday, May 23 • 1 PM*
- **It's Broadway w/Gunter Stern**
Sunday, June 14 • 2 PM

Artists' Receptions

- **Monday Night Painters**
Thursday, June 11 • 6:30 PM
- **The Brooklyn Dodgers: 1939 - 1957** w/Bud Livingston
Monday, August 10 • 1 PM

LEARNING for FUN & PROFIT

- **Poetry Workshop** w/Dr. Linda Opyr
Thursdays, May 14, 28, June 11, 25, July 9, 30 & Aug. 6, 20 • 4:30 PM
- **The NEW Secrets of the NEW Picasa** w/Stu Gershon
Wednesday, May 22 • 7 PM*
- **Crochet 101** w/Carrie Morris (4-week course)
Thursdays, June 4 - 25 • 2 PM*

COMPUTER Classes



- **Computer Fourth Grade for Adults**
Saturday, May 16 • 10 AM*
- **Computer Fifth Grade for Adults**
Saturday, June 13 • 10 AM*

Days & Evenings of Learning & Entertaining

- **Transit 101** w/Transit Solutions
Thursday, May 14 • 12 Noon
- **Preventing Back and Neck Pain** w/Robert Gelman, DC, PLLC
Thursday, May 28 • 12 Noon
- **Reverse Mortgage Seminar**
Wednesday, June 10 • 1 PM

Friday Fun @ the Library

- **Marathon Game Days**
July 17, 31 & Aug. 14, 28 • 1 PM
- **The Family That Preys (Tyler Perry)**
July 24 • 1 PM
- **Swing Vote**
Aug. 7 • 1 PM
- **Pineapple Express**
Aug. 21 • 1 PM

*Programs for Elmont Library cardholders only and you must register in person.

children's programs



Infant and Toddler Programs

• Sign with Me: Mommy and Me

Friday, May 15 • 10:30 AM

Babies learn their "first words" in ASL (American Sign Language) while reading books, learning songs, and engaging in art activity. For babies 9-18 months w/adult.

• Tater Tots

Friday, May 15 • 11:30 AM

Toddlers learn American Sign Language, enhancing communication skills and verbal language acquisition, while having fun reading books, learning songs, and creating art. For toddlers age 18 months-3 years old w/adult.

• Parent/Infant Play and Movement w/Nettie Becker

Wednesdays, May 13 and 20 • 10:30 AM

Stimulate language and brain development while nurturing a strong, loving bond between you and your beautiful baby. For newborns through 12 months w/adult.

• Summer Fun Baby Time Lapsit Program

Thursday, July 16 and Tuesday, Aug. 18 • 11 AM

A gentle introduction to the Library with nursery rhymes, songs and finger-plays. For babies 2 - 14 months. No siblings, please.

• Play Horray Baby and Me

Thursday, July 30 • 1 PM

For babies and toddlers age birth through 2 years old. No siblings, please.

• Krafty Kids on Saturday

We've got some fun craft and art activities planned for your child!

Saturday, June 13 • 11 AM

Club Fun in July & August

• **StoryPlay Workshop** Create your own character, make-up, lines, decorate a mask in this interactive workshop.

Thursday, July 9 • 11 AM (ages 3 through enter 2nd gr.)

• **Monster Hunt** Become an ace detective!

Thursday, July 9 • 1 PM (enter 3rd through 6th gr.)

• **Music with Mike** Inspiring...sing, dance, share music w/Mike!

Tuesday, July 14 • 11 AM (6 mos. to 3 years old)

• **Live Animal Show** Green Meadows Farm will bring baby animals to gain a better understanding of all creatures!

Thursday, July 23 • 4 PM (all children welcome)

• **Family Night Out: Puzzle Clock** Make a real clock to hang in your home and enjoy time with your family!

Tuesday, July 28 • 7 PM (children enter K through 2nd gr.)

• **Glowing Paper Lantern** Make a real working lantern.

Thursday, Aug. 6 • 3 PM (children enter K through 3rd gr.)

• **Gaming @ Your Library: Guitar Hero: World Tour**

Play with your friends while you develop and share new strategies for playing and learning this popular video game.

Tuesday, Aug. 11 • 7 PM (students enter gr. 4 - 6)

• **Family tile Quilt** Make and decorate a beautiful keepsake.

Thursday, Aug. 13 • 7 PM (students enter gr. 4 - 6)

• **Gaming @ Your Library: Dance, Dance Revolution** Get some great exercise while you move your feet to musical and visual clues in this fun video game!

Wednesday, Aug. 19 • 7 PM (students enter gr. 4 - 6)

F U N T I M E S

May

The Book Bunch for grades 1 & 2

Thursdays, May 14 - 28 • 4:30 PM
You will discuss and complete an activity for a different book each week.

Mother's Day Fun (gr. K-3)

Monday, May 4 • 4:30 PM
Make a lovely gift for mom, grandma or another special lady.

Family Movie @ Your Library

Saturday, May 16 • 2 PM
Enjoy a showing of *Bolt* with family and friends. Rated PG; 96 min.

June

Father's Day Craft (grades K - 3)

Wednesday, June 18 • 4:30 PM
Make something special for dad or another male adult.

July

Book Buddies for children ages 3 - 6

Mondays, July 6 - 27 • 3 PM
Your children will share stories and a craft with young adults in our community.

Registration for Library card holders begins two weeks before each program.

Summer Reading Club 2009

Summer Read-to-Me Club (18 mos. through entering Kindergarten)

Summer Reading Club: *Be Creative @ Your Library* (entering grades 1 - 6)

Join us in the Theatre Tuesday, June 30 • 2 PM

for the start of another summer of fun! Petra Puppets will entertain children of all ages with their *Big Mouth Talent Show*-combining ventriloquism, comedy, illusion, music, audience participation and a cast of outrageous puppet characters!

You may sign up for Summer Read-to-Me Club or the Summer Reading Club: *Be Creative @ Your Library* on June 30 or any day after that. The Club begins on Monday, July 6 and ends on Saturday, August 14. During that time, you may report on the books read to you or the books you've read and collect your prizes. If you meet the requirements, you are invited to a very special magic show in the Theatre on Thursday, August 20 @ 2 PM. This show will feature the music and magic of Jim McClenahan, magician and performer extraordinaire! The End-of-Club Celebration on this date is for children in both Summer Reading Clubs.

Spring Storytimes

Proof of child's age required if we do not have the information already on file @ the Library.

• Afternoon Adventures

Tuesdays, May 12, 26 • 4:30 PM (Grades K-3)

Tuesdays, May 5, 19 & June 2 • 4:30 PM (Grades 4-6)

Forty-five minutes of stories, activities, snacks and a craft.

• Play Pals

Tuesdays, May 26 & June 2, 9 • 10:30 AM

One hour of unstructured play with great toys for children 18-29 months with adult.

• Tiny Tots

Thursdays, May 14 - 28 • 10:30 AM

Forty-five minutes of stories, songs, rhymes and a crafts for children ages 2 1/2-3 1/2 w/adult.

• Pre-School Storytime

Wednesdays, May 13 - 27 • 1:30 PM

Forty-five minutes of stories, songs, rhymes and a craft for children ages 3 1/2-5 w/adult.

Be Creative Club

Wednesdays, July 8 - 29 • 11 AM for students entering K - 2nd gr. and 1 PM for students entering gr. 3 & 4
Visit the Library on Wednesdays and take part in some great literary and art activities.

Chess Club (entering gr. 3 - 6)

Mondays, July 13, 20, 27 • 7:30 PM
Learn to be an analytical thinker, a motivated learner and a critical problem solver...and fun at the same time!

Evening Storytimes (ages 2 - 4)

Thursday, July 16 • 7:30 PM
Enjoy 1/2 hour of stories and rhymes.

August

Book Buddies for children ages 3-6

Mondays, Aug. 3 - 24 • 3 PM
Your children will share stories and a craft with young adults in our community.

Be Creative Club

Wednesday, Aug. 5 • 11 AM for students entering K - 2nd gr. and 1 PM for students entering gr. 3 & 4

Visit the Library on this date and participate in some great literary and art activities.

Chess Club (entering gr. 3 - 6)

Mondays, Aug. 3, 10, 17 • 7:30 PM
Learn to be an analytical thinker, a motivated learner and a critical problem solver...and fun at the same time!

Stories & Crafts @ The Branches

Alden Manor: 285-8000

Stories with Nancy

Wednesdays, May 13 and June 10 • 1:30 PM

For children ages 3 - 5.

Crafts with Nancy

Saturday, June 2 • 2 PM

For students in grades 1-6.

Stewart Manor: 354-8026

Stories and a Craft with Steve

Wednesday, May 20 • 1:30 PM

For children ages 3 - 5.

INTERACTIVE CONCERTS

• Babies in Motion (Ages 6 months - 2 years w/adult)

Monday, July 13 • 10:15 AM

• Toddlers in Motion (Ages 1 - 3 years w/adult)

Monday, Aug. 10 • 10:15 AM

Enjoy movement, fingerplays and favorite children's songs with your little ones.

Family Pre-School Hour

Ages 18 months - 5 years w/adult

Mondays • 10:15 and 11:30 AM

Enjoy these special one hour programs with your pre-school family featuring singing, dancing, storytelling, and a craft.

Quack, Quack Duck • May 18

Off to the Circus • June 15

Big Fish • July 21

Let's Get Ready for School • August 14

SPECIAL Family Pre-School Hour "Tots Night Out"

All of the above dates (except Aug. 14) • 7 PM

Teen Summer Reading Club 2009! Students entering grades 7-12 as of September 2009 are invited to join the Summer Reading Club for Teens. Read books, write mini-reviews and win prizes for every book you read! You can even send reviews from camp or vacation via mail or email! All participants who read and review at least 5 books will be entered at the final prize drawing -- **THE MORE BOOKS YOU READ, THE MORE CHANCES YOU WILL HAVE TO WIN PRIZES!** You'll receive weekly prizes, as well as a special prize for most books read! Register in person at the Teen Services Desk and pick up a packet of reading club materials, including a prize for just signing up (while supplies last)! How cool is that? Registration begins Monday, June 15.

• Summer Teen Screen (movies TBA)

Friday, May 29 • 4 PM

Friday, June 26 • 4 PM

• Got Job? Career Workshop for Teens

Wednesday, May 13 • 6 to 8 PM

• SAT Review Session (Parents welcome!)

Thursday, May 14 • 7 to 8 PM

• Teen Crafts

Friday, May 15 • 4 PM

• Teen Crafts

Friday, June 5 • 4 PM

• Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Saturday, June 6 • 2 PM

Sign Up for Summer Reading Club and Summer Programs for Teens Starts!

Monday, June 15

• Summertime Teen Crafts

Friday, June 19 • 4 PM

Summer Reading Club for Teens begins!

Monday, July 6

• Book Buddies

Mondays, July 6 - 27 & Aug. 3 - 24 • 3 PM

• Picturing America: Photography Workshop for Teens

Thursday, July 9 • 6 PM

• Bent Wire Jewelry Workshop for Teens

Wednesday, July 15 • 6 PM

• Design Your Own Lamp Workshop for Teens

Thursday, July 16 • 6 PM

• Tag Talks: Myths and Facts About Starting High School

Wednesdays, July 22 & Aug. 12 • 6 to 8 PM

• How to Break Into Film and TV for Teens

Thursday, July 23 • 6 PM

• Iron Chef: A Cooking Workshop for Teens

Thursday, July 30 • 6:30 PM

• Manga Madness is Back: Japanese-style drawing workshop

Wednesday, Aug. 5 • 5 PM

• Fresh Fruit Smoothies: A DIY Workshop for Teens

Thursday, Aug. 6 • 6 PM

• Belted Denim Pillow Craft Workshop for Teens

Thursday, Aug. 13 • 4 to 5 PM

• Bollywood/Indo-Carib Fusion Dance: A Workshop for Teens

Thursday, Aug. 20 • 6:30 PM

Summer Reading Club for Teens ends!

Saturday, August 15

End of Summer Reading Club PARTY!

Friday, August 21

adult programs

SENIOR

• Ask the Nutritionist

led by Alexandra "Sasha" Averko, Registered Dietician
Wednesdays, June 10, July 8 & Aug. 12 • 1 PM

• Chi Gong

Catherine Anastasio leads this ancient Chinese system of exercises or movements performed in meditation
Thursdays, May 14, 21, June 4, 11, July 9, 23 & Aug. 13, 27 • 10 AM

• Chair Yoga Classes

led by Mary Mazzone, Certified Yoga Instructor
Mondays, May 18, June 1, 15, July 6, 20 & Aug. 3, 17 • 1 PM

The following programs are sponsored by the Nassau County Department of Senior Citizen Affairs(NCDSCA) beginning with Chair Exercise through Cornell Cooperative Nutrition classes.

• Chair Exercise Classes

led by RSVP volunteer instructors Isabel Batson and Millie Danko
Fridays, May 22, 29 & June 5 - 26 • 10 AM

• The Voice of Grandparents' Support Group

overseen by Sari Flesch, AA, BA, LSW, grandparents gather to share their experiences and know when to intervene
Fridays, May 22, June 26, July 24 & Aug. 28 • 9:30 AM

• Caregivers' Support Group

led by Sari Flesch, AA, BA, LSW, open to all caregivers
Tuesdays, May 12, June 9, July 14 & Aug. 11 • 3 PM

• Health Assessments

June Friedel, RN, discusses blood pressure, weight control and medication monitoring. Available for one-on-one counseling.
Thursdays, May 21, June 18, July 16 & Aug. 20 • 10 AM

• Cornell Cooperative Extension Nutrition Classes

led by nutrition expert Janet Maruna
Thursday, June 18 • 1 PM

PROPOSED 2009/2010 LIBRARY BUDGET

	2008/09 Budget	Proposed 2009/10 Budget	Increase or Decrease
BOOKS, PERIODICALS, AV, DATABASES Books, CDs, DVDs, books on CD, periodicals, newspapers, computer services, databases	\$ 454,241	\$ 465,156	\$ 10,915
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE Branch rent, contract services, repairs, building maintenance, utilities, insurance, telephone	\$ 347,127	\$ 360,712	\$ 13,585
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$1,998,016	\$2,173,555	\$175,539
ADMINISTRATIVE Legal, accounting, board clerk, building/business management firm, automation and building maintenance reserve funds	\$ 253,821	\$ 154,942	(\$98,879)
GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 159,820	\$ 180,175	\$ 20,355
Total Expenditures:	\$3,213,025	\$3,334,540	\$121,515
LESS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS State, fines, book sales, miscellaneous revenue	\$ 918,775	\$ 942,598	\$ 23,823
Amount raised by taxation (Budget)	\$2,294,250	\$2,391,942	\$ 97,692
Annual Cost to Average Home in District: Based on Average Home Assessment: \$400,000 Class 1 Assessed Valuation: \$12,613,672 (2008/09 figure)	\$ 139.00	\$ 145.00	<i>only \$6.00</i>

Remember to VOTE on Tuesday, May 19, 2009!

Copies of detailed budgets are available at the Main Library and Branches.

TUESDAY

Cassandra's Dreams

May 19 • 2 PM

Chicago

May 26 • 2 PM

The Devil Wears Prada

June 2 • 2 PM

Get Smart

June 9 • 2 PM

I Do

June 16 • 2 PM

Kabluey

June 23 • 2 PM

Mamma Mia

June 30 • 2 PM

Married Life

July 7 • 2 PM

MATINEES

Marty (Classic)

July 14 • 2 PM

The Old Man and the Sea (Classic)

July 21 • 2 PM

Pink Panther

July 28 • 2 PM

Rent

August 4 • 2 PM

Tenth Circle

August 11 • 2 PM

The Women

August 18 • 2 PM

Youth Without Youth

August 25 • 2 PM

Book Discussions

"Infidel," by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Monday, May 18 • 2 PM

"Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society,"

by Mary Ann Shaffe

Monday, June 22 • 2 PM

"Bel Canto," by Ann Patchett

Monday, July 27 • 2 PM

"Little Saint," by Hannah Green

Monday, August 24 • 2 PM

Library Bus Trip

- Peconic Cruise

Thursday, October 15 • 7:45 AM

All aboard! We're taking a cruise on the Peconic to the far east! Greenport's the destination, with lunch at the infamous *Claudio's* and shopping in the Village. The day also includes visits to Harbes and Beiermere Farm Stands--just in time for homemade apple pie! Price: \$79. Leaving Elmont: 7:45 AM; arriving back: 6 PM. Registration for Elmont Library cardholders begins July 18, 2009.

Community Outreach

• **Defensive Driving Classes with Empire Safety Council**

Tuesday, May 26 • 6 to 9 PM*

Wednesday, May 27 • 6 to 9 PM*

Saturday, June 6 • 10 AM to 4 PM*

**Registration begins May 12 for the May classes and May 23 for June class. These classes are for Elmont Library cardholders only!*

• **DTV Mobile Clinic** sponsored by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission)

Monday - Thursday, June 1 - 4 • 1 - 8 PM

Friday and Saturday, June 5 & 6 • 1 - 5 PM

• **Teen Drivers: The First Six Months** w/GEICO Representative

Wednesday, June 3 • 7 PM

• **Six Weeks to a Healthier You** sponsored by the Nassau County

Department Senior Citizens Affairs

Wednesdays, July 8 to Aug. 12 • 1PM



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Wed. 10:00 AM - 9 PM

Fri. 9:30 AM - 6 PM

Sat. 9:30 AM - 5 PM (July-Aug., 9 AM-1 PM)

Sun. 12 Noon - 5 PM

(Closed Sundays, beginning June 21 until after Labor Day)

Alden Manor & Stewart Manor

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., 10 AM - 5:30 PM

Sat. 9:30 AM - 5 PM (July-Aug. closed on Sat.)

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