



# Annual Library Vote

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.**

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## **Candidates for Trustee:**

**Javanica Stock** [Biography](#)

**Jacqueline Elsas** [Biography](#)

**Lisa Herskowitz** [Biography](#)

## **Who Can Vote**—Anyone who is

1. at least 18 years of age
2. a citizen of the United States
3. a resident of the Northport-East Northport School District for at least 30 days
4. registered to vote

**Proposed Tax Rate Increase: 0.98%**

## **Where to Vote:**

If you live **north of 25A** vote at  
**Northport Public Library, 151 Laurel Avenue**

If you live **south of 25A** vote at  
**East Northport Public Library, 185 Larkfield Road**

*Library budget details were published in the March newsletter. Copies are available at the Library. Trustee candidate information is available at the Reference Desk. Budget details and candidate information are also available on the library's website at [www.nenpl.org](http://www.nenpl.org).*

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## **Important Voting Facts:**

**Public Information Meeting—**  
Tuesday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.  
Northport building

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If you have not voted within four years in a general, school, or library election, registration is required. You need to register prior to April 6 in person or by mail with the Suffolk County Board of Elections in Yaphank. Applications are available in both library buildings. Registration for library and school district elections only may be made in person on or before April 6 at the office of the School District Clerk, 158 Laurel Avenue, Northport, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. any day that school is in session.

**Absentee Ballot and Early Mail Applications are available in both library buildings.**

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## Fostering Community Connections

English  
Language  
Learning

Libraries build strong communities by connecting people with information, individuals outside their social network, and new ideas. The Northport-East Northport Public Library is an extraordinary resource for the community with far-reaching benefits. It is a place where individuals gather to explore, interact, and imagine.

The link between community health, social well-being, and resilient communities has been recognized internationally. In 2023, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced a new Commission on Social Connection to address loneliness as a pressing health threat, and to promote social connection as a priority. “People without enough strong social connections are at higher risk of stroke, anxiety, dementia, depression, suicide and more,” said WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Participation in the public library programs and services contributes to quality of life and feelings of community cohesion. Attending library programs also increases opportunities to interact with others and to understand multiple viewpoints. The library provides the tools to help make informed decisions, maintain lifelong learning, and build critical thinking skills at the people’s university—the Public Library. As Andrew Carnegie once said, “A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people.”

## **Library Board of Trustees**

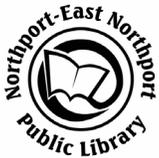
Carolyn McQuade, President

Margaret Hartough

Jacqueline Elsas

Michelle Glennon

Lisa Herskowitz



## Library Activities 2022/2023\*

24,861 residents in the community have library cards

254,875 visits were made to the Library

4,949 visits were made to the Library Courtyard

The Library has  
 92,725 books for adults  
 80,544 books for children  
 64,020 DVDs, compact discs, audiobooks, video games, and Playaways

Our programs entertained, educated, and enriched

8,775 adults  
 2,526 teens  
 19,135 children

87,193 reference questions were answered  
 39,730 asked by adults  
 4,120 asked by teens  
 41,259 asked by children

327,494 items were checked out

51,534 items were interlibrary loaned

123,606 items were downloaded

98,658 patrons used the library's Internet access

872 patrons used the library's computer software

27,916 items were purchased from the Library Café

646,893 visits were made to the library website and social media

\*Statistical report June 2023

# Your Community Library Proposed Library Budget 2024/2025

	APPROVED BUDGET <u>2023/2024</u>	PROPOSED BUDGET <u>2024/2025</u>
<b>LIBRARY MATERIALS &amp; PROGRAMS</b>		
Books, Periodicals & Electronic Resources	557,700	598,700
DVDs, CDs, Audiobooks	148,200	149,200
Adult, Young Adult & Children's Programming	142,500	181,200
<b>LIBRARY OPERATIONS</b>		
Computer Hardware & Software	117,500	91,700
Online Public Access Catalog & Circulation Control	52,900	56,500
Telecommunications	60,600	59,200
Equipment	140,300	95,800
Office & Library Supplies	57,000	53,000
Café Supplies, NYS Sales Tax	34,700	45,600
Printing & Postage	77,700	81,700
Professional Development & Training	35,800	36,700
Accounting & Legal Fees	107,300	102,700
SCLS Plan of Service Participation	78,500	77,600
<b>LIBRARY BUILDINGS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>		
Fuels & Utilities	128,700	139,600
Facilities Repairs & Improvements	51,300	51,100
Maintenance Supplies	28,000	42,500
Building & Equipment Service Contracts	268,100	268,200
Insurance	123,600	129,200
<b>EMPLOYEE SALARIES</b>		
Sunday & Holiday	172,300	149,100
Professional	3,002,100	2,983,800
Clerical/Technical, Café & Library Pages	1,767,100	1,729,100
Custodial & Security	521,600	550,000
<b>MANDATED &amp; EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>		
Social Security	412,700	408,800
Retirement, Deferred Compensation	703,000	813,000
Health Insurance, Disability & Group Life	1,300,400	1,421,400
<b>CAPITAL &amp; TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<u>275,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>10,364,600</b>	<b>10,515,400</b>
<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>		
Fines & Fees	12,200	15,600
Interest, Library System Grant	73,500	110,000
Café	34,700	45,600
Unrestricted Fund Appropriation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>120,400</b>	<b>171,200</b>
<b>TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</b>	<b>10,244,200</b>	<b>10,344,200*</b>

\*This amount is less than the property tax levy limit set by New York State for the Library.