

**FOR ADULTS**

**Kiss Me, Kate**

**with Plaza Theatrical**

**(N) Friday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.**  
Bickering, quarrelling, and romantic sparks . . . they're all part of the frolicking fun of Cole Porter's musical comedy "Kiss Me, Kate." The story revolves around a formerly married couple who find themselves starring in the musical version of "The Taming of the Shrew." Plaza's production sparkles with Porter's classic songs including "Another Op'ning, Another Show," "Wunderbar," "So in Love," and "Brush Up Your Shakespeare." Tickets, which go on sale March 1, are \$1 for adults, 50c for students, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities.

**The Shenole Latimer Trio**

**(N) Sunday, March 19, 2:00 p.m.**  
Jazz saxophonist Shenole Latimer, who brought us his popular program "What's All That Jazz About?" is back! Winner of the 1999 *Long Island Voice* "Best Horn Player Award," Mr. Latimer and his trio will perform selections from pivotal eras in jazz history. *The Improper Hamptonian* described Latimer as "a young jazz star on the rise." He has shared the stage with such noted jazz musicians as Jon Faddis, Dan Faulk, and Ray Anderson. Free tickets are available March 1 in both library buildings.



**Township Theatre Group presents "All in the Timing"**

**(N) Friday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.**  
The Township Theatre Group presents three one-act comedies from "All in the Timing" by award-winning playwright David Ives. The world according to Ives is uproariously funny and full of delightful surprises. Free tickets are available now in both library buildings.

**Cancer Prevention**

**(N) Monday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.**  
While billions of dollars have been spent in pursuit of a cure for cancer, it continues to be the cause of one of every four deaths in the U.S. Prevention may be the answer. In this program sponsored by The Science Club of Long Island Stony Brook University's Dr. Basil Rigas will explore the important topic of cancer prevention. All are welcome.

**Northport Arts Coalition**

**(N) Wednesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.**  
Come to an artistic gathering hosted by the Northport Arts Coalition. All are welcome.

**Crackle Antique Tray Workshop**

**(EN) Thursday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.**  
Instructor Julianne Gaudiosi will help you create a serving tray with an antiqued, old world feel. Using crackling, painting, decoupage, antiques, and sealing techniques, you will decoupage a tray with a beautiful wine bottle and grape motif. There is a non-refundable \$18 materials fee payable at registration which begins March 2 at the East Northport Library.

**Safety in Cyberspace**

**(N) Thursday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.**  
Detective Sergeant John Cowie of the Suffolk County Police Department's Computer Crimes Unit will discuss how you can better protect your family while they use the Internet. He will discuss chat room traps, instant messenger pitfalls, Internet predators, and more. Don't miss this opportunity to educate yourself and your children about these important safety issues. Please call the Library in advance to register.

**Computer Fourth Grade**

**(EN) Tuesday, March 7, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**  
Registration is now underway.

This hands-on class provides an overview of Windows file management. Instructors will cover how to find drives, copy and move files, and more. There is a non-refundable \$5 fee payable at registration.

**Introduction to Web Design Using Dreamweaver**

**(N) Thursday, March 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
Learn how to create your own presence on the Internet using Dreamweaver, a program used to design, develop, and maintain websites. All are welcome.

**Computer Fifth Grade**

**(N) Thursday, March 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
Register March 4 at Northport Library.  
Enhance your skills using the Windows desktop in this workshop for more advanced users. There is a non-refundable \$5 fee payable at registration.



**FOR ADULTS**

**Fireside Friday: Songs and Stories of Ireland**

**(EN) Friday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.**  
The time-honored tradition of Irish storytelling lives on with storyteller Jim Hawkins who was raised in County Westmeath, Ireland. Mr. Hawkins has collected the songs and stories of his homeland and has performed them in schools and libraries throughout Long Island. Join him for a "wee bit of Ireland." All are welcome.

**Novel Ideas**

**(N) Friday, March 10, 1:00 p.m.**  
**(N) Monday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.**  
This month we discuss *The Rule of Four* by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason. Please pick up your copy of the book at the Northport Library Circulation Desk.

**Short Story Central**

**(N) Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.**  
Join us as we take a look at stories from *Cabbage and Bones* edited by Caledonia Kearns. Pick up a copy of the stories at the Circulation Desk in either library building.

**AARP Driver Safety Program**

**(EN) Monday, March 27 & Wednesday, March 29, 6:30-10:30 p.m.**  
Register March 4 at Northport Library.  
**(N) Monday, April 10, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**  
Register March 18 at Northport Library.  
AARP's program is a refresher course designed especially for motorists age 50 and older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP by check or money order at registration. A N-EN Library card is required for registration.

**Defensive Driving**

**(N) Monday, March 27 & Wednesday, March 29, 7:00-10:00 p.m.**  
Applications for this point/insurance reduction safety course are available March 2 in either library building. Fee: \$35

**EXHIBITS**

**Northport Gallery**  
Quilt Exhibit by the Huntington Quilters  
**East Northport Gallery & Display Case**  
**Watercolors, Acrylics & Fabric Dolls by Maria Athanasiou**  
Born in Greece, artist, designer, and doll maker Maria Athanasiou is a resident of East Northport. She has exhibited her work widely throughout Long Island. The artist will present an Art Talk on Thursday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. at the East Northport Library.

**Current Events in Perspective**

**(N) Thursday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.**  
Michael D'Innocenzo, professor of history at Hofstra University, joins us to explore significant national and international developments. All attending are welcome to share their views.

**FOR TEENS**

**Teen Volunteer Opportunities:**

Registration for Teen Volunteer Opportunities may be limited to one program per teen.

**Saturday Family Voyage**

**(N) Saturday, March 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**  
Assist children with games and crafts in this family Museum Cove program. Registration is now underway at the East Northport Library.

**Teen Advisory Board**

**(EN) Monday, March 13, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**  
Earn volunteer credit as you help to plan teen library programs, hold book discussions, develop the teen web page, and plan community service activities. Refreshments will be served. Registration begins March 2 at the East Northport Library.

**Board Game Bonanza**

**(EN) Saturday, March 18, 1:45-3:15 p.m.**  
Teach children in grades K-5 how to play Monopoly, Battleship, and Scrabble and earn volunteer credit while having fun. Registration begins March 2 at the East Northport Library.

**Helping Hands**

**(EN) Tuesday, March 21, 4:00-5:00 p.m.**  
Join us as we make spring decorations to send to Huntington Hospital and the Dolan Family Health Center. Registration begins March 2 at the East Northport Library.

**SAT Preparation Class**

**(N) Thursdays, April 6, 20, 27 & May 4, 6:15-8:45 p.m.**  
High schoolers—prepare for the SAT with teachers Barbara White and Donald Loeffler. Both math and verbal skills will be reviewed in this four-session class. When you register, bring your Library card and a non-refundable check for \$100 payable to the Northport-East Northport Public Library. Registration begins March 10 at the East Northport Library.

Check out the **Teen Poetry Contest**—details in the **Teen Centers**

**FOR CHILDREN**



**Saturday Family Voyage**

**(N) Saturday, March 4, 2:30 p.m.**  
Children in grades K-5 with parents; siblings welcome  
Visit the Museum Cove and then sail off to the Community Room to explore a variety of maritime-related activities and snacks. Registration began February 11 at the Northport Library.

**Story Parade**

**Session I:**  
**(N) Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22 & 29, 4:00 p.m.**  
**(EN) Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23 & 30, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Session II:**  
**(N) Wednesdays, April 19, 26, May 3 & 10, 4:00 p.m.**  
**(EN) Thursdays, April 20, 27, May 4 & 11, 4:00 p.m.**  
A story and craft program. Registration begins March 1 in both library buildings.

**Board Game Bonanza**

**(EN) Saturday, March 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**  
Children in grades K-5  
Scrabble, Clue, Candyland, Monopoly, chess . . . come play your favorite game, or learn a new one while making friends. Registration begins March 4 at the East Northport Library.

**Support for Adoptive Parents**  
**(N) Tuesdays, March 21 & 28, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**  
Adopting a child is a unique and special experience. Sometimes it can be helpful to share ideas and resources with others who have had the same experience. This workshop will be facilitated by elementary counselors Nancy Armbruster and Margaret Stoduto. Registration begins March 7 at the Northport Library.

**FOR FAMILIES**

**Sunday Family Special:**

**Petri School Irish Step Dancers**

**(N) Sunday, March 5, 2:00 p.m.**  
The Library is pleased to present an ensemble of dancers from the nationally renowned Petri School of Irish Dancing. Dancers from the school have performed on the Rosie O'Donnell Show, The Early Show, ABC News, at Carnegie Hall, and at many other venues in the tri-state area. Free tickets for this performance are available March 1 at both libraries.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Tickets available for the Petri School Irish Step Dancers on 3/5, the Shenole Latimer Trio on 3/19 and "Kiss Me, Kate" on 3/31 <i>Registration begins for Story Parade</i> Blood Pressure Check (N) 9:30-10:30 am (EN) 11 am-12 noon Design A Bookmark Reception (EN) 7:30 pm Internet Basics (N) 7:30 pm	<b>2</b> Applications available for Defensive Driving on 3/27 & 3/29 Registration begins at East Northport for Teen Volunteer Opportunities Registration begins at East Northport for Crackle Antique Tray Workshop on 3/16 AARP Tax Aid (EN) 9 am-1 pm *Shake, Rattle, and Read (N) 10 am & 11 am *Taproot Workshop (EN) 1:30 pm *Safety in Cyberspace (N) 7:30 pm	<b>3</b> AARP Tax Aid (N) 9 am-1 pm *Pre-K Storytime (N) 9:30 am *Pre-K Storytime (EN) 1:30 pm *Township Theatre Group presents "All in the Timing" (N) 7:30 pm	<b>4</b> Registration begins at Northport for Computer Fifth Grade on 3/23 Registration begins at East Northport for AARP Driver Safety Program on 3/27 & 3/29 Registration begins at East Northport for Board Game Bonanza on 3/18 *Family Fun (N) 10 am & 11:30 am *Teen Volunteer Opportunity: Saturday Family Voyage (N) 2 pm *Saturday Family Voyage (N) 2:30 pm
<b>5</b> *Sunday Family Special: Petri School Irish Step Dancers (N) 2 pm	<b>6</b> *On My Own (N) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Songs & Stories (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Pre-K Storytime (N) 1:30 pm *Kids and Cash (EN) 7:30 pm	<b>7</b> Registration begins at Northport for Support for Adoptive Parents *Pre-K Storytime (EN) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Rock-a-Bye Readers (N) 9:30 & 10:30 am *Computer Fourth Grade (EN) 10 am Short Story Central (N) 7 pm Newbery Club (N) 7 pm *1-2-3 Magic (EN) 7:30 pm	<b>8</b> *Stories in Motion (EN) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Our First Storytime (N) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *On My Own (EN) 1:30 pm *Story Parade (N) 4 pm Northport Arts Coalition (N) 7:30 pm	<b>9</b> AARP Tax Aid (EN) 9 am-1 pm *Our First Storytime (EN) 9:30 & 10:30 am *Shake, Rattle, and Read (N) 10 am & 11 am *Taproot Workshop (EN) 1:30 pm *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm Art Talk with Maria Athanasiou (EN) 7:30 pm Public Information Meeting (N) 7:30 pm	<b>10</b> Registration begins at East Northport for SAT Preparation Class AARP Tax Aid (N) 9 am-1 pm *Pre-K Storytime (N) 9:30 am *Shake, Rattle, and Read (EN) 10 & 11 am Novel Ideas (N) 1 pm *Pre-K Storytime (EN) 1:30 pm	<b>11</b> *Family Fun (N) 10 am & 11:30 am
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> *55/Alive Mature Driver Program (N) 9:30 am *On My Own (N) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Songs & Stories (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Pre-K Storytime (N) 1:30 pm Novel Ideas (N) 7 pm *Teen Volunteer Opportunity: Teen Advisory Board (EN) 7 pm	<b>14</b> *Pre-K Storytime (EN) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Rock-a-Bye Readers (N) 9:30 & 10:30 am Pajama Storytime (EN) 7 pm *1-2-3 Magic (EN) 7:30 pm	<b>15</b> *Stories in Motion (EN) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Our First Storytime (N) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *On My Own (EN) 1:30 pm *Story Parade (N) 4 pm	<b>16</b> AARP Tax Aid (EN) 9 am-1 pm *Our First Storytime (EN) 9:30 & 10:30 am *Shake, Rattle, and Read (N) 10 am & 11 am *Taproot Workshop (EN) 1:30 pm *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm *Crackle Antique Tray Workshop (EN) 6:30 pm Introduction to Web Design Using Dreamweaver (N) 7 pm	<b>17</b> AARP Tax Aid (N) 9 am-1 pm *Pre-K Storytime (N) 9:30 am *Shake, Rattle, and Read (EN) 10 & 11 am *Pre-K Storytime (EN) 1:30 pm Movie: Cinderella Man (N) 1:30 pm	<b>18</b> Registration begins at Northport for AARP Driver Safety Program on 4/10 Registration begins at Northport for Museum Cove for Preschoolers on 4/1 *Family Fun (N) 10 am & 11:30 am *Teen Volunteer Opportunity: Board Game Bonanza (EN) 1:45 pm *Board Game Bonanza (EN) 2 pm
<b>19</b> *The Shenole Latimer Trio (N) 2 pm	<b>20</b> *On My Own (N) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Songs & Stories (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Pre-K Storytime (N) 1:30 pm Cancer Prevention (N) 7:30 pm	<b>21</b> *Pre-K Storytime (EN) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Rock-a-Bye Readers (N) 9:30 & 10:30 am Library Board of Trustees Meeting (N) *Teen Volunteer Opportunity: Helping Hands (EN) 4 pm Friends of the Library (N) 5:30 pm *Defensive Driving (EN) 7 pm *Support for Adoptive Parents (N) 7:30 pm	<b>22</b> *Stories in Motion (EN) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Our First Storytime (N) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *On My Own (EN) 1:30 pm *Story Parade (N) 4 pm	<b>23</b> AARP Tax Aid (EN) 9 am-1 pm *Our First Storytime (EN) 9:30 & 10:30 am *Shake, Rattle, and Read (N) 10 am & 11 am *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm *Defensive Driving (EN) 7 pm *Computer Fifth Grade (N) 7 pm	<b>24</b> AARP Tax Aid (N) 9 am-1 pm *Pre-K Storytime (N) 9:30 am *Shake, Rattle, and Read (EN) 10 & 11 am *Pre-K Storytime (EN) 1:30 pm Pajama Storytime (N) 7 pm Fireside Friday: Songs and Stories of Ireland (EN) 7:30 pm	<b>25</b> *Family Fun (N) 10 am & 11:30 am
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> *On My Own (N) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Songs & Stories (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Pre-K Storytime (N) 1:30 pm *AARP Driver Safety Program (EN) 6:30 pm *Defensive Driving (N) 7 pm	<b>28</b> *Pre-K Storytime (EN) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Stories in Motion (N) 9:30 & 10:30 am *Support for Adoptive Parents (N) 7:30 pm	<b>29</b> *Stories in Motion (EN) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Our First Storytime (N) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *On My Own (EN) 1:30 pm *Story Parade (N) 4 pm *AARP Driver Safety Program (EN) 6:30 pm *Defensive Driving (N) 7 pm	<b>30</b> AARP Tax Aid (EN) 9 am-1 pm *Our First Storytime (EN) 9:30 & 10:30 am *Taproot Workshop (EN) 1:30 pm *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm Current Events in Perspective (N) 7:30 pm	<b>31</b> AARP Tax Aid (N) 9 am-1 pm *Pre-K Storytime (N) 9:30 am *Shake, Rattle, and Read (EN) 10 & 11 am *Pre-K Storytime (EN) 1:30 pm Movie: Good Night and Good Luck (N) 1:30 pm *Kiss Me Kate" with Plaza Theatrical (N) 7:30 pm	<b>AARP Tax Aid</b> <b>(EN) Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</b> <b>(N) Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</b> AARP counselors, trained by the IRS, will be available in both library buildings beginning February 2 and continuing through April 14. Free e-filing is available. Assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

N = Northport Library  
EN = East Northport Library  
Italic type indicates Children's Programs.  
\*Asterisk indicates pre-registration or tickets required.

Occupancy of our meeting rooms is limited. Enrollment in our programs is limited, with preference given to Northport-East Northport Public Library card holders.

The Northport-East Northport Public Library encourages all patrons to participate in programs and activities. If you require any special accommodations because of a disability, please let us know.



# Annual Library Vote

Tuesday, April 4  
9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees has set the annual Library Vote for Tuesday, April 4, 2006. Voting will be for two purposes: to vote on the Library budget for 2006/2007 and to elect two Library Trustees: one to fill a five-year term commencing July 1, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2011 as a result of the expiration of the term of office presently held by Ruth McKay; the other to fill a three-year term commencing July 1, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2009 as a result of the vacancy of the position held by William Martin. Candidates for trustee will be announced in the Library's April newsletter.

## Important Voting Facts:

**Public Information Meeting** —  
Thursday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.  
Northport Library Community Room

**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.

If you have not voted within four years in a general, school, or library election, re-registration is required.

Registration may be made in person prior to March 29 at the following location: the offices 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.

You may register prior to March 24 at the Suffolk County Board of Elections, Yaphank Ave., Yaphank; Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

You may register by mail using application forms available in both library buildings. Applications must be received at the Suffolk County Board of Elections no later than March 24, 2006.

**Absentee Applications** — Applications for absentee ballots are available in both library buildings.

## WHERE TO VOTE

If you live in the portion of the library district that is **SOUTH OF ROUTE 25A** your polling place is the **EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

If you live in the portion of the library district that is **NORTH OF ROUTE 25A** your polling place is the **NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY**



Dow and Jones  
present  
**LIBRARY ECONOMICS**

	monthly cost
Cost of New Hardcover Book (average fiction & non-fiction)	\$36.00
Subscription to <i>The New York Times</i>	\$38.60
Subscription to <i>Newsday</i>	\$20.00
Family Cable Subscription (TV)	\$49.67
Subscription to Optimum Online	\$49.95
Night at the Movies (for 4, without popcorn)	\$33.00
Theatre Tickets on Long Island (for 2)	\$50.00
Adult Ed Computer Training Class	\$30.00
<b>Homeowner's 2005/2006 Library Taxes (average)</b>	<b>\$33.57</b>

*Your public library, which offers services to everyone from infants to senior citizens, returns more value to the community than it costs. The sharing of resources which can be used over and over saves individuals the cost of purchasing books, newspapers, subscriptions, and other services.*

## Patrons Share Their Comments

*A pleasant, warm atmosphere where one can meet a friend, enjoy the daily journals, share experiences—great!*

*I have been a library user for 70 years and I now enjoy delivery of library materials to my home. I cannot thank you enough for the excellent Home-ward Bound service provided to me by Reference Librarian Michelle Epstein.*

*Dear Ms. Koven,  
Just a note to thank you for making "Time for Twos" come to life. Your enthusiasm, warmth, and kindness helped to make this an exceptional program. This hour may have been a small part of your week, but it was a very big part of ours. Thank you!*

*The openness of the reference area and large tables make it easy to prepare for a presentation. Your staff is also lovely!*

*I love this library and the cafe is such a great addition. You guys have the best coffee. My kids love it here and so do I.*

*No better time than this time of year to thank you and your wonderful staff for all you/they do all through the year. It's such a pleasure to live in this library district.*

*Dear Mrs. Gebel,  
I wanted to thank you again for making such a wonderful educational opportunity available to the students of Northport High School. It is safe to say the students will remember author Marc Aronson's presentation as one of the highlights of their academic experience at Northport High School. Thanks again for making our students feel so welcome.*

*Andrew Manzo,  
District Chairperson of  
Social Studies*

## A Message from the Library Board of Trustees

*Unrivaled Service, Unparalleled Value*

In January 2006 the *Times Beacon Record* proclaimed the Northport-East Northport Public Library as *The Good Neighbor to the Community* for 2005. The Library was cited for its "Courteous, friendly, and professional services; creative ways of acknowledging and involving the community . . . and savvy in augmenting public resources without overburdening the taxpayers." In planning for its fiscal 2006/2007 budget, the Library's goal is to continue to foster these qualities.

The Library Board envisions the Library in the community as an educational arena for patrons from birth through a lifetime of learning, as an access point for state-of-the-art technology, and as a magnet for community gatherings and activities. The Library Administration accomplishes this through continuous careful planning. We place the highest expectation on staff performance and adhere to a strict balance of excellent library service and the prudent use of tax dollars.

Libraries no longer consider their measure of success solely through door counts and circulation statistics. Libraries are using business strategies to produce measurable evidence that programs and services yield a successful outcome. *The Economic Value of Public Libraries in Suffolk County, New York*, a research report commissioned by the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, was completed in June by Dr. Pearl Kamer, Chief Economist for the Long Island Association.\* Using Dr. Kamer's formula with our Library's statistics has indicated a \$3.50 return on each tax dollar invested in the Northport-East Northport Public Library. The Rauch Foundation recently released a study published in *Newsday* (December 1, 2005). The study surveyed 1,215 Long Islanders to evaluate how they would rate local services. Libraries received the highest ranking with 82% of

residents rating library service as good or excellent. Always mindful of the state of the Long Island economy, and being sensitive to our taxpaying residents, we are proposing a Fiscal 2006/2007 Budget that presents a modest 3.55% increase in expenditures with a 3.84% increase to be raised by taxation. We are also cognizant of how, during uncertain economic times, libraries become more essential, more important, and more utilized by patrons.

Our new Library Courtyard has added 3,000 square feet of outdoor public space, providing another benefit for patrons of all ages and giving us the opportunity to offer more service. The courtyard was funded entirely through generous gifts and private donations. Library patron Bob Smith commented on the courtyard, "In modern-day America, the role of the library has expanded to be more than a collection of books. It's a meeting place and a place for the exchange of ideas and thoughts. I find this area to be very relaxing. The Courtyard will be very well-received by the community. I look forward to a long, intellectually profitable use of this area."

Whether one looks at hard data provided through the study by L.I.A. Chief Economist Kamer, the findings of the Rauch survey of Long Island residents, the testimony of our own Northport-East Northport patrons, or the *Times Beacon Record* Good Neighbor Award, the Northport-East Northport Public Library continues to return more to the community than it costs—through unrivaled service and unparalleled value.

**Library Board of Trustees**  
Ruth McKay, Chairperson  
Robert R. Little, Vice Chairperson  
C. Annette Carr Elizabeth McGrail

\*Report available at the Reference Desk.

## Library Statistics 2005

- More than **3,290** new patrons obtained library cards
- **28,351** people in the community have library cards
- **575,663** visits were made to the library
- open for service **72** hours weekly in each building
- Our programs entertained, educated, and enriched **10,039** adults, **1,310** teens, **16,318** children
- The library has **156,203** books for adults, **92,318** books for children, **25,863** videos, compact discs, DVDs, and audiobooks more than **1,000** newspapers and magazine subscriptions
- **196,796** reference questions were answered; **104,363** asked by children, **90,580** asked by adults
- **498,249** items were checked out by patrons
- **20,984** items were interlibrary loaned for patrons
- **3,512** patrons received free access to the Internet through SuffolkWeb
- **90,740** patrons used the Library's Internet stations
- **23,216** patrons used the Library's applications computers
- **24/7** online access from home

Statistics from *New York State Annual Report for Public Libraries 2005*.

## Your Community Library

Proposed Operating Budget 2006/2007

	APPROVED BUDGET 2005/2006	PROPOSED BUDGET 2006/2007
<b>LIBRARY MATERIALS &amp; PROGRAMS</b>		
Books, Periodicals & Electronic Resources	449,400	455,800
Videos, CDs, DVDs, Audiobooks	118,100	118,100
Adult, Teen & Children's Programming	86,200	89,000
<b>LIBRARY OPERATIONS</b>		
Computer Hardware & Software	127,000	132,800
Online Public Access Catalog & Circulation Control	54,000	58,000
Telecommunications	83,500	78,000
Equipment	40,000	40,000
Office, Library & Café Supplies	123,000	123,500
Printing & Postage	78,000	78,000
Professional Development & Training	22,000	25,000
Professional Fees	55,000	56,000
SCLS Plan of Service Participation	66,400	76,000
<b>LIBRARY BUILDINGS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>		
Fuels & Utilities	80,000	85,000
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	62,300	67,900
Maintenance Supplies	43,000	43,000
Building & Equipment Service Contracts & Leasing	136,100	139,900
Insurance	104,500	106,000
<b>EMPLOYEE SALARIES</b>		
Sunday & Holiday Service	211,200	220,200
Professional	2,263,200	2,390,700
Clerical/Technical, Café & Library Pages	1,745,700	1,808,200
Custodial & Security Service	357,100	368,600
<b>MANDATED &amp; EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>		
Social Security, Retirement	772,400	780,000
Health Insurance, Disability & Group Life	509,800	547,000
<b>DEBT SERVICE — PRINCIPAL &amp; INTEREST</b>	600,000	593,000
<b>CAPITAL &amp; TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	8,217,900	8,509,700
<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>		
Fines & Fees	78,500	78,000
Interest, Library System Grant & E-rate Discount	49,600	45,600
Café	71,000	80,000
Unrestricted Fund	150,000	135,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	349,100	338,600
<b>TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</b>	<b>7,868,800</b>	<b>8,171,100</b>

## TAX RATE HISTORY AND PROPOSAL ON THE OPERATING BUDGET

	Approved 2005/2006	Proposed 2006/2007
Amount to be raised by taxes	\$7,868,800	\$8,171,100
Assessed Valuation of District	\$81,178,691	\$81,178,691 (est.)
Tax rate per \$100	\$9.69	\$10.07
\$ Change in tax rate	0.71	0.38
% Change in tax rate	7.88%	3.92%

The estimated increase in the tax rate is 38¢ per \$100 assessed valuation which, based on a \$4,000 assessment, amounts to \$15.20 for the year.



## Design A Bookmark Contest Congratulations!

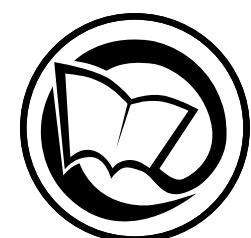
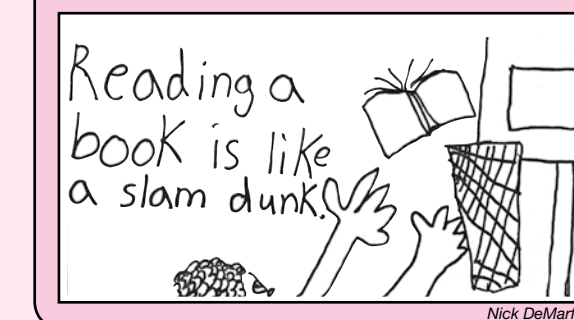
The Northport-East Northport Public Library is happy to announce the winners of our 10th Annual Design A Bookmark Contest. The winning designs will be reproduced in the Library newsletter and in the Children's Room each month throughout the year.

Talent and inspiration were evident in all 136 entries, making our judges' job extremely difficult! All of the contest entries will be displayed in the Children's Room at the East Northport Library. The winners and their families are invited to a reception on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., at the East Northport Library. Congratulations to everyone!

Grade	Bookmark
Nick DeMarzio	5 March '06
Samantha Schoeps	1 April '06
Alexandra DeMarzio	4 May '06
Patricia Kelly	4 June '06
Conor Hutton	K July '06
Natalie Gregorius	3 August '06
Kenny Preston	3 September '06
Hope Badanes	K October '06
Carrie Fischetti	2 November '06
Sarah Zulawski	4 December '06
Brendan Murphy	2 January '07
Ryan Brandon	K February '07

## The Bookmark Spot

Stop by the Library and pick up March's bookmark by Nick DeMarzio. A reading list, compiled by our Children's Librarians, is on the back.



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