

# ABOUT US



## HAMPTON BAYS PUBLIC LIBRARY

52 Ponquogue Avenue  
Hampton Bays NY 11946  
tel 631-728-6241  
hamptonbayslibrary.org

## HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 10AM-9PM  
Friday: 10AM-7PM  
Saturday: 10AM-5PM  
Sunday: 1PM-5PM

## HAMPTON BAYS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Frank Baker  
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Stephanie McEvoy, *Director*

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Hampton Bays Public Library is to provide programs and services that promote literacy, spark curiosity and inspire creativity, while bringing people, information and ideas together to enrich lives and build a strong community.

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*Eligible voters must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Hampton Bays and registered to vote in local elections. Applications for absentee ballots are available at the office of the School District Clerk on weekdays from 8AM to 3PM.*

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Dear Hampton Bays Residents,

Libraries exist to serve their communities. We are proud to provide a place where the community comes together and everyone is welcome to enjoy programs that educate, entertain, spark curiosity and encourage personal growth. Whether you are interested in book clubs, arts & crafts, bus trips, technology instruction or programming for your children, having a library card provides it all. In order to continue to maintain the standards you have grown used to we need your help.

Few can deny the economic conditions we are experiencing and the spike in the cost of food, fuel, services and so much more. The library feels it too. We are faced with the unpredictable expenses of maintaining our aging building, while fighting the rising costs of keeping the facility clean, safe and in good repair. Additionally, we struggle to keep up with the cost of electronic resources (Libby), the popular choice for digital content that we all have come to love.

Our focus is always on stretching every dollar as far as possible. Under normal operating circumstances the library asks for an annual increase of 2%, but this year that's just not enough to keep up with the increases we have been experiencing. To meet our budgetary needs, we are asking you to approve an override. This amounts to an approximate annual increase of \$35.58 per average household (based on the average assessed home value of \$563,000\*\*). Without these funds, we will be faced with making difficult choices affecting some of the services that you've come to enjoy.

Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 13th from 10AM-9PM** and cast your vote to support the library. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

\*\*Average home value in Hampton Bays, provided by the Southampton Town Assessor's Office

"I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card" - Laura Bush



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# 2024 | YEAR IN REVIEW



**69,714**

Items Checked Out



**115,333**

Library Visitors

The library averaged over 325 visitors each day!



**53,310**

Visits to our website



**853**

New Cardholders



**41,726**

Ebook & Audiobook Checked Outs



**172**

Community Group Meetings



**397**

Tech Training Sessions

**Top 10  
Most Checked  
Out Books**



**Our efforts are dedicated to  
serving you.**

- ▶ Bus Trips
- ▶ Concerts
- ▶ Cooking Demos
- ▶ Dance Classes
- ▶ Technology Help
- ▶ Book Clubs
- ▶ Health & Wellness
- ▶ Local Discounts

**1,301**

# of Programs

**15,866**

Program Attendance

Thank you for relying on us this year! | [hamptonbayslibrary.org](http://hamptonbayslibrary.org)

## Hampton Bays Public Library Proposed Operating Budget 2026/ Propuesta Presupuesto Operativo 2026

	2025	2026	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Capital Reserve/ Reserva de Capital	100,000	150,000	50,000	150%
Library Material/ Material Biblioteca	80,500	83,500	3,000	4%
Electronic Resources/ Recursos Electronicos	111,000	131,000	20,000	18%
Programs & Museums/ Programas y Museos	69,000	126,000	57,000	83%
Library Staff & Benefits/ Personal de Biblioteca y Beneficios	1,946,693	2,054,193	107,500	6%
Library Operations/ Operaciones de la Biblioteca	235,000	253,750	18,750	8%
Building & Grounds Operations/ Operaciones de Edificios y Terrenos	351,500	378,076	26,576	8%
<b>Total Operating Expenses/ Gastos Totales</b>	<b>2,893,693</b>	<b>3,176,519</b>	<b>282,826</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Anticipated Revenue/ Ingresos Anticipados</b>				
Tax appropriation-includes Pilot Payment/ Apropiación de Impuestos Incluye Pago Piloto CPF	2,573,974	2,842,519	268,545	10%
Other Income/ Otros Ingresos	319,719	334,000	14,281	4%
<b>Total Anticipated Revenue/ Ingresos Totales Anticipados</b>	<b>2,893,693</b>	<b>3,176,519</b>	<b>282,826</b>	<b>10%</b>

The Proposed 2026 Operating Budget overrides the allowable annual 2% tax cap. It is estimated to cost the average household with a home value of \*\$563,000 approximately \$35.58 more than the allowable increase.

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