

2026 Operating Budget



**HAMPTON BAYS
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Navigating a Sea of Information

About Us

Main Characters



Administration

1 Director / 2 Business Office

Committed to fiscal responsibility, institutional recordkeeping and excellent service that allows the delivery of the resources the community needs to pursue lifelong learning.



Librarians

9 Full-time / 13 Part-time

Dedicated, professional staff who have chosen to invest in themselves to obtain Masters of Library Science degrees and serve the HB community.



Support Staff

3 Full-time / 9 Part-time

This frontline team does the support work that makes it all happen. They bring experience and service with a smile.



Building Maintenance

1 Full-time

The Head of Building & Grounds oversees the safety, security, cleaning, maintenance and repairs throughout the property.

What you will find at HBPL

- Books - Hard Copy & Digital
- Newspaper - Paper copy & Digital
- Magazines - Paper copy & Digital
- DVDs - Blockbusters, Series & Foreign Films
- Stream movies & TV shows with Kanopy
- Public Computers, Laptops & kindles
- Copiers, Scanners & Fax Machines
- Research Databases
- Technology classes & 1-on-1 sessions
- ESL & Citizenship sessions
- Jigsaw puzzles collection
- Daily word puzzle copies
- Board Games & Video Games collection
- Mobile Hotspots
- Museum Passes
- Wellness Classes
- Dynamic Children's & Teen Departments
- Programs - for all ages
- Summer Reading challenges - for all ages
- Book Clubs - for all ages
- Library of Things
 - Sponsored by the Friends of the HBPL
- Notary Services
- Discounts on local attractions

Library of Things

TECHNOLOGY

Car Code Reader
Video to Digital converter
Coin Sorter
Cordless Drill
Cricut
Laser Level
Paper Shredder
Air Compressor
Stud Sensor
Movie Projector & Screen
Thermal Image Camera
Record Player

EDUCATION/STEM

Build-A-Fort Kit
Coding Robots
Snap Circuits
Birding backpack
Magna Tiles
Dinosaur bone building kit
Telescope

GAMES

Mahjong
Badminton
Bocce Ball
Corn Hole
Croquet
Bubble Machine
Dance Mat
Giant Jenga
Karaoke Machine
Tetris XL

Lawn Signs



How we serve Hampton Bays



HAMPTON BAYS
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

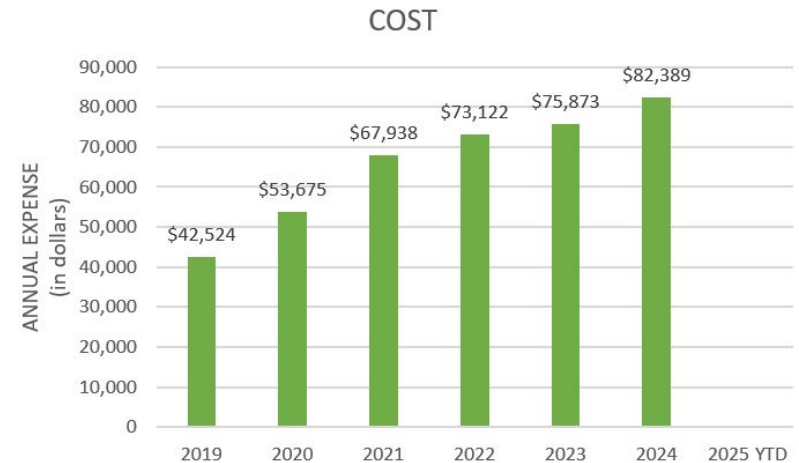
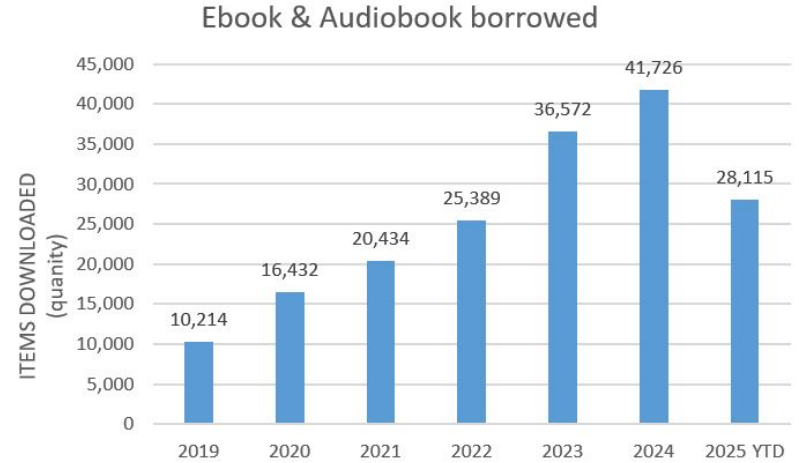
1,301

of Programs

15,866

Program Attendance

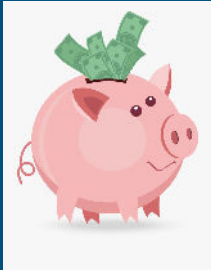
Electronic Resource usage



Community Savings

2024 Library Statistics*

How much Hampton Bays library cardholders save by using the library



Books Borrowed	*Actual Stats	**Est. Savings
Adult	21,348	\$ 362,916
Youth	19,599	\$ 333,183
Ebooks downloads.....	23,489	\$ 352,335
DVDs borrowed.....	8,640	\$ 34,560
Music CDs borrowed.....	856	\$ 8,517
Audiobook downloads.....	18,237	\$ 181,458
Magazines borrowed.....	2,072	\$ 5,040
Magazines read - digital.....	1,008	\$ 3,024
Newspapers read - digital.....	1,695	\$ 3,390
Interlibrary Loan Requests.....	14,895	\$ 372,375
Program Attendance		
Adult.....	8,405	\$ 126,075
Young Adult.....	1,338	\$ 16,056
Children.....	5,917	\$ 41,419
One-on-one tech sessions.....	179	\$ 8,950
Museum Passes Borrowed.....	587	\$ 11,740
Computer Use.....	9,702	\$ 116,424
Database Searches.....	4,268	\$ 85,147
Reference Assistance.....	17,293	\$ 121,051
Community Use Meeting Space...	172	\$ 4,300
Wi-Fi Sessions.....	54,478	\$ 272,390
TOTAL ESTIMATED SAVINGS		\$2,460,350

*Data from NY State Annual Report 2024

**Valuation from <https://www.nyla.org/library-use-value-calculator-widget>

Adult Programs



Jazz at the Library



The famous around town
Good Ground Ukulele Players



Trivia at the Library



Bus Trips



DIY with Donna

Teen Department

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Children's Room



Valentine's Day Tea Party



Children's Play Area
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We ❤️ the library!



Out in the community



Children's craft tables



Walking with Purpose



St. Patrick's Day Parade



Good Ground Ukulele Players bringing smiles to the Senior Center

Sharing Resources with our Community Partners



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Hampton Bays







CANOE PLACE
INN & COTTAGES

HAMPTON BAYS

Beautification Association

Gateway
PLAYHOUSE



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension



Shinnecock Hardware

HAMPTON BAYS ALLIANCE

Meet the Board of Trustees

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Frank Baker, Vice President

Barbara Skelly, Secretary

Barbara Jay

Stefani Joslin

Jim Parker

Rosemary Sullivan

Susan Brosnan, Treasurer

Fiscal Responsibility

PRIORITIES:

- Promote financial stability
- Forecast operational costs and facility maintenance
- Retain skilled personnel
- Manage cash flow
- Anticipate long range needs of the community
- Build reserves to ensure long term sustainability
- Maximize services and impact
- Achieve the library's mission

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 to together to enrich lives and build a strong community.

How we make ends meet

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	50%
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%
Total Operating Expenses/ Gastos Totales	2,893,693	3,176,519	282,826	10%
Anticipated Revenue/ Ingresos Anticipados				
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%
Total Anticipated Revenue/ Ingresos Totales Anticipados	2,893,693	3,176,519	282,826	10%

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.

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

Current Challenges

- Aging Building & Grounds
 - Last building improvement project 2000-2002
 - Excessive wear and tear on furniture, fixtures, wallpaper, flooring, exterior facade, plumbing...
 - Energy inefficiencies
 - Landscape maintenance
 - Lack of staff office space
 - Public space limitations
 - Strong need for quiet study/tutor spaces
- Mandatory Expense Increases
 - Full-time employee health insurance
 - Building contracts
 - Cost of library materials and supplies
 - Digital content
- Long Range Planning for future updates and repairs to service the next generation of Hampton Bays families

What If...

Repairs		Install Date	Age	Life Expectancy	Remaining Life	Cost of Replacement Aug 2025
Boiler		2010	15	20	5	\$30,000
Roof	flat/rubber	2018	7	20	14	\$92,000
	pitched/shingle	2005	20	20	0	\$80,000
HVAC	3 RTUs	2017/2018	8	15	7	\$180,000
Elevator		2002	23	20	0	\$349,000

The Cost of “No” Votes

Will force the consideration of:

- Reduction in service hours
 - Close Sundays
 - Close earlier on weeknights
- Reduction in lending materials, programs & services for adults, teens and children

Special thanks for their support!



Museum Passes

Library of Things

Adult Trivia

Concerts

Summer Reading

SR Kick-off Party

Jigsaw Puzzles Collection

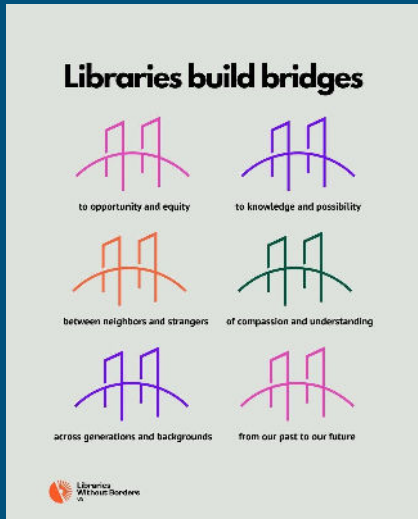
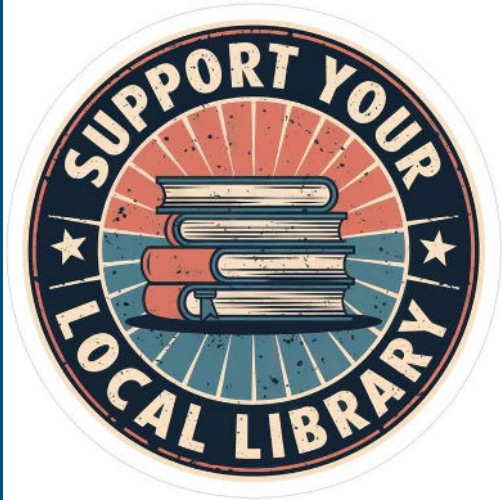
Adult Legos Collection

Staff Appreciation Lunch



**“Whatever the cost
of our libraries,
the price is cheap
compared to that
of an ignorant nation.”**

-Walter Cronkite



Vote! Wednesday, August 13, 2025 10-9pm at the library

Your vote can help us continue to do the great work
that the community has come to enjoy.

Thank you for your support!

