

2027 Operating Budget



HAMPTON BAYS
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Navigating a Sea of Information

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.

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, programming & services that benefit the community



Librarians

9 Full-time / 14 Part-time

Dedicated, professional staff who have chosen educational paths that yielded them Masters of Library Science degrees and careers in public service.



Support Staff

4 Full-time / 6 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 we have

- 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
- Spanish Language Learning
- Jigsaw puzzles collection
- Book-a-Librarian sessions
- Concerts
- Art Exhibits
- 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
- Vinyl Music Listening Station
- Plant Propagation Station
- Seed Library
- Community Service Opportunities
- Library of Things
 - Sponsored by the Friends of the HBPL
- Twice Sold Tales Bookstore
 - Run 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
Air Toobz

Lawn Signs
Yoga Kits
Metal Detector

GAMES

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

Made possible by the generosity of the Friends of the Hampton Bays Library



How we serve Hampton Bays

Hampton Bays Public Library

2025 | YEAR IN REVIEW

Top Ten Checked Out Titles



New in 2026

- More Dance Classes
- Spanish Language Learning
- Monthly Adult Trivia Events
- New Adult Music Listening Station



125,000

Visitors to the Library
(up 10% from 2024)



9,888



Registered Library Cards



84,884

Items Checked Out

16,400

Items Borrowed -
Interlibrary Loan

47,048

Ebook & Eaudiobook Loans

4,894

DVDs Borrowed

1,586

Total Programs Offered

26,517

Program Attendance

16,765

Reference
Questions
Answered

10,968

Hours of Public
Computer Use

63,875

Wi-fi Sessions

Commitment to Service

7 days/week (except holidays)

52 weeks / year

3,177 hours / 2025



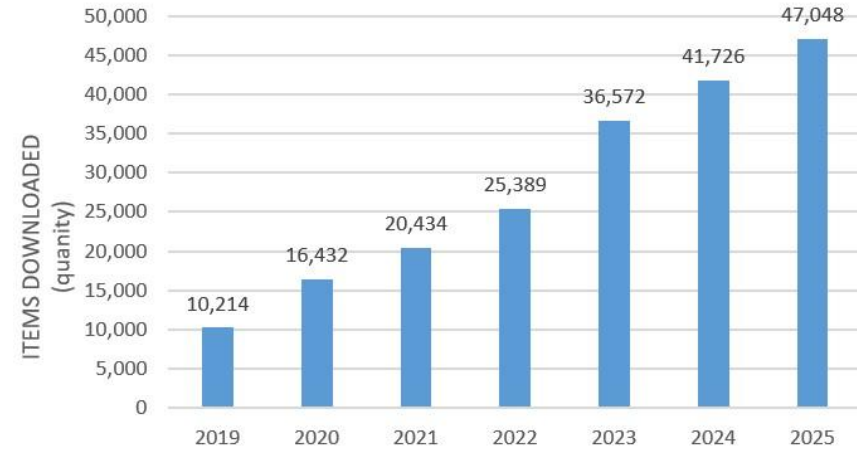
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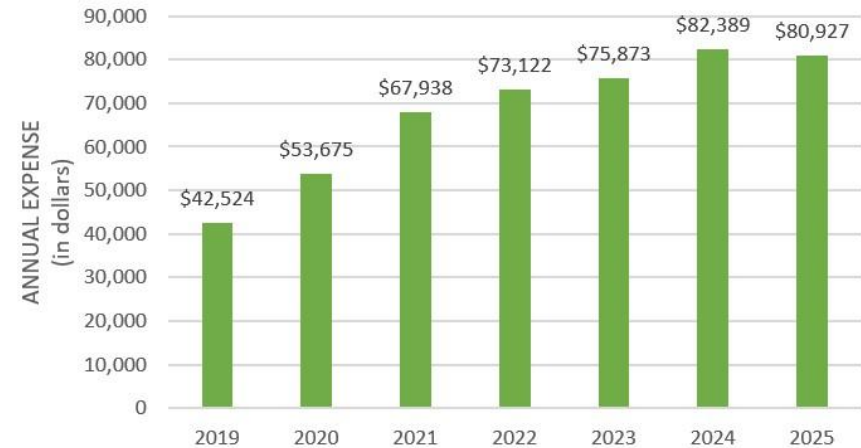
Electronic Resource usage



Ebook & Audiobook borrowed

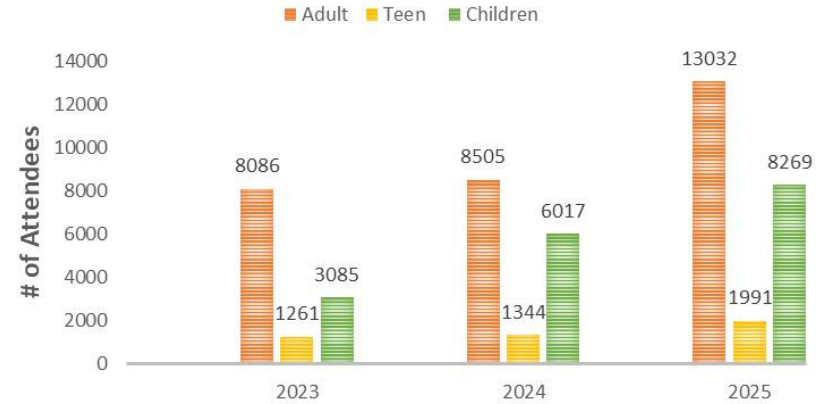


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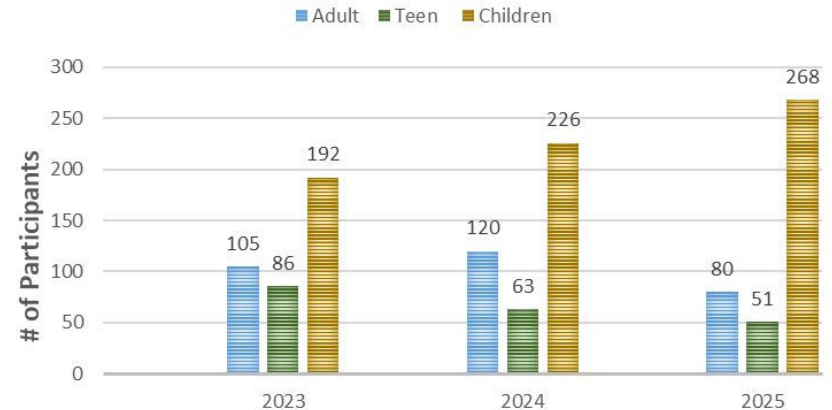


Community Engagement

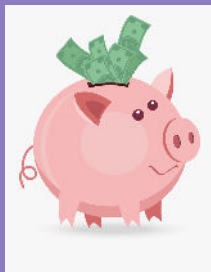
PROGRAM ATTENDANCE



SUMMER READING



How much Hampton Bays library cardholders save by using the library



Community Savings 2025 Library Statistics*

Input Your Use	Value of Your Library Use Library Materials & Services	Value of Your Use
21080	Adult Books Borrowed	\$ 358,360
4688	YA Books Borrowed	\$ 56,256
13990	Childrens Books Borrowed	\$ 237,830
754	Audiobooks Borrowed	\$ 7,502
16400	Interlibrary Loan Requests	\$ 410,000
47048	eBooks Downloaded	\$ 705,720
2647	Magazines Read	\$ 13,235
4662	Newspapers Read	\$ 44,289
14491	Movies Borrowed	\$ 57,964
2776	CDs Borrowed	\$ 27,621
	Music Downloaded	\$ 0.00
594	Meeting Room Use (per hour)	\$ 14,850
13021	Adult Program Attended	\$ 195,315
1911	Young Adult Program Attended	\$ 22,932
8269	Childrens Program Attended	\$ 57,883
733	Museum Passes Borrowed	\$ 14,660
10968	Computer Use (per hour)	\$ 131,616
48288	Database Searches	\$ 963,345
16765	Reference Assistance	\$ 117,355
Calculate The Value of Your Library Use		Clear Form
		\$ 3,436,734

*Data from NY State Annual Report 2025

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

Return on investment (ROI) 2025
 $\$3,436,734 / 2,573,974 \times 100 = 134\%$

Adult Programs



Chess Club



Crochet
Circle



Monthly Trivia at the Library



Broadway Bus Trips



Flower Power - NY Botanical Garden



DIY with Donna

Teen Room

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COOKIE DECORATING



Children's Room - Chapter 1



Plant a Pizza Garden



Zumbini with Miss Barbara



After-school Tween Crew



Tuesday Crafternoons with Miss Evan



My First Storytime with Miss Evan



Children's Room - Chapter 2



Stuffed Animal Sleep



Harry Potter Hat Sorting Day



Future Little Artists



Lego Club



National Hot Dog Day Bingo





Southamptown
Town
Job Fair

Community Outreach



St. Patrick's Day Parade 2026



Good Ground Ukulele Players
Spreading joy at the
Westhampton Care Center



Health Fair
at Centro
Corazon
de Maria



Uke performance at Buckley's Inn Between



Wildlife Hikers Club - summer route

Music at The Library



Music for the Little Ones



All-Star
Good Ground
Ukulele Players



Fiddlers Green

Concerts co-sponsored by
the Friends of the Hampton
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Day Trippers

Sharing Resources with our Community Partners

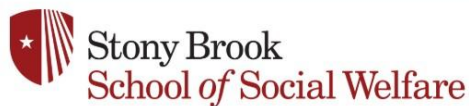


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Hampton Bays





HAMPTON BAYS
Beautification Association



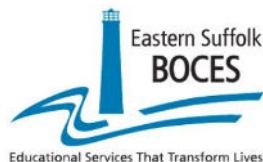
Shinnecock Hardware



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension



HAMPTON BAYS ALLIANCE





Meet the Board of Trustees

Michael Stutt, President

Frank Baker, Vice President

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Barbara Jay

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Jim Parker

Rosemary Sullivan

Susan Brosnan, Treasurer

Board Responsibilities

1. Financial oversight
2. Policy approval
3. Advocacy

Shared Responsibilities

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

How we make ends meet

Hampton Bays Public Library Proposed Operating Budget 2027
Propuesta Presupuesto Operativo 2027

	2026	2027	\$ CHANGE/ DIFERENCIA	% CHANGE/ DIFERENCIA
Capital Reserve/ <i>Reserva de Capital</i>	150,000	150,000	0	0%
Library Material/ <i>Material Biblioteca</i>	77,500	75,500	-2,000	-3%
Electronic Resources/ <i>Recursos Electrónicos</i>	131,000	131,000	0	0%
Programs & Museums/ <i>Programas y Museos</i>	132,000	133,522	1,522	1%
Library Staff & Benefits/ <i>Personal de Biblioteca y Beneficios</i>	2,054,193	2,091,347	37,154	2%
Library Operations/ <i>Operaciones de la Biblioteca</i>	253,750	273,250	19,500	8%
Building & Grounds Operations/ <i>Operaciones de Edificios y Terrenos</i>	378,076	389,576	11,500	3%
Total Operating Expenses/ <i>Gastos Totales</i>	3,176,519	3,244,195	67,676	2%
Anticipated Revenue/ <i>Ingresos Anticipados</i>				
Tax appropriation-includes Pilot Payment/ <i>Apropiación de Impuestos Incluye Pago Piloto CPF</i>	2,842,519	2,921,695	79,176	2.79%
Other Income/ <i>Otros Ingresos</i>	334,000	322,500	-11,500	-3%
Total Anticipated Revenue/ <i>Ingresos Totales Anticipados</i>	3,176,519	3,244,195	67,676	2%

The Proposed 2027 Operating Budget does not exceed the allowable annual tax cap.
The estimated annual increase is approximately \$14.30, or \$1.19 per month, for a household with
an average assessed home value of \$570,100.**

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

*El Presupuesto Operativo Propuesto para 2027 no excede el límite anual permitido de impuestos.
El aumento anual estimado es de aproximadamente \$14.30, o \$1.19 por mes, para un hogar con
un valor promedio tasado de \$570,100.***

***Valor promedio de vivienda en Hampton Bays, proporcionado por la Oficina del Tasador de la
Ciudad de Southampton.*

Current Challenges

- Aging Building & Grounds
 - Last building improvement project 2000-2002
 - Excessive wear and tear on furniture, fixtures, wallpaper, flooring, exterior facade, plumbing...
 - Obsolete systems: lighting, elevator, A/V..
 - Leaks in the basement with heavy rain
 - Energy inefficiencies throughout the building
 - Landscape maintenance
 - Lack of space in the children's room
 - Meeting space limitations
 - Strong need for quiet study/tutor spaces
- Mandatory Expense Increases
 - Full-time employee benefits & insurances
 - Building contracts and utilities
 - 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

Special thanks for their support in 2026!



Museum Passes

Library of Things

Summer Reading

2 New door counters

Summer Reading Kick-off Party

Monthly Adult Trivia

Concerts

Staff Appreciation Lunch

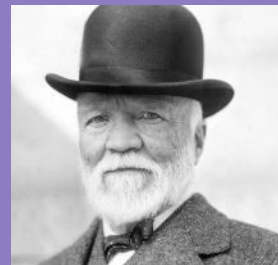
Library Chef Subscription



A Library Hero

“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.”

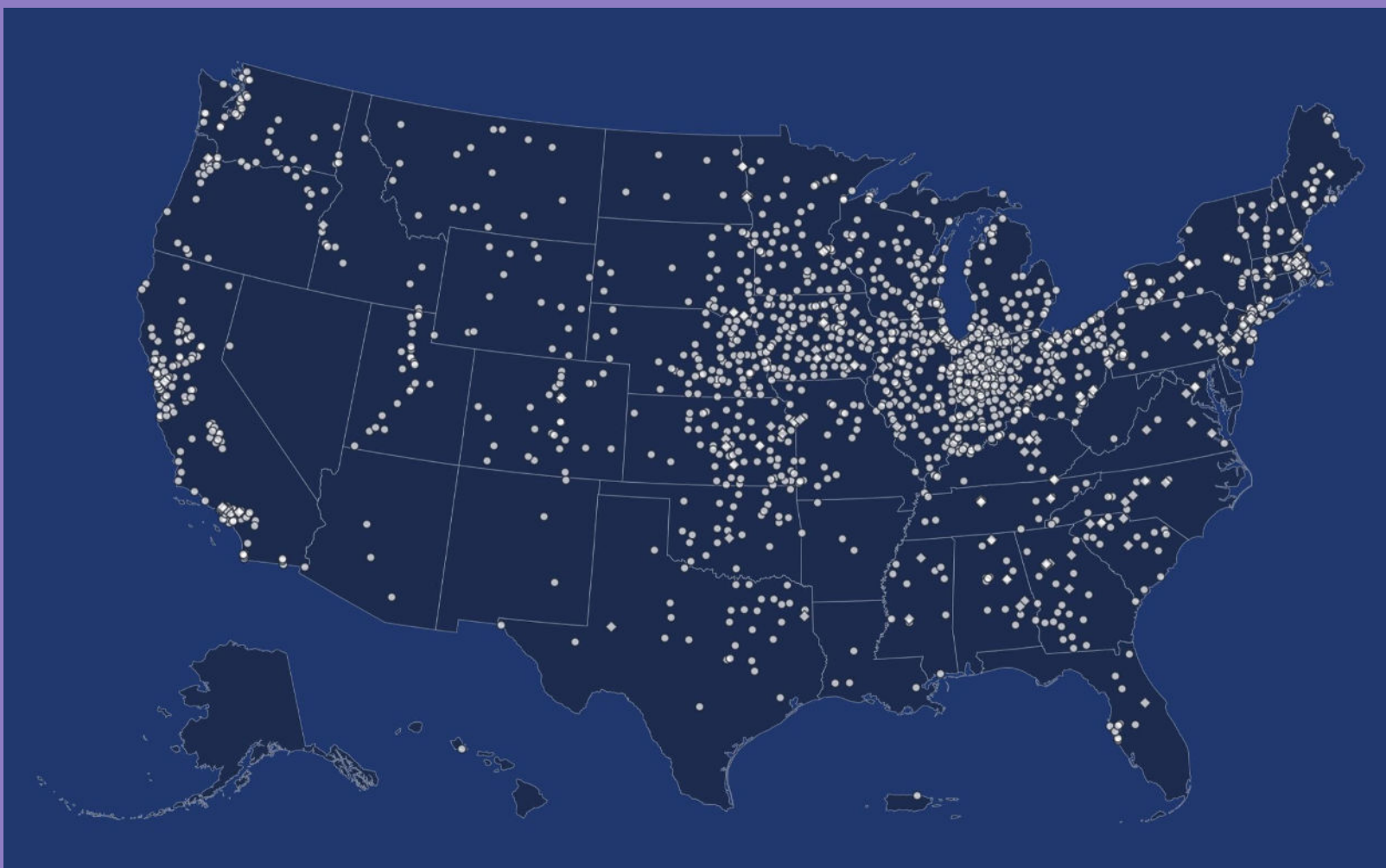
—Andrew Carnegie



“The man who dies rich dies disgraced.”

- 1883 -1929 spent \$56M to build 2,509 libraries around the world.
- 1,689 in the U.S.
- NYS 107 public and 3 academic libraries
- 66 in NYC and the 5 boroughs
- 3 on Long Island: Patchogue, Northport, Rockville Center

2,509
Carnegie
Libraries



<https://carnegie.org/article/find-a-carnegie-library-near-you/>



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American Library Association

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Tell Congress to invest **in libraries.**

#FUNDLIBRARIES



INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE TRUSTED TO MAKE THEIR OWN
DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT TO READ.



**FREE
PEOPLE
READ
FREELY™**



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**IN THIS
HOUSE, WE
SUPPORT
LIBRARIES**

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**LIBRARIES
TRANSFORM**

Vote! Wednesday, August 12, 2026 10am-9pm at the library

Your vote helps us continue to do the great work
that the community has come to expect.

Thank you for your support!

