

**COME**

**to the Public Budget Hearing**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

**6:30 p.m. at the Library. Everyone is invited.**

**VOTE**

**Library Budget Vote**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

**7 a.m. - 9 p.m. (at District Elementary Schools)**

## **Annual Message from Your Library Board**

Dear Community Resident:

The Library's Board, Administration, and Staff remain committed to providing you with excellent library services. If you haven't visited the library recently, we invite you to stop by – we'd love to see you! We are pleased to announce that we are staying within the tax cap as prescribed by law. The long form of the budget is available at the library and on our website at [www.eastmeadow.info](http://www.eastmeadow.info). The budget hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30 PM.

The following is a summary of the proposed library budget for 2025-2026:

	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>%CHANGE</b>
Total Budget:	\$8,720,914	\$8,947,212	2.59%
<b>Amount to be raised by taxes:</b>	<b>\$8,383,414</b>	<b>\$8,609,712</b>	<b>2.59%</b>

## **Revenue**

We want to assure the community that our budget remains within the tax cap. There have been no changes to the revenue budget, as our projections remain consistent with expected revenues.

## **Expenditures**

**Personnel & Employee Benefits** – This year’s budget reflects an 18.5% increase in contributions to the New York State Retirement System, along with a nearly 2% increase in health insurance costs. These rising expenses are necessary to ensure that we continue to meet our obligations to staff benefits while maintaining the high level of service our community expects.

**Furniture and Equipment** – To help offset the 18.5% increase in contributions to the New York State Retirement System, we have reduced the furniture and equipment budget by 15%. This allows us to prioritize essential expenses while remaining fiscally responsible.

**Books** – We have increased the book budget to better meet the needs of our community and to address the rising costs of materials. This ensures continued access to a diverse and high-quality collection for all patrons.

**Audio** – We have increased funding for eAudiobooks to meet growing demand.

**Material Services** – A decrease in the serials budget line to align with previous years' spending and help offset rising costs in other areas.

**eBooks** – eBook expenditures remain largely unchanged.

**Periodicals & Newspapers, Library Supplies and Services** - There are no major changes to these budget lines, aside from a reduction in the telephone and data expenses. This decrease is the result of cost-saving measures implemented by switching to more affordable options while maintaining the same level of service.

**Programs and Exhibits** - Programming remains one of our most popular services. A slight budget increase has been allocated to better support and enhance our existing programs.

**Film** - The decrease in the film budget line reflects a reduced demand for physical items, coupled with an increase in patron usage of streaming services. This shift allows us to allocate resources more effectively in response to changing preferences.

Building Expenses - Building expenses have been adjusted to better align with previous years' spending. While there is an increase in electrical service costs, most other areas have been reduced in order to offset increases in other budget categories. This ensures we are managing resources efficiently while maintaining essential services.

Dept Service - Defined by school district.

Respectfully Submitted,

Domenick Pesce, President

Michael Turner, Vice President

Andrea Kessler

Janet Barsky

Ellen Matishek

**EAST MEADOW PUBLIC LIBRARY  
PROPOSED BUDGET 2025/2026**

	BUDGET <u>2024/2025</u>	PROPOSED <u>2025/2026</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>		
<b><u>PERSONNEL SERVICES</u></b>		
Professional	\$ 1,912,719	\$2,016,363
Administrative & Clerical	1,555,815	1,630,706
Custodial	365,797	379,907
Outside Services	36,000	18,000
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	3,870,330	4,044,976
 <b><u>FURNITURE &amp; EQUIPMENT</u></b>	 129,000	 121,000
 <b><u>BOOKS</u></b>		
- Adult	109,000	123,000
- Young Adult	15,000	15,000
- Children	51,000	51,000
- Reference	1,000	1,000
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	176,000	190,000
 <b><u>AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS</u></b>		
Audio materials - Adult	46,000	52,000
Audio materials – Young Adult	6,100	6,100
Audio materials – Children	3,100	3,100
Computer Software	34,000	34,000
Toys, Games and Museum Passes	17,500	17,400
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	106,700	112,600
 <b><u>PERIODICALS &amp; NEWSPAPERS</u></b>		
- Adult Reference	80,000	80,000
- Children	2,600	2,600
- Young Adult	1,250	1,250
- Adult Circulation	7,000	7,000
Pamphlets	250	200
Serials – Non-Microform	19,000	10,000
Microforms	21,000	21,000
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	131,100	122,050
 <b><u>DATA PROCESSING</u></b>		
Circulation Control Software	70,000	70,000
Equipment Rental/Maintenance (includes computers)	72,500	72,500
Payroll Service	14,014	14,014
Nassau Library System	44,000	44,000
Bookbinding	1,000	1,000
Bank Fees/Paypal	40	500
Processing materials	1,250	1,250
AV Supplies	6,000	6,000
AV Repairs	1,000	1,000
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	209,804	210,264
 <b><u>EBOOKS &amp; ELECTRONIC RESOURCES</u></b>		
eBooks, Adult	115,000	114,000
eBooks, Young Adult	18,500	18,500
eBooks, Children	22,500	22,500
Electronic Resources	172,000	177,000
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	328,000	332,000

EXPENDITURES (continued)	BUDGET 2024/2025	PROPOSED 2025/2026
<b><u>LIBRARY SUPPLIES &amp; SERVICES</u></b>		
Office, Library & Printed Supplies	23,000	23,000
Telephone	21,000	20,000
Data Line	20,000	14,950
Postage & Freight	12,000	12,000
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	76,000	69,950
<b><u>PROGRAMS &amp; EXHIBITS</u></b>		
- Adult	115,000	125,000
- Young Adult	9,000	9,000
- Children	38,000	38,000
- Printed Material	10,000	8,900
- Art Production Supplies	7,000	4,800
Audit	22,000	23,000
Counsel	10,000	8,275
Dues & Conferences	10,000	13,000
Office Equipment Service & Maintenance	4,000	4,000
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	225,000	233,975
<b><u>FILM</u></b>		
Film, Adult	46,000	30,000
Film, Young Adult	4,000	4,000
Film, Children's	4,000	4,000
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	54,000	38,000
<b><u>BUILDING EXPENSES</u></b>		
Electric	90,000	100,000
Water	10,000	8,000
Gas heat	35,000	30,000
Custodial Supplies	41,000	40,000
Maintenance	150,000	100,000
Van Rental	7,750	6,825
Insurance – General	77,000	70,000
Theft Control	35,000	25,000
Sundry Expenses	5,500	5,500
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	451,250	385,325
<b><u>VEHICULAR SERVICES - GAS &amp; OIL</u></b>	7,000	5,000
<b><u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u></b>		
State Retirement	503,270	596,323
Social Security/Medicare	239,960	260,789
Workers Compensation	50,000	40,000
Unemployment	1,500	1,500
Disability Insurance	7,000	7,000
Health Insurance	1,126,699	1,148,160
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	1,928,430	2,053,772
<b><u>OPERATING BUDGET</u></b>	7,692,614	7,918,912
Debt Service	1,028,300	1,028,300
<b><u>TOTAL BUDGET</u></b>	8,720,914	8,947,212
<b><u>LESS ANTICIPATED INCOME</u></b>		
Other State Aid	10,000	10,000
Fines & Other Income	27,500	27,500
P.I.L.O.T.	0	0
Transfer From Other Funds	0	0
Appropriated Fund Balance	300,000	300,000
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<b><u>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</u></b>	8,383,414	\$ 8,609,712

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