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To the Public Budget Hearing

Monday, May 11, 2026

6:30 p.m. at the Library.

Everyone is invited.

# VOTE

Library Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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 Monday, May 11th at 6:30 PM.

The following is a summary of the proposed library budget for 2026–2027:

	CURRENT	PROPOSED	% CHANGE
Total Budget:	\$8,947,212	\$9,107,802	1.79%
Amount to be raised by taxes:	\$8,609,712*	\$8,738,302*	1.49%

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### Revenue

We want to assure the community that our budget remains within the tax cap. Revenue projections remain stable, with no significant changes anticipated for the coming year.

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## **Expenditures**

**Personnel & Employee Benefits** – Personnel costs reflect modest increases across professional, clerical, and custodial lines. Employee benefits overall increased by approximately 2.38%, driven primarily by a 4% rise in health insurance and a 9.16% increase in Social Security contributions. These adjustments ensure we continue to meet our obligations while supporting staff and maintaining service levels.

**Furniture and Equipment** – The furniture and equipment budget has been reduced by approximately 13% overall, including decreases in furnishings and other equipment, in order to offset rising personnel and benefit costs.

**Books** – The book budget has been modestly increased (approximately 2.1%) to continue supporting a strong and relevant collection for our patrons.

**Audio / Visual Materials** – While most audio/visual lines remain stable, there is a targeted increase in young adult audio materials to meet demand and a shift from physical audio to electronic.

**Periodicals & Newspapers** – A slight increase has been applied to this category (approximately 1.6%), primarily in adult reference materials, to reflect current subscription costs.

**Material Services** – This area reflects a small overall decrease (approximately 3.6%), largely due to reduced computer maintenance costs and adjustments to A/V supplies.

**eBooks & Electronic Resources** – Overall spending in this category remains stable, with minor reductions in youth eBooks, offset by a small increase in electronic resources.

**Library Supplies and Services** – This category reflects an overall decrease of approximately 8.5%, primarily due to reductions in data line and postage expenses, achieved through cost-saving measures.

**Programs and Exhibits** – Programming continues to be a key service area. The budget reflects a 5.56% increase overall, with notable growth in children's and young adult programming to meet community demand.

**Film** – The film budget has been reduced by approximately 23.7%, reflecting decreased demand for physical media and the continued shift toward streaming services.

**Building Expenses** – Building expenses have been reduced overall by approximately 4.9%, with savings in heating, water, custodial supplies, and other areas helping to offset increases in maintenance costs.

**Debt Service** – Defined by the school district.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Turner, President

Andrea Kessler, Vice President

Janet Barsky

Ellen Matishek

Monica Marotta

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
	<b>2025/2026</b>	<b>2026/2027</b>

**PERSONNEL SERVICES**

PROFESSIONAL	\$2,016,363	\$2,117,871
ADMIN/CLERICAL	\$1,630,706	\$1,674,272
CUSTODIAL	\$379,907	\$393,389
OUTSIDE SERVICES	\$18,000	\$10,000
	<u>\$4,044,976</u>	<u>\$4,195,532</u>
	SUBTOTAL:	\$4,044,976 \$4,195,532

**FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT**

FURNISHINGS	\$48,000	\$40,000
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$25,000	\$25,000
OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$48,000	\$40,000
	<u>\$121,000</u>	<u>\$105,000</u>
	SUBTOTAL:	\$121,000 \$105,000

**BOOKS**

BOOKS - ADULT	\$123,000	\$127,000
YOUNG ADULT	\$15,000	\$15,000
CHILDREN	\$51,000	\$51,000
REFERENCE	\$1,000	\$1,000
	<u>\$190,000</u>	<u>\$194,000</u>
	SUBTOTAL:	\$190,000 \$194,000

**AUDIO - VISUAL MATERIALS**

AUDIO MATERIALS - ADULT	\$52,000	\$50,000
AUDIO MATERIALS - YOUNG ADULT	\$6,100	\$8,100

AUDIO MATERIALS - CHILDREN	\$3,100	\$3,100
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$34,000	\$34,000
MUSEUM PASSES	\$14,000	\$14,000
TOYS/GAMES	\$3,400	\$3,400
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SUBTOTAL:	\$112,600	\$112,600

### **PERIODICALS & NEWSPAPERS**

ADULT REFERENCE	\$80,000	\$82,000
CHILDREN	\$2,600	\$2,600
YOUNG ADULT	\$1,250	\$1,250
ADULT CIRC.	\$7,000	\$7,000
PAMPHLETS	\$200	\$200
CONTIN., SERIALS, NON-MICRO	\$10,000	\$10,000
MICROFORMS	\$21,000	\$21,000
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SUBTOTAL:	\$122,050	\$124,050

### **DATA PROCESSING**

CIRCULATION CONTROL	\$70,000	\$70,000
EQUIPMENT RENTAL & MAINTENANCE (includes computers)	\$72,500	\$65,000
PAYROLL SERVICE	\$14,014	\$15,014
NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM	\$44,000	\$44,000
BANK FEES/PAYPAL	\$500	\$500
BOOKBINDING	\$1,000	\$1,000
PROCESSING MATERIALS	\$1,250	\$1,250
AV SUPPLIES	\$6,000	\$5,000
AV REPAIRS	\$1,000	\$1,000
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SUBTOTAL:	\$210,264	\$202,764

### **EBOOKS & ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**

EBOOKS, ADULT	\$114,000	\$114,000
EBOOKS, YOUNG ADULT	\$18,500	\$16,000
EBOOKS, CHILDREN'S	\$22,500	\$20,000
ELECTRONIC RESOURCES	<u>\$177,000</u>	<u>\$182,000</u>
SUBTOTAL:	\$332,000	\$332,000

### **LIBRARY SUPPLIES & SERVICES**

OFF. & PRINTED SUPPLIES	\$23,000	\$24,000
TELEPHONE	\$20,000	\$20,000
DATA LINE	\$14,950	\$9,000
POSTAGE & FREIGHT	<u>\$12,000</u>	<u>\$11,000</u>
SUBTOTAL:	\$69,950	\$64,000

### **PROGRAMS & EXHIBITS**

ADULT	\$125,000	\$129,800
YOUNG ADULT	\$9,000	\$10,200
CHILDREN	\$38,000	\$45,000
PRINTED MATERIALS	\$8,900	\$8,900
ART PRODUCTION SUPPLIES	\$4,800	\$4,800
BUS TRIPS	\$-	\$-
AUDIT	\$23,000	\$23,000
COUNSEL	\$8,275	\$8,275
DUES & CONFERENCES	\$13,000	\$13,000
OFFICE EQUIPMENT SERVICE & MAINTENANCE	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
SUBTOTAL:	\$233,975	\$246,975

**FILM**

FILM, ADULT	\$30,000	\$22,000
FILM, YOUNG ADULT	\$4,000	\$4,000
FILM, CHILDREN'S	\$4,000	\$3,000
	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
SUBTOTAL:	\$38,000	\$29,000

**BUILDING EXPENSES**

ELECTRICITY	\$100,000	\$100,000
WATER	\$8,000	\$7,000
GAS HEATING	\$30,000	\$21,000
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$40,000	\$36,000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$100,000	\$105,000
VAN RENTAL	\$6,825	\$2,000
INSURANCE	\$70,000	\$70,000
THEFT CONTROL	\$25,000	\$20,000
SUNDRY/MISCELLANEOUS	\$5,500	\$5,500
	<u>\$5,500</u>	<u>\$5,500</u>
SUBTOTAL:	\$385,325	\$366,500

**VEHICULAR SERVICES GAS & OIL**

	\$5,000	\$3,500
	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>
SUBTOTAL:	\$5,000	\$3,500

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

STATE RETIREMENT	\$596,323	\$596,323
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$260,789	\$284,672
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$40,000	\$19,000
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$1,500	\$1,500
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$7,000	\$7,000
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,148,160	\$1,194,086
	<u>\$1,148,160</u>	<u>\$1,194,086</u>
SUBTOTAL:	\$2,053,772	\$2,102,581

