

# 2020 Report to the Community

## WESTBURY MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Board of Trustees

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### Mission Statement:

To provide excellent, proactive service to fulfill the informational, educational and recreational needs of the community. The Library will:

- Celebrate the joy of learning, reading, the arts, local culture and history
- Create a welcoming atmosphere that supports intellectual freedom
- Sustain a future-focus in response to technological change

### Summary

This year the Board of Trustees has decided to increase the Library tax levy for the upcoming fiscal year 2020-2021 by 1.81%, the tax cap permitted under New York State law. For the average tax payer, this increase will amount to about \$5.50 per household for the year. This increase will allow the Library to continue to offer excellent programming and services for our patrons who have varied interests and are from all age groups. **Esta informacion se encuentra en nuestro website, en Español.**

### Notable Accomplishments in 2019

Established program for volunteer Westbury High School Honor Society students to assist students in grades K through 8 with their homework

Hosted the Annual African-American Read-In

Participated in America's National Night Out (Against Crime) at "Bunky" Reid Park, New Cassel

Instituted "Just Bring the Baby" Book Club at the Children's Library

Purchased and implemented nine wireless Hot Spots

The Library and The Historical Society of the Westburys participated in the Annual Westbury Street Fair

Partnered with AARP to offer free tax preparations, from February through April

Newly-created Anime Club for Teens

Held Early Intervention and Special Education information sessions at the Library

Offered Trips to Places of Cultural Interest

Partnered with St. Francis Hospital Community Health Bus and also offer monthly free blood pressure screening

Partnered with the Mobile Legal Help Center for community access to civil legal information

Children's Library added night-time and weekend Family Events

Out-reach visits from ENL classes from Westbury Middle and High Schools

### Statistics for 2019 Library Use

- 20,877 Registered Borrowers for the Westbury and Carle Place Communities
- 216,102 Patron visits to the Library
- 4,318 Patrons participated in the Library's Summer Reading Programs
- 21,802 Patrons attended the Adult and Children's programs
- 125,330 Items borrowed from the Library collection
- 93,895 Library's wireless internet sessions

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## Budget Message

The Board of Trustees of the Westbury Memorial Public Library presents the 2020-2021 budget for your consideration.

The Board of Trustees and the Administration has tried to control expenses while continuing to provide the community with the excellent services and programs expected from the Library. As the Board has done in the past few years, for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the Board plans to use the tax appropriation and to supplement it with additional monies from the general fund in order to meet the Library's expenses. The Board is seeking a 1.81% increase in taxes, attempting to minimize the financial impact on the average household. Under this budget, the average increase will amount to approximately *\$5.50 per household for the year*, but it will allow the Board to meet the rising annual cost of maintaining the Library, as well as the increase in fees for participation in the Integrated Library System (ILS).

Please join the teleconference for the Library Budget Hearing, which will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7 pm. The teleconference link may be accessed on our website: <https://westburylibrary.org>. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions and to voice your opinions and concerns. And, the Board urges you to vote on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 by absentee ballot.

Thank you for supporting the Library.

The Board of Trustees of the  
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Expenses	2019-2020	2020-2021
Books	120,000	100,000
Periodicals	10,000	8,000
Databases	4,000	7,000
Audio-Visual	30,000	25,000
Programs	40,000	42,500
Building Repairs & Maintenance	135,000	135,000
Heat/Light/Water	105,000	105,000
Telephone	8,000	8,000
Insurance	36,000	33,000
Salaries	1,633,000	1,700,000
Retirement	200,000	220,000
Social Security	130,000	131,000
Employee Benefits	555,000	525,000
Office Expenses	30,000	30,000
Equipment & Furnishings	20,000	20,000
Printing/Publicity/Postage	7,000	6,000
Integrated Library System (ILS)	44,000	46,000
Professional	90,000	90,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,197,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,231,500</b>
Revenues	2019-2020	2020-2021
Pilot Funds	50,000	40,000
State Aid	6,000	6,000
Carle Place Contract Income	690,279	690,279
Interest Income	7,500	7,500
Fines & Fees	55,000	55,000
Children's Endowment	55,000	55,000
Appropriation from Surplus	108,279	112,508
To Be Raised by Taxes	2,224,942	2,265,213
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,197,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,231,500</b>

## VOTER REGISTRATION

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 via teleconference

## BUDGET HEARING

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 by absentee ballot

## TRUSTEE ELECTION

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## BUDGET VOTE

## LIBRARY

Potential voters can register with the Board of Elections by filing an online application with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) which will enable the district to identify the qualified voter and transmit an absentee ballot to the voter. The online DMV voter registration information may be accessed at the following website: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>.

To vote, you must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, a resident of the Westbury School District for at least 30 days and registered to vote in Nassau County or Westbury School District elections.