

Brookhaven Free Library

Proposed Operating Budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

	Current 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023	\$ Change	% Change
OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES:				
Library Programs and Materials Books, periodicals, media, classes and events for all ages, Overdrive, electronic resources, museum passes and Suffolk County Cooperative Library System member support	\$135,457	\$136,107	\$650	0.48%
Employee Salaries and Benefits Salaries, health insurance, payroll taxes, retirement and workers compensation	\$628,324	\$646,440	\$18,116	2.88%
Library Operations Telephone, internet, insurance, printing, postage, office supplies, professional fees, travel, professional development, marketing, port charges, library vote and administration	\$87,800	\$90,900	\$3,100	3.53%
Utilities, Repairs and Maintenance Electric, fuel, service contracts, building equipment maintenance and computers	\$74,800	\$76,550	\$1,750	2.34%
Capital Expense	\$60,161	\$60,161	\$0	0%
Tax Anticipation Note	\$6,700	\$6,000	(\$700)	(10.45%)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$993,242	\$1,016,158	\$22,916	2.31%
Less Anticipated Income Fines, gifts and donations, and other income	\$87,518	\$89,967	\$2,449	2.80%
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$905,724	\$926,191	\$20,467	*2.26%

Please note that the proposed 2022-2023 operating budget will maintain the Library's continued day-to-day operations as well as allow us to advance our mission to offer exceptional services, resources and programs to the South Country Central School District community.

* The proposed budget does not exceed the New York State levy limit.

Impact of Proposed Appropriation	
Assessed Value of Home	Increase from 2021/2022
\$3,000	\$2.31
\$4,000	\$3.08
\$5,000	\$3.85

Budget Vote and Trustee Election

Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Brookhaven Free Library Voter Information

VOTING DAY

Voting will take place on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022**, between the hours of **10:00 AM and 8:00 PM** at Brookhaven Free Library.

Applications for absentee ballots are available in the Library, online and from the office of the Clerk of the School District (Administrative Offices, 189 Dunton Ave., East Patchogue, New York) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, during all days on which the School District is in session.

WHO CAN VOTE

All registered voters of the South Country Central School District are eligible to vote. You must be a registered voter. You may register to vote in a library election if you are a citizen of the U.S., 18 years of age, and have been a resident of the South Country School District for at least 30 days.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter Registration forms can be found in the Library. You can also register in person at Suffolk County Board of Elections, 700 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank 11980 or Call 631-852-4500 to request a voter application.

BUDGET INFORMATION

The proposed operating budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is available for review at the Library and on the Library's website.

TRUSTEE ELECTION

One vacancy on the Board of Trustees is to be filled by election. Elected Trustees will serve a five-year term commencing with the July 2022 regular meeting. Biographical statements from each candidate can be found on the next page.

Please contact the Library's Director, Jamie Papandrea at 631-286-1923 or bfl@brookhavenfreelibrary.org for more information about the Library's proposed budget and Trustee election.

Biographical Statement – Kathie Dallin

My husband, Rich, and I have been fortunate to call both Bellport and Brookhaven Hamlet our home for 60 plus years. We raised our two children here and luckily have three of our four grandsons living in E. Patchogue. I have served on the Board of Playcrafters, South Country Education Foundation, Hearth Club, Bellport Garden Club and Bellport Beautification Committee. I have also been involved with The Boys & Girls Club, South Country Youth Soccer League, Mary Immaculate Parish, Bellport Yacht Club and the Fireplace Literary Club.

For many years, I was a paralegal. I also was a class advisor and secretary at Bellport High School for 20 years, working in the Attendance Office and the Library. After retiring, I attended Cornell and became a Master Gardener. I started my own Landscape Design and Installation business. I also studied and became a professional floral Designer, running a floral business with my niece for many years.

I have very fond memories of bringing our grandsons to the BFL Children's Programs. Not only did we enjoy reading to dogs, caroling, building scarecrows, and making crafts but the welcoming atmosphere and the special story times fostered a love of books and reading for the boys. We would leave with stacks of books!!

Personally, I have enjoyed so many of the Adult Programs. For many years, I have been participating in the monthly Book Discussions. I have been inspired, not only, by the book selections but by having the opportunity to listen to different perspectives and experiences from my fellow readers. The recent book selection, "The Book of Lost Names" by Kristin Harmel, reminded me how much I treasure this Library and spurred me to seek a Trustee position. The Acknowledgment reads: "Books can change lives, but it is the people who love them, who dedicate their lives to them, who make the real difference. Books are more than words on a page; they are the bridges to building communities and to developing more compassionate, more aware citizens!"

This quote embodies the charming and welcoming Brookhaven Free Library with its shelves of books awaiting discovery and the warm, personable staff offering assistance. This Library is a true gem and is a bridge bringing people of all ages and backgrounds together fostering friendships, as well as, educational and rewarding activities. I would be honored to be a Trustee.

Biographical Statement – Jackie Subhash

Jackie Subhash was born in Bellport, and raised in East Patchogue. She spent countless hours at Brookhaven Free Library as a child, and spends countless hours there now with her young children, Lucia (3) and Rafael (2). She believes that access to books, children's programming and art, the incredible library staff, community events and collaboration with our local farm is the heart of our community.

Jackie received her BA in Comparative Religion & Asian Art History from the University of Vermont, and her MA in Indo-Tibetan Studies & Tibetan and Sanskrit Translation from Naropa University. She spent ten years working in the auction industry, most recently as Head of Department of Indian & Himalayan Antiquities at Christie's New York. In addition to her role as an art specialist and appraiser, Jackie managed a team of specialists as well as departmental budgets for auction catalogues, travel and marketing. She is also an enthusiastic novice equestrian.

In February 2020, Jackie, her husband Dev and their children relocated permanently to Brookhaven Hamlet, and are proud to be members of this unique community.