After many months of closure, The Smithtown Library is happy to be reopened to the public. In June, the Library began its phased reopening plan with staff returning to the buildings for cleaning and preparation. We also started to accept returns. On June 15, the Library began curbside services and on July 1, all four buildings of The Smithtown Library reopened with limited hours and services.

We are committed to the health and safety of our community and have made several changes over the past few months to ensure that our patrons feel confident that they are in safe hands upon entering our doors. Some changes that have been implemented include limited hours, face mask requirements for staff and patrons, modified computer and quiet room use, reduced seating, clear protective shields at all service desks, no in-person programs and increased cleaning and sanitizing. In addition to these adjustments, the Children's Department is open for browsing and material selection only. Due to quarantine protocols, items being returned are only accepted in the book drops. Curbside pickup service will continue for those who do not wish to enter the building.


Despite the limited services, we are excited to be open and to reconnect with our Smithtown community.

2020 FRIENDS OF THE SMITHTOWN LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP

The Friends of The Smithtown Library, a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Library, has awarded its 12th annual scholarship. This scholarship is awarded annually to graduating Smithtown Library cardholders; there were 16 applicants for this year’s scholarship. The first place scholarship was presented to Smithtown High School West graduate Luke Muratore; second place was presented to Smithtown High School East graduate Ryan Safran.

Luke Muratore is attending the University of Maryland, College Park this fall. He is no stranger to The Smithtown Library, participating in Summer Reading Programs from a young age as well as volunteering for Book Buddies and Prosthetic Helping Hands. Luke has been very vocal regarding his interest in a future STEM career and has shown great appreciation for Library programs that spark creativity and encourage hands-on learning.

Ryan Safran is attending James Madison University this fall. He dedicated his time as a Homework Helpers volunteer at the Nesconset Building for two years. As a Homework Helpers volunteer, Ryan learned invaluable skills for the future including time management and improved interpersonal communication.

The Friends, along with The Smithtown Library congratulate these two young men on this award and wish them much success in their future endeavors.

A Message from the Library Director

I want to thank those of you who have visited our Library since we reopened to the public on July 1. After closing our doors on March 13, as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic, it was a truly happy day when we welcomed you back into all four Library buildings.

We have been very careful to ensure that everyone who utilizes our buildings is safe. From staff to repair workers and of course our patrons, we are following government guidelines regarding the wearing of masks and observing social distancing. We are steadily increasing services as guidelines allow and we look forward to the day that we can provide you with all of the resources that we offered before the pandemic and more.

Even though we provided limited services upon reopening, we did not want to deny the community the opportunity to participate in a Summer Reading Program. Our staff worked tirelessly to put together a virtual program for all ages. Though we were unable to provide the traditional Summer Reading Program, over 400 patrons participated this year.

While we were closed, the Library provided many different types of virtual programs for all ages and will continue doing so. Since we are unable to provide in-person programming at this time, we are now offering a variety of Take and Make kits each month. We have had an overwhelming response to these kits and we will continue to expand on these offerings.

The staff and I will continue to diligently explore new ways to serve our community. We hope you will visit your Library often to take full advantage of all we have available for you. Please remember to vote on Tuesday, October 13.

Robert Lusak
Library Director

2021 Budget Vote and Trustee Election

2021 Budget Vote and Trustee Election
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 • 9:30am-9:00pm

Who Can Vote?
Smithtown Special Library District residents who are registered to vote with the Suffolk County Board of Elections.

Where Do I Go to Vote?
All residents of the Smithtown Special Library District are assigned a Library building to vote based on your street address. ANY resident may vote at ANY of the Library buildings; however, if you choose not to go to your assigned building, you will vote by affidavit ballot. To determine your assigned Library building, go to http://bit.ly/liblocation.

Voter Registration
Voter registration forms and information can be obtained through the Suffolk County Board of Elections, the post office or any Smithtown Library Building.

Absentee Voting
Smithtown Library Absentee Ballot Applications are available at all Smithtown Library Buildings.

Library Trustee Candidate Information
There are three (3) seats up for election this year. Two seats will have a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2023 and one term commencing October 27, 2020 and expiring on December 31, 2022 to fill a vacated seat. There are three (3) candidates running for three (3) available positions.

The candidates are (listed in ballot position order):
• Brianna Baker-Stines
• Joseph Gregurich
• Thomas Maher

Please visit the Library’s website at www.smithlib.org or call our Administration office at (631)360-2489 for more details.
The 2020 Coronavirus pandemic has forced our Library system to discover new and unprecedented ways to connect to and support our community. Online platforms, social media and digital resources provided us the opportunity to continue to provide desired services to our patrons while our doors were temporarily closed to the public. Though we are now reopen for curbside pickup, browsing and reference assistance, we understand the continuing demand for technology-driven services to support our communities work, education and entertainment needs.

As we plan for 2021, we will continue to strive for operating efficiencies to ensure that The Smithtown Library can provide high quality educational, informational and cultural services for the entire Smithtown community to enjoy.

**CALCULATING YOUR TAX:**

The library tax rate is expressed as dollars and cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation. The tax rate is estimated at 60.289 per $1,000 assessed valuation; an average house assessed at $5,500 would pay an annual library tax of $331.59, an increase of $2.98 per year (25¢ per month).

Example:

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\text{\$5,500 assessed value ÷ \$1,000 = 5.5.} \\
5.5 \times 60.289 \text{ tax rate = \$331.59 annual library tax.}
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**CALCULANDO SU IMPUESTO:**

La tasa de impuestos de la biblioteca se expresa en dólares y centavos por $1,000 de valoración evaluada. El tipo impositivo se estima en 60.289 por valoración evaluada de $1,000 dólares; una casa promedio evaluada en $5,500 pagará un impuesto anual de la biblioteca de $331.59, un aumento de $2.98 por año (25¢ por mes).

Ejemplo:

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\text{\$5,500 valor evaluado ÷ \$1,000 = 5.5.} \\
5.5 \times 60.289 \text{ tipos impositivos a \$331.59 impuestos anuales de la biblioteca.}
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2020
THE SMITHTOWN LIBRARY

753
PATRONS
APPLIED
FOR A NEW
LIBRARY
CARD ONLINE

VIRTUAL
PROGRAMS
134 ADULT
68 TEEN
114 CHILDREN'S

INCREASED LIMITS ON
STREAMING SERVICES

2,774
QUESTIONS
ANSWERED FROM
HOME VIA
ONLINE CHAT,
TELEPHONE &
EMAIL SERVICES

DEBUT OF NEW
YOUTUBE
CHANNEL FOR
PROGRAMS

2,090
PATRONS
USED NEW
CURBSIDE
PICKUP SERVICE

5,000+
PROTECTIVE
SHIELDS
PRINTED FOR
LOCAL FIRST
RESPONDERS

JULY 1
REOPENING
WITH NEW
GUIDELINES
AND SAFETY
PRECAUTIONS

@SMITHTOWN
LIBRARY
TEENS
NEW SOCIAL
MEDIA PAGES
FOR TEENS

465
ONLINE SUMMER
READING
PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

HAPPY TO
WELCOME
BACK
34,960
PATRONS
SINCE
REOPENING

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