

The Spotlight



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Update from our Smithtown Building

Due to the storm that occurred during the early morning hours of August 19, which caused torrential flooding, the Smithtown Building of The Smithtown Library suffered catastrophic damage to its lower level. Until further notice, our Smithtown Building will be closed while we continue to assess the damage and begin to rebuild.

Our Commack, Kings Park and Nesconset Buildings all remain open to assist our patrons. Our Nesconset Building now has extended operating hours on Friday evenings until 9:00pm. In addition to these hours, our Commack and Nesconset Buildings will be open on Sundays from 1:00-5:00pm.

The book drop at our Smithtown Building is currently open and will remain open until further notice; books collected at this location are being processed daily and we are thrilled to provide even the smallest service at this location while those doors remain closed to the public.



Staff have been working diligently to continue to provide programs and services that may have been specific to our Smithtown Building. Our Passport Acceptance Facility and Patent and Trademark Resource Center are available by appointment only at our Nesconset Building. Senior Citizen ID Cards will now also be available at our Nesconset Building. Information and reservations for Museum Passes will now take place through the Children's Department of the Nesconset Building.

Please check the event calendar on the Library's website or call the Community Relations Department at (631) 360-2480 x216 in regards to program location changes. Please check the Library's website (www.smithlib.org) for the most up-to-date information and ways that you can help. Thank you for your continued support through this process.

2024 Battle of the Books

Congratulations to our Library's Battle teams that participated on August 9 at the Hyatt Regency in Hauppauge for the 2024 Battle of the Books. The Suffolk County Battle of the Books program is an interlibrary competition between teams of teens focused on six young adult novels. We had four Smithtown Library Teams with 22 teens in total, as well as one assistant coach. Our four teams were The Nesconset Doomsday Scientists, The Smithtown Settlement, The Kings Park Nightbeasts of the Library and The Commack Lemony Cellos Ready to Win.

The Commack Building Team walked away with 3rd place and the "Best Vibes" award, which was awarded to the Library displaying a fun and friendly team, as voted by their peers. The team was also recognized by the Board at a recent meeting for their 3rd place win. Thank you to our Teen Librarians for another successful year!



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2025 Budget Vote and Trustee Election
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 • 9:30am-9:00pm

Message to The Community

Since 1907, The Smithtown Library has been dedicated to providing outstanding services to our community. Implementing high quality, educational, informational, digital and cultural services and programming has always been our number one goal. The Library Board, Administration and staff take great care in maintaining modern facilities and beautifying our grounds. Our ongoing mission is to accomplish all of these things while being fiscally prudent with your tax dollars.

Your feedback is most significant to our success. Please participate in our ongoing **Patron Survey** by visiting our website (www.smithlib.org) to help us better understand our community's needs.


Robert Lusak
 Library Director

Smithtown Special Library District 2025 Budget Summary

<u>OVERALL BUDGET</u> <u>PROPOSAL</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>2025</u>
Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 18,106,579
Property Tax	\$ 16,514,443
Other Revenue	\$ 792,785
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 799,351
Total Revenues & Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 18,106,579
Estimated Dollar Change in Annual Taxes	\$ 8.06
Tax Levy Increase within NYS limit	2.10%
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 13,419,700
Library Materials and Programs	\$ 1,296,800
Equipment and Other Capital Outlays	\$ 145,000
Operation and Maintenance of Buildings	\$ 815,000
Other Expenses (supplies, communications, internet, printing, postage, professional fees, etc.)	\$ 886,954
Debt Service-Expansion Referendum Approved	\$ 1,543,125
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,106,579

CALCULATING YOUR TAX*

2025 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate per \$1,000 = \$65.406

EXAMPLE:

\$6,000
Home
Assessed
Value

×

\$65.406
Tax rate per
\$1,000 of
assessed
valuation

+

1,000

=

\$392.44
Proposed
Annual Library
Tax

In the example above, an average house assessed at \$6,000 would pay an annual library tax of \$392.44, an increase of \$8.06 per year (67.1¢ per month)

*based on the most recent data at time of printing

Library Trustee Candidate Information

There are two (2) seats of a seven seat Board, up for election this year both with a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2027. The seats are currently held by Trustees Christopher Sarvis and Theresa Stabile.

The candidates are (listed in alphabetical order):

- Kerri Mahoney**
- Christopher Sarvis**
- Theresa M. Stabile**

Additional information about the candidates can be found on the Library's website.

Who Can Vote?

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

Voter Registration

New York State Voter registration forms can be obtained in-person or online through the Suffolk County Board of Elections, at a U.S. post office or at any open Smithtown Library building.

Voting by Absentee / Early Mail Ballots

The Library's Absentee / Early Mail Ballot Application may be obtained at the Reference Desks at any open Smithtown Library building or online through the Library's website at www.smithlib.org.

Where do I Vote?

Due to catastrophic flooding, the Smithtown Building is closed, therefore, in-person voting takes place at the Commack, Kings Park and Nesconset Buildings of the Smithtown Special Library District on Tuesday, October 15 from 9:30am-9:00pm. All voters assigned to the Smithtown Building will vote at the Nesconset Building. Your polling site is determined by your home address and the Suffolk County election districts. Instructions on how to determine your polling site is available on our website.

Please visit the Library's website at www.smithlib.org or call our Administration office at (631) 360-2489 for more details.



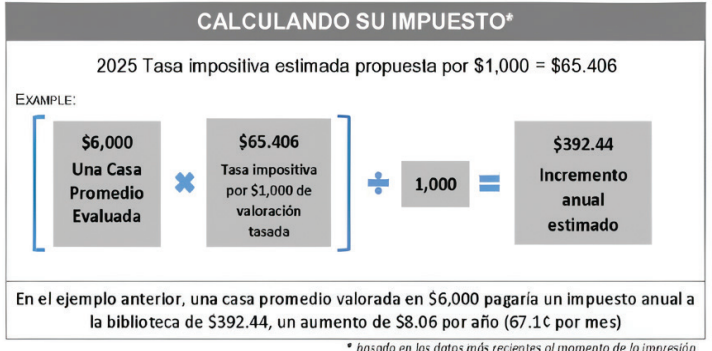
Mensaje a la comunidad

Desde 1907, la Biblioteca de Smithtown se ha dedicado a brindar servicios sobresalientes a nuestra comunidad. La implementación de servicios y programación educativa, informativa, digital y cultural de alta calidad siempre ha sido nuestro objetivo número uno. La Junta de la Biblioteca, la Administración y el personal tienen mucho cuidado en mantener las instalaciones modernas y embellecer nuestros terrenos. Nuestra misión continua es lograr todas estas cosas mientras somos fiscalmente prudentes con el dinero de sus impuestos. Sus comentarios son muy importantes para nuestro éxito. Participe en nuestra **Encuesta de Clientes** visitando nuestro sitio web www.smithlib.org para ayudarnos a comprender mejor las necesidades de nuestra comunidad.

Smithtown Special Library District Resumen del presupuesto para 2025


Robert Lusak
 Library Director

<u>PRESUPUESTO GENERAL</u> <u>PROPUESTA</u>	<u>Propuesto</u> <u>2025</u>
Importe total presupuestado	\$ 18,106,579
Impuesto sobre la Propiedad	\$ 16,514,443
Otros Ingresos	\$ 792,785
Saldo de fondos asignado	\$ 799,351
Ingresos totales y saldo del fondo apropiado	\$ 18,106,579
Cambio Estimado en Dólares en Impuestos Anuales	\$ 8.06
Aumento de los impuestos dentro del límite de NYS	2.10%
Sueldos y beneficios para empleados	\$ 13,419,700
Materiales y programas de la biblioteca	\$ 1,296,800
Equipamiento y otros gastos de capital	\$ 145,000
Operación y Mantenimiento de Edificios	\$ 815,000
Otros Gastos (suministros, comunicaciones, seguridad, impresión, franqueo, honorarios profesionales, etc.)	\$ 886,954
Referéndum de expansión del servicio de la deuda aprobado	\$ 1,543,125
Total de Gastos	\$ 18,106,579



Biblioteca Fiduciario candidato información

Hay dos (2) puestos, de una Junta de siete puestos, que se elegirán este año, ambos con un mandato de tres años que comienza el 1 de enero de 2025 y finaliza el 31 de diciembre de 2027.

Los puestos están ocupados actualmente por los fideicomisarios Christopher Sarvis y Theresa Stabile.

Los candidatos son (enumerados en orden alfabético):

Kerri Mahoney
Christopher Sarvis
Theresa M. Stabile

Se puede encontrar información adicional sobre los candidatos en el sitio web de la Biblioteca.

¿Quién puede votar?

Residentes del Smithtown especial biblioteca distrito inscritos para votar en la Junta de elecciones del Condado de Suffolk.

Registro de votantes

Los formularios de registro de votantes del estado de Nueva York se pueden obtener en persona o en línea a través de la Junta Electoral del Condado de Suffolk, en una oficina de correos de EE. UU. o en cualquier edificio de la Biblioteca Smithtown.

Votación por Correo Ausente / Boletas Anticipadas por Correo

La Solicitud de Boleta de Voto en Ausencia / Correo Anticipado de la Biblioteca se puede obtener en los Escritorios de Referencia en los cuatro edificios de nuestra Biblioteca o en línea a través del sitio web de la Biblioteca en www.smithlib.org.

¿Dónde voto?

Debido a inundaciones catastróficas, el edificio Smithtown está cerrado, por lo tanto, la votación en persona se llevará a cabo en los edificios Commack, Kings Park y Nesconset del Distrito de Bibliotecas Especiales de Smithtown el martes 15 de octubre de 9:30 a.m. a 9:00 p.m.

Todos los votantes asignados al Edificio Smithtown votarán en el Edificio Nesconset. Su sitio de votación está determinado por la dirección de su casa y los distritos electorales del condado de Suffolk. Las instrucciones sobre cómo determinar su sitio de votación están disponibles en nuestro sitio web.

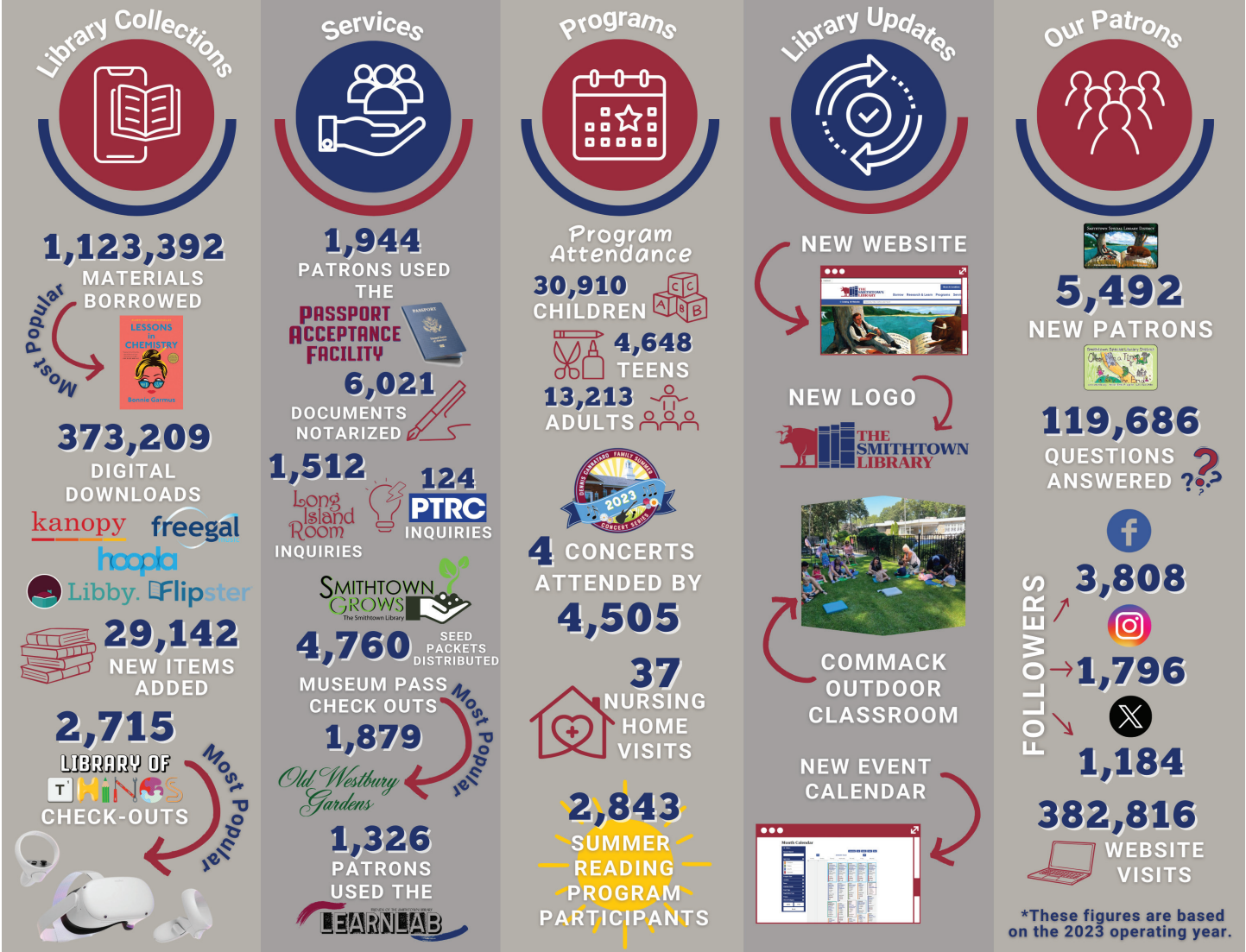
Visite el sitio web de la Biblioteca en www.smithlib.org o llame a nuestra oficina de administración al (631) 360-2489 para obtener más detalles.



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Smithtown Building & Long Island Room
Closed until Further Notice
 1 North Country Road
 Smithtown, NY 11787
Commack Building
 3 Indian Head Road
 Commack, NY 11725
Kings Park Building
 1 Church Street
 Kings Park, NY 11754

Nesconset Building Administration / Business Office, Patent and Trademark Resource Center* & Passport Acceptance Facility*
 148 Smithtown Boulevard
 Nesconset, NY 11767
**Temporarily relocated*

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