

Dear Community Members,

The South Huntington Public Library's budget vote and trustee election will be held Tuesday, April 11th from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. in the meeting room on the lower level. Incumbent Pat Dillon is running for re-election to a five-year term.

In 2022, our library had the distinction of being certified sustainable as part of the nationally recognized Sustainable Libraries Initiative. Through this step-by-step process, we revised and/or implemented policies and procedures to make our library more environmentally sound, socially equitable and fiscally responsible. As a direct result, we were able to hold the line on tax increases for the past three years as our community suffered through a worldwide pandemic.

The proposed operating budget for 2023-24 continues our tradition of fiscal responsibility and stays well under the New York State tax cap. The proposed increase of one percent enables the library to remain an excellent value for the community by providing both traditional and innovative library materials, programs and services for all ages at the lowest possible cost. The proposed budget considers the changing library landscape where we encounter increased demand for e-books, technology classes, community programs and wireless Internet access as we continue to engage, energize and empower our community.

For the average homeowner of property assessed at \$3,300, the annual library tax bill would be approximately \$475.54, an increase of \$4.66 for the year, or about 38 cents per month.

Please vote on April 11th to ensure you have a say in the quality of library service that will be available to you and your family.

As we look forward to spring, I hope to see many of you enjoying all our library has to offer.

Janet Scherer
Library Director