

Dear Community Members,

The South Huntington Public Library's budget vote and trustee election will be held Tuesday, April 16 from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. in the meeting room on the lower level. Incumbent Trustee Eileen Sullivan is running for re-election to a five-year term.

The proposed operating budget for 2024-25 maintains our history of fiscal responsibility and providing both traditional and innovative library materials, programs and services for all ages at the lowest possible cost. The spending plan balances the ever-changing library landscape with benefits such as additional programming, which is presented in a newsletter that is larger and more readable.

We have also upgraded our facility with more study space on the mezzanine level, and this spring we are scheduled to install a more efficient HVAC system. The recent addition of unarmed security guards maintains a safe and pleasant atmosphere and adds a layer of protection for both patrons and staff. The proposed budget also allows us to continue our sustainability goals of being environmentally sound, socially equitable and fiscally responsible as we engage, energize and empower our community, while remaining below the New York State tax cap.

For the average South Huntington homeowner with property assessed at \$3,300, the annual library tax bill is estimated to be \$485.11, an increase of \$9.57 for the year, or 79 cents per month.

Please vote on April 16 to ensure you have a say in the quality of library services that will be available to you and your family.

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

Janet Scherer
Library Director