

HAMPTON BAYS PUBLIC LIBRARY



bridge to life long learning

Growing With Our Community:

Hampton Bays Library Building Program

At a Crossroad

Over the last several years the library has continually spent unbudgeted money on major repairs of aging and failing infrastructure and equipment. Our parking lot is dangerous and is often filled to capacity. Our Children's Department is overcrowded on a regular basis. There is demand for more program and meeting space. Our heating and cooling systems have been pieced together over several expansions and are inefficient and outmoded. We have maximized the use of all available space. The proposal for a new building including the acquisition of an adjacent property, will allow us to address all of these needs and continue to serve the informational, research, technological, recreational and entertainment needs of the community, and to remain in our current location.

History of the Library

The Hampton Bays Public Library opened on April 29, 1960 in a store-front on Main Street. That year, the Association purchased the library's present site. The NY Telephone Co. donated and moved a portion of their old building to the site which was expanded. On September 16, 1963, the library opened its doors at 52 Ponquogue Avenue. Since then, the building has been modified several times. In 2003, the library completed a major renovation and expansion that increased it to its current size of approximately 21,000 square feet.

Information Meetings to be held in the Library:

Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm
Saturday, April 16 at 4 pm
Saturday, April 23 at 10 am
Monday, May 9 at 3:30 pm

Thursday, May 12 at 7 pm
Saturday, May 21 at 10 am
Tuesday, June 7 at 6 pm*
* Childcare available

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Library Building Program Process

In 2013, the Board of Trustees retained Tuckahoe-based Sandpebble Project Management to conduct a complete review and study of the facility. Sandpebble's assessment clearly showed that the building needed extensive, expensive and essential repairs and infrastructure updates. Since the operating budget could not support the requisite expense, the board decided to engage the public through a series of community workshops to help resolve problems.

Community Workshops

In 2015, the Board of Trustees hosted a series of five workshops to determine which direction the community wanted to pursue for the future of the Hampton Bays Public Library. The library director additionally met with community groups to secure their feedback on a direction for the library. The majority of attendees at these meetings favored a new building on the current site over continued repairs.

Goals of the Project

Backed by an extensive study, comprehensive planning and community input, the Hampton Bays Public Library's Board of Trustees, administration and staff developed a proposed library building program that will enable us to effectively address:

- *More and flexible space*



“ ... an inviting, fully accessible public building. ”

- *Thermal comfort* – a significant shortcoming of the existing building – via a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system



- *More and safer parking* from 70 currently to approximately 101



- *Improved layout* and interior traffic flow and increasing programming/ educational/meeting spaces and staff offices

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Goals of the Project *(continued)*

- *Enhanced interior lighting* and maximizing the use of natural daylight where possible
- *Upgrading security*
- *Updated furniture, shelving, finishings and more*
- *Relocating the book drop to ground level*
- *Using energy efficient materials and cost-effective building systems to reduce energy needs and save money for years to come*



As conceptualized, the expanded Hampton Bays Public Library will accommodate our current and future needs for the next 100 years and will be an inviting, fully accessible public building that is the informational, cultural and recreational center of the Hampton Bays community.



Hampton Bays Public Library at a Glance

	2004	2015
Library visits	78,500	155,000
Materials checked out	100,331	134,004
Adult program sessions	32	1,112
Children’s program sessions	296	300
Teen program sessions	52	210
Other programs	30	357
Program attendees	5,104	24,617
eBook & audio book titles available for download	None	145,979
Online homework help available 7 days	No	Yes
24/7 access to eBooks, audio books, eMagazines	No	Yes

Questions and Answers

In this Internet Age, with information available with a click of a button, why should we be expanding our facility?

Public libraries are institutions of lifelong learning where people of all ages can celebrate the library as a community center where people can congregate, think and interact with each other in an open and friendly environment. While information may be “available at the click of a button” for some, there are many more for whom the guidance and instruction by professional librarians is essential. The Hampton Bays Public Library strives to meet the informational, educational, cultural, professional and recreational needs of our patrons of all ages by providing traditional, current and popular materials and innovative programs and services that are not available on the Internet.

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Questions and Answers *(continued)*

Why are we proposing a library building program at this time?

In 2013, the Hampton Bays Public Library Board of Trustees commissioned an assessment of the facility to identify the known and potential up-coming building maintenance items and their projected costs. This was in response to their ongoing experience of having to continually tap into the annual operating budget to pay for building repairs. As a result of this study, the aging structural building, informational meetings to gather patron input and careful consideration by the board, a bond referendum vote was scheduled for June 14, 2016.

Have residents been invited to participate in the planning process?

Yes, in 2015, the Board of Trustees hosted a series of very well-attended public workshops to determine which direction the community wanted to pursue for the future of the Hampton Bays Public Library and how much they would be willing to pay in additional library taxes. These public meetings were held on April 25, August 19, August 25, September 3, and September 14, 2015. In addition, the library director and board members met with several community groups to secure their feedback on a proposed direction for the proposed library building program.

The Board of Trustees and the library director and staff greatly appreciate your input and assistance during the initial stages of this planning process, and we look forward to continuing to receive your input on the library's proposed building program going forward.

What is the cost of the proposed library building program?

The proposed library building program is estimated to cost approximately \$15.8 million. We will seek the most cost-effective options with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York as well as other local funding options. We also will be seeking state and federal grants and other potential funding options to enhance the project.

Will the library be closed for any period of time during the construction?

The library will remain open during construction, but we do anticipate some service interruption. Our proposed library building program plan calls for a phased approach to changing the footprint of the building, whereby construction will take place on one half of the building while the other half of

“ How will my taxes be affected? ”

the building remains operational and vice versa. Library patrons will continue to have access to a majority of the materials, services and programs currently available. We will be planning carefully to avoid major service interruptions.

How long will construction take?

If the bond referendum passes, construction would be scheduled to start around September 2017 and to conclude approximately 24 months later.

Will the new building feature energy efficient materials and systems?

The proposed library building program will actively pursue the use of energy efficient materials and systems, which will reduce our energy needs as well as save money for years to come.

How do I get more information regarding this proposed library building program?

More information about the proposed library building program is available in the library as well as on our website – www.hamptonbayslibrary.org

When and Where do I vote?

The Vote will take place at the Hampton Bays Public Library on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm.

How Will My Taxes Be Affected?

Projected Costs

- Proposed Bond Referendum.....\$15,800,000
- Annual debt service not to exceed\$1,027,813

Assessed Value	Annual Increase*	Cost per Month	Cost per Day
\$300,000	\$96.64	\$8.05	\$.027
\$350,000	\$112.75	\$9.40	\$0.31
\$400,000	\$128.86	\$10.74	\$0.36



Mission Statement

The Hampton Bays Public Library serves our community by providing educational, cultural and recreational resources for lifelong learning.

Hampton Bays Public Library

52 Ponquogue Avenue
Hampton Bays, NY 11946-0207
631-728-6241 \ <http://hamptonbayslibrary.org>

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Board of Trustees

Madeline O'Keefe, President
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Voter Information. You must be a registered voter in order to vote in this referendum.

Voter Registration: Voter registration forms are available at the Office of the School District Clerk at 86 East Argonne Rd., weekdays from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and in the Library during all hours open.

Absentee Ballots: Applications and information may be obtained at the Office of the School District Clerk.

Voting will take place in the Library on Tuesday, June 14 at 10:00 am to 9:00 pm.