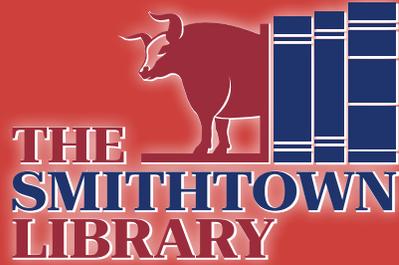


The Spotlight



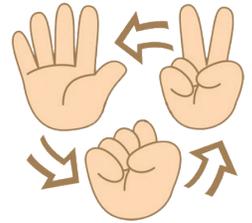
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Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament

On August 12, teens entering grades 6-12 turned out to compete, volunteer, cheer-on and be cheered-on at the Library's 7th Annual Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament. Volunteer teen referees in striped racing bibs kept order over the competition. After receiving instructions, new friends and old were off competing. Referees made sure players were in sync as they primed their fists attempting to throw their hands simultaneously. Teens pinned their hopes on luck, strategy or both as the results were tallied. The atmosphere, while competitive, was mostly light with cheer and laughter. Interviews of finalists **Austin** and **Ananya** drew guffaws from the audience. "What did you have to sacrifice in order to train for this event?" asked host **Will Salas**, "I had to give up my house!" replied eventual champion Austin. Results are as follows: Champion **Austin**, 2nd place **Ananya**, 3rd place **Isabel** and 4th place **Srihas**. 2nd, 3rd and 4th place trophies were created in the Library's LearnLab. A great time was had by all!



2023 Friends of The Smithtown Library Scholarship

The Friends of The Smithtown Library, a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Library, has awarded its 15th annual scholarship. This scholarship is awarded annually to graduating Smithtown Library cardholders. The first place scholarship was presented to Smithtown High School East graduate **Taylor Saar**; second place was presented to Smithtown High School East graduate **Emerson Cozine**. Taylor Saar is attending Penn State College. She is no stranger to The Smithtown Library, participating in over 400 hours of volunteer work at the Nesconset Building including Kindness Cards, Bookmark Volunteers, Washkits, Paracord Bracelets and more. She also volunteered her time for the Red Cross and Long Island Cares. Emerson Cozine will be attending Loyola University Maryland this fall. She was awarded the Girl Scout Silver Award, has years of experience volunteering at summer camps and was involved in leadership activities in her school. The Friends, along with The Smithtown Library congratulate these two young women on this award and wish them much success in their future endeavors.



Pictured (left to right): Friends Scholarship Chair Agatha Monteleone, Friends President Anthony Monteleone, Taylor Saar, Emerson Cozine

2023 Battle of the Books

Congratulations to our Library's Battle teams that participated on August 12 at the Hyatt Regency in Hauppauge at the **2023 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 teams with 21 teens in total, as well as three assistant coaches. Our four teams were **The Nesconset Criaturas**, **The Chicken Coop (Smithtown)**, **The Kings Park Musketeers** and **The Mystery of the Gummy Bookworms (Commack)**. The Smithtown-Nesconset Team walked away with the award, which was presented to the group showing the most team spirit. Thanks to our Teen Librarians for another successful year!



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Commack • Fort Salonga • Hauppauge • Head of the Harbor • Kings Park • Nesconset
Nissequogue • Saint James • Smithtown • Village of the Branch

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.

As we look forward to 2024, our goals are to expand on the services that have been successful. This includes our seed library Smithtown Grows, the Library of Things Collection, digital downloads, streaming services and our makerspace (LearnLab), just to name a few. New services that we are planning to introduce include a podcasting/recording studio, outdoor environmental learning area, improvements to the lower level at our Smithtown Building and more.

We hope you will visit your Library often to take full advantage of all that we have available for you. Please remember to come out and vote on Tuesday, October 10.



Robert Lusak
Library Director

2024 Budget Vote and Trustee Election Tuesday, October 10, 2023 • 9:30am-9:00pm

The 2024 Budget

The Library Board's goal is to adopt a budget that is balanced with an emphasis on service, resources and fiscal prudence.

Who Can Vote?

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

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 and the Library's website.

Votación del presupuesto de la biblioteca y elección del administrador

Martes, 10 de octubre de 2023 • 9:30-21:00

El presupuesto de 2024

El objetivo de la Junta de la Biblioteca es adoptar un presupuesto equilibrado con énfasis en el servicio, los recursos y la prudencia fiscal.

¿Quién puede votar?

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

Registro de votantes

Información y formularios de inscripción de votante se pueden obtener a través de la Junta de elecciones, la oficina de correos o cualquier edificio de la biblioteca de Smithtown del Condado de Suffolk.

Votación en ausencia

Las solicitudes de boleta de voto en ausencia de la biblioteca de Smithtown están disponibles en todos los edificios de la biblioteca de Smithtown y en el sitio web de la biblioteca.

Library Trustee Candidate Information

The Smithtown Library Board of Trustees will have four (4) seats, of a seven seat Board, up for election this year. Two seats will possess the standard three-year term commencing on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026. The remaining two seats are currently being served by interim appointees due to the resignations of previously elected Trustees. Therefore, the candidates who are elected to these two seats will serve the remainder of the terms - October 11, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

Per the statute that governs the Smithtown Special Library District, no vacancy on the Board is considered to be a separate specific office. Therefore, the number of votes a candidate garners will determine the length of his/her term. The highest two receivers of votes will serve the standard 3-year terms. The 3rd and 4th highest receivers of votes will serve from October 11, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

Biblioteca Fiduciario candidato información

La Junta Directiva de la Biblioteca Smithtown tendrá cuatro (4) puestos, de una Junta de siete puestos, que se elegirá este año. Dos puestos poseerán el mandato estándar de tres años que comenzará el 1 de enero de 2024 y finalizará el 31 de diciembre de 2026. Los dos puestos restantes actualmente están siendo ocupados por personas designadas interinamente debido a las renuncias de los Fideicomisarios elegidos previamente. Por lo tanto, los candidatos elegidos para estos dos escaños cumplirán el resto del mandato: del 11 de octubre de 2023 al 31 de diciembre de 2024.

Según el estatuto que rige el Distrito de Bibliotecas Especiales de Smithtown, ninguna vacante en la Junta se considera un cargo específico separado. Por lo tanto, el número de votos que obtenga un candidato determinará la duración de su mandato. Los dos receptores con mayor número de votos cumplirán los mandatos estándar de 3 años. El tercer y cuarto mayor receptor de votos desempeñarán sus funciones desde el 11 de octubre de 2023 hasta el 31 de diciembre de 2024.

2024 Budget Vote and Trustee Election

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Smithtown Special Library District 2024 Budget Summary

<u>OVERALL BUDGET</u> <u>PROPOSAL</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>2024</u>
Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 17,292,960
Property Tax	\$ 16,174,934
Other Revenue	\$ 653,202
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 464,824
Total Revenues & Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 17,292,960
Estimated Dollar Change in Annual Taxes	\$ 8.22
Tax Levy Increase within NYS limit	2.27%
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 12,513,700
Library Materials and Programs	\$ 1,300,800
Equipment and Other Capital Outlays	\$ 145,000
Operation and Maintenance of Buildings	\$ 766,000
Other Expenses (supplies, communications, internet, printing, postage, professional fees, etc.)	\$ 1,026,210
Debt Service-Expansion Referendum Approved	\$ 1,541,250
Total Expenditures	\$ 17,292,960

CALCULATING YOUR TAX*

2023/24 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate per \$1,000 = \$64.063

EXAMPLE:



In the example above, an average house assessed at \$6,000 would pay an annual library tax of \$384.38, an increase of \$8.22 per year (68.5¢ per month)

*based on the most recent data at time of printing

Smithtown Special Library District Resumen del presupuesto para 2024

<u>PRESUPUESTO GENERAL</u> <u>PROPUESTA</u>	<u>PROPUESTO</u> <u>2024</u>
Importe total presupuestado	\$ 17,292,960
Impuesto sobre la Propiedad	\$ 16,174,934
Otros Ingresos	\$ 653,202
Saldo de fondos asignado	\$ 464,824
Ingresos totales y saldo del fondo apropiado	\$ 17,292,960
Cambio Estimado en Dólares en Impuestos Anuales	\$ 8.22
Aumento de los impuestos dentro del límite de NYS	2.27%
Sueldos y beneficios para empleados	\$ 12,513,700
Materiales y programas de la biblioteca	\$ 1,300,800
Equipamiento y otros gastos de capital	\$ 145,000
Operación y Mantenimiento de Edificios	\$ 766,000
Otros Gastos (suministros, comunicaciones, seguridad, impresión, franqueo, honorarios profesionales, etc.)	\$ 1,026,210
Referéndum de expansión del servicio de la deuda aprobado	\$ 1,541,250
Total de Gastos	\$ 17,292,960

CALCULANDO SU IMPUESTO*

2023/24 Tasa impositiva estimada propuesta por \$1,000 = \$64.063

EXAMPLE:



En el ejemplo anterior, una casa promedio valorada en \$6,000 pagaría un impuesto anual a la biblioteca de \$384.38, un aumento de \$8.22 por año (68.5¢ por mes)

* basado en los datos más recientes al momento de la impresión

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



Por favor visite el sitio web de la biblioteca en www.smithlib.org o llame a nuestra oficina de administración en (631)360-2489 para más detalles.

Library Trustee Candidate Information

The candidates are (listed in ballot position order):

1. Barbara Deal
2. Hector Gavilla
3. Theresa M. Stabile
4. Lucian T. Durso
5. Brianna Baker-Stines
6. JoAnn Lynch
7. Christopher Sarvis
8. Vanest Avergel

Candidate bios are available on the Library's website.

Biblioteca Fiduciario candidato información

Los candidatos son (enumerados en el orden de la posición de votación):

1. Barbara Deal
2. Hector Gavilla
3. Theresa M. Stabile
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5. Brianna Baker-Stines
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7. Christopher Sarvis
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Las biografías de los candidatos están disponibles en el sitio web de la Biblioteca.

