

The Spotlight



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2022 Friends of The Smithtown Library Scholarship

On Thursday, July 7 the Friends of The Smithtown Library, a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Library, awarded its annual scholarship at the first concert of the Dennis Cannataro Family Summer Concert Series. This scholarship is awarded annually to graduating Smithtown Library cardholders; there were 13 applicants for this year's scholarship. The first place scholarship was presented to Smithtown High School East graduate **Emily Garry**; second place was presented to Smithtown High School West graduate **Josie Muratore**.

Emily Garry will be attending Fairfield University in the fall. She has had a love of libraries since a young age when she first joined the Summer Reading Program. Emily could not wait to come each week and check off another completed book on her chart. Because of this experience Emily served as a teen volunteer for the Summer Reading Program, which led her to become a Page at The Smithtown Library's Nesconset Building.

Josie Muratore will be attending Providence College in the fall. She also is no stranger to the Library's Summer Reading Program. Josie couldn't wait each week to talk about the books she had read and earn a new prize. When she was looking for volunteer experience, Josie's first choice was being a Summer Reading Program volunteer where she volunteered for two summers.

The Friends, along with The Smithtown Library congratulate these two young women on their award and wish them much success in their future endeavors.



Pictured (left to right): Library Director Robert Lusak, Friends Scholarship Chair Agatha Monteleone, Emily Garry, Josie Muratore, Friends President Anthony Monteleone, Legislator Robert Trotta and Librarian William Salas.

Dennis Cannataro Family Summer Concert Series Returns



After a two year hiatus, the **Dennis Cannataro Family Summer Concert Series** returned to the front lawn of the Smithtown Building on July 7 with a performance by **Just Sixties**. These shows ran for a total of six weeks where patrons enjoyed musical tributes to **Fleetwood Mac**, **Tom Petty**, **The Beach Boys**, **Billy Joel** and more.

The concert series, which has spanned nearly two decades has become one of the most anticipated events within our Library system. Hundreds of individuals and families gathered on the front lawn to listen, sing and dance. This year, local food trucks also parked on the lawn to provide a variety of options to our patrons. The Smithtown Library thanks **Legislator Robert Trotta**, who helped make these popular concerts possible by obtaining a Suffolk County Omnibus Grant for the series.

Suffolk County Library Association's ELSA Award

This year the annual **Suffolk County Library Association's ELSA** award was awarded to Smithtown Library employee **Stephanie Liuzzo**, a Page at our Nesconset Building since 2018. The ELSA award is designed to recognize dedication to public service demonstrated by any staff member of a public, school, special or academic library. Nominations are submitted throughout Suffolk County by library staff and patrons. Stephanie is the true definition of excellence, teamwork and thoughtfulness. She graciously accepts all work tasks and completes them with the greatest attention to detail. Stephanie is thorough, kind and has the most caring heart. Whenever she hears the news that a staff member is expecting a child, she immediately begins knitting a baby blanket for the family. Her energy and devotion to the Library and its staff members is second to none. Stephanie is a true asset to the Library and we are honored to have her at The Smithtown Library.



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2023 Budget Vote and Trustee Election

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 • 9:30am-9:00pm

The Smithtown Library recognizes that like other communities around the world, our community has been deeply impacted by the events of the past few years. This year we continued to provide online services and offerings, along with our in person services. The Library is discovering new ways to connect with and support our community. As we look forward and plan for 2023, we will continue to look for ways the Library can implement high quality, educational, informational and cultural services to the entire community to enjoy.

Smithtown Special Library District 2023 Budget Summary

<u>OVERALL BUDGET</u> <u>PROPOSAL</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>2023</u>
Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 17,434,000
Property Tax	\$ 15,816,499
Other Revenue	\$ 587,902
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 1,029,599
Total Revenues & Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 17,434,000
Estimated Dollar Change in Annual Taxes	\$ 8.19
Tax Levy Increase within NYS limit	2.16%
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 12,601,400
Library Materials and Programs	\$ 1,278,800
Equipment and Other Capital Outlays	\$ 295,825
Operation and Maintenance of Buildings	\$ 728,300
Other Expenses (supplies, communications, internet, printing, postage, professional fees, etc.)	\$ 988,425
Debt Service-Expansion Referendum Approved	\$ 1,541,250
Total Expenditures	\$ 17,434,000

Smithtown Special Library District Resumen del presupuesto para 2023

<u>PRESUPUESTO GENERAL</u> <u>PROPUESTA</u>	<u>Propuesto</u> <u>2023</u>
Importe total presupuestado	\$ 17,434,000
Impuesto sobre la Propiedad	\$ 15,816,499
Otros Ingresos	\$ 587,902
Saldo de fondos asignado	\$ 1,029,599
Ingresos totales y saldo del fondo apropiado	\$ 17,434,000
Cambio Estimado en Dólares en Impuestos Anuales	\$ 8.19
Aumento de los impuestos dentro del límite de NYS	2.16%
Sueldos y beneficios para empleados	\$ 12,601,400
Materiales y programas de la biblioteca	\$ 1,278,800
Equipamiento y otros gastos de capital	\$ 295,825
Operación y Mantenimiento de Edificios	\$ 728,300
Otros Gastos (suministros, comunicaciones, seguridad, impresión, franqueo, honorarios profesionales, etc.)	\$ 988,425
Referéndum de expansión del servicio de la deuda aprobado	\$ 1,541,250
Total de Gastos	\$ 17,434,000

CALCULATING YOUR TAX: The library tax rate is expressed as dollars and cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The tax rate is estimated at 62.693 per \$1,000 assessed valuation; an average house assessed at \$6,000 would pay an annual library tax of \$376.16, an increase of \$8.19 per year (69¢ per month).

Example: \$6,000 assessed value ÷ \$1,000 = 6
6 x 62.693 tax rate = \$376.16 annual library tax

CALCULANDO SU IMPUESTO: La tasa de impuestos de la biblioteca se expresa en dólares y centavos por \$1,000 de valoración evaluada. El tipo impositivo se estima en 62.693 por valoración evaluada de \$1,000 dólares; una casa promedio evaluada en \$6,000 pagaría un impuesto anual de la biblioteca de \$376.16, un aumento de \$8.19 por año (69¢ por mes).

Ejemplo: \$6,000 valor evaluado ÷ \$1,000 = 6
6 x 62.693 tipos impositivos a \$376.16 impuestos anuales de la biblioteca

For more details on the Library's Budget Vote and Trustee Election, please visit the Library's website at www.smithlib.org or call our Administration Office at (631) 360-2489.

Para obtener más detalles sobre el voto presupuestario y la elección del fideicomisario de la biblioteca, visite el sitio web de la biblioteca en www.smithlib.org o llame a nuestra oficina de administración al (631) 360-2489.



A Message from the Library Director

I am delighted in hearing that so many of you in the community enjoyed our **Summer Reading Programs**. Over 2,700 adults, young adults and children participated. Congratulations to our Library's Battle teams that participated in the **2022 Battle of the Books** on August 13. The Suffolk County Battle of the Books program is an inter-library competition between teams of teens focused on six young adult novels. We had 14 teens participate. Our three teams were **The Nessie Adventurers**, **The Nesconset Potato Chips** and **The Kool-Aid Jammers**. Thanks to our Teen Librarians **Katie Brand**, **Rachel Cecchini**, **Lindsay Christ** and **Colleen Navins** for a successful year.

The parking lot and lighting project at our Smithtown Building is now complete. It looks fantastic, increased the number of parking spaces and most importantly it has provided a much safer entry and exit to the grounds.

Please join us on November 5th when the Library will hold it's annual **SmithCon** event at our Smithtown Building from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Celebrate your favorite fandom and come to our Library comic-con in costume. There will be games, activities, crafts and programs for the whole family to enjoy. Don't miss out on all the fun!

We hope you will visit your Library often to take full advantage of all we have available for you and please remember to come out and vote on Tuesday, October 11.



Robert Lusak
Library Director

2023 Budget Vote and Trustee Election

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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.

Library Trustee Candidate Information

The candidates are (listed in ballot position order):

1. Joseph Gregurich
2. Lucian T. Durso
3. Barbara Deal
4. Carol Katz
5. Charles Fisher
6. Helene Stein
7. Howard Knispel
8. Theresa M. Stabile
9. Annette Galarza
10. Anita Dowd-Neufeld
11. JoAnn Lynch
12. Deborah J. Roberts
13. Frank Chester
14. Michael Gannon
15. Mildred Bernstein

Candidate bios are available on the Library's website.

Votación de presupuesto

Martes, 11 de octubre de 2022 • 9:30-21:00

¿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

Aplicaciones de boleta Smithtown Library están disponibles en todos los edificios de biblioteca Smithtown.

Biblioteca Fiduciario candidato información

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

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Las biografías de los candidatos están disponibles en el sitio web de la Biblioteca.

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