



Patchogue-Medford Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election

This budget is in compliance with the NYS tax cap.

	Current 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027
LIBRARY CLASSES AND EVENTS	304,978	308,337
LIBRARY MATERIALS	589,600	509,600
LIBRARY OPERATIONS		
Furniture & Computer Equipment	107,957	110,116
Supplies	65,899	70,855
Professional Fees	57,507	59,371
Computer Services	131,000	134,975
Furniture & Equipment Maintenance	29,500	30,010
Postage	21,000	24,000
Staff Development	25,900	25,900
Printing/Public Information	49,000	49,000
Cooperative Services	100,000	90,000
Mileage	3,500	3,500
Unclassified	750	750
BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE		
Electricity	115,000	115,000
Water	4,570	4,900
Telecommunications	71,000	71,000
Fuel	26,010	26,530
Sanitation Services	65,280	65,280
Building Equipment & Maintenance	117,300	119,646
Insurance	123,000	123,000
Sewer Assessment	28,000	28,000
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	5,497,198	5,763,557
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
NYS Retirement	650,250	720,250
Social Security	398,820	440,000
Health Insurance	1,131,600	1,304,552
Unemployment Insurance	10,200	10,200
Disability Insurance	7,500	7,500
Workers Compensation	58,218	58,218
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	9,790,537	10,274,047
Less Anticipated Revenues	135,000	135,000
Transfer from fund balance		142,216
Amount to be raised by taxes	9,655,537	9,996,831



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ONLY AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Tuesday, April 14

Stop by from 9:30 am-8 pm to cast your paper ballot. Budget information can be found on the back page.

Public Information Meeting & Meet the Candidates

Tuesday, March 31 at 6 pm

A WORD FROM THE CANDIDATES

Amanda Sanford

As a lifelong resident of Patchogue, the library has been a second home to me for as long as I can remember. Some of my fondest childhood memories center around participating in our library's Summer Reading Program, which nurtured my love of reading and learning.

In pursuing my degree in social work, I had the privilege of interning within my home district library. Through this experience, I gained an understanding of the role that library social workers play and of the vast number of services that the Patchogue-Medford Library provides to our community. The most impactful experiences I had as an intern involved facilitating our library's SMART Recovery meetings and supporting our unhoused community members. These experiences, coupled with the welcoming and inclusive environment created by our librarians, staff, and leadership, have inspired my ongoing commitment to working with these populations.

Since graduating with my MSW, I have had the privilege of continuing to facilitate our SMART Recovery meetings and have begun serving the unhoused community through my seat on the Nassau/Suffolk Continuum of Care's Governance Board. As our library continues to expand and evolve, I hope to grow with it.

In seeking a trustee position, I seek to give back to the place that has given me so much through the years. As a social worker, an educator, and a member of this community, it would be an honor to use my skills and passion to serve our patrons in a new capacity.

Andrea Stolz

I am a big fan of our Patchogue-Medford Library! I have loved participating in programs like the Extreme Book Challenge (52 books in 52 weeks) and have also enjoyed using our MakerSpace to make buttons and magnets and to print photos I've exhibited at Arts on Terry. I hold a BA in English from University of Mary Washington, a Family Development Credential from Columbia University and a Graduate Executive Certificate in Digital Media for Social Impact from University of Pennsylvania. I recently finished a career in family advocacy and education as the Executive Director of Long Island Families Together. Today I am the secretary for the Patchogue Lioness Lion's Club, where I coordinate our club's RAP (reading action program) and was last year's Robert Uplinger Award recipient. I feel that I have benefited throughout my life from public libraries—as a child here on Long Island, as a military spouse who moved to new communities regularly, and as a young parent – and now I want to help make sure that others experience those same benefits, too!

Sarah Wasser

I am a dedicated educator and librarian with over fifteen years of experience in public schools. Currently a Library Media Specialist at Syosset High School, I bring a deep understanding of the evolving role of libraries as hubs for learning, technology, and community. My leadership was recently recognized by the American Library Association (ALA) and the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), which named Syosset High School the 2024 National School Library of the Year for creating a national model of community building and student inquiry. Having previously served the local community as a student library trainee at the Patchogue-Medford Library for three years, I possess a unique, firsthand perspective on the needs of our patrons. As a digital humanities scholar and adjunct instructor with a doctorate in Administration and Instructional Leadership, I am eager to leverage my expertise to support the library's mission of providing vital resources for education, culture, and community empowerment, continuing its 125-year legacy of service to all residents.

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