

# HALF HOLLOW HILLS

## COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### Library Budget Vote/Trustee Election

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 | 9:30 AM–9 PM at 55 Vanderbilt Parkway

La información sobre la elección del fideicomisario y el voto del presupuesto de 2024-2025 está disponible en [hhlibrary.org](http://hhlibrary.org)

### Summary of Proposed 2024-25 Library Budget

The Library Trustees are presenting a proposed 2024-2025 budget within the New York State tax cap.

Expenses	Approved 2023-24	Proposed 2024-25
Salaries & Benefits	\$5,805,119	\$6,097,657
New Materials	\$669,413	\$704,413
Building & Computer Equipment	\$105,000	\$95,000
Events & Museum Passes	\$305,400	\$337,111
Continuing Education	\$57,000	\$57,000
Building & Maintenance	\$538,234	\$547,687
Insurance, Legal & Accounting	\$80,737	\$74,348
Operations	\$372,266	\$386,107
Transfer to Capital	\$518,211	\$500,000
Debt Service	\$350,000	\$350,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,801,380</b>	<b>\$9,149,323</b>

Revenue	Approved 2023-24	Proposed 2024-25
Tax Levy	\$8,676,380	\$8,937,523
Passports	\$5,000	\$5,000
Copier/ Sale of Material	\$3,500	\$3,500
Interest	\$0	\$86,800
Donations	\$2,500	\$2,500
Local Government & Library Aid	\$114,000	\$114,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,801,380</b>	<b>\$9,149,323</b>

### 2024-2025 Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election Information

#### Absentee Ballots/Early Voting Applications:

Applications for absentee ballots and early voting may be obtained from Dix Hills and Melville buildings or at the Library website, [hhlibrary.org](http://hhlibrary.org). For additional information, please call **631-498-1250**.

#### Public Information Meeting:

A public information meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:30 PM at the Dix Hills building.

#### Voter Registration Day:

Visit us at the Dix Hills building on Tuesday, April 9, from 9:30 AM–9 PM to register to vote. Fill out a registration form and we will send it to the Suffolk County Board of Elections.

#### Budget Day Events:

**Billy Joel's New York 7 PM (DH) Adults 18 and up**

**Princess Meet & Greet 12 PM–1 PM (DH) Families of all ages**

**Community Service Drop In: Design Tote Bags for a Cause 6 PM–8 PM (DH) Grades 6-12**

### 2023 by the Numbers



**Number of Patrons Who Visited Us**

243,612



**Community Groups**

2,118



**New Library Cards**

3,235



**Community Group Attendance**

21,886



**Database Usage**

183,372



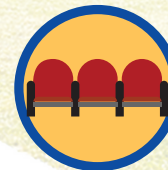
**Events**

2,097



**eBooks/Audiobooks Downloads**

147,762



**Event Attendance**

51,819



**Half Hollow Hills Community Library**  
 55 Vanderbilt Parkway  
 Dix Hills, NY 11746  
[hhlibrary.org](http://hhlibrary.org)

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 U.S. Postage Paid  
 Permit No. 32  
 Huntington Station, NY

**Dix Hills**

**Monday - Friday:** 9:30 AM-9 PM  
**Saturday:** 9:30 AM-5 PM  
**Sunday:** 12 PM-5 PM  
**55 Vanderbilt Parkway**  
**Dix Hills, NY 11746**  
**631-421-4530**

**Library Board of Trustees**

Larry Bloomstein  
 Joyce E. Bush  
 Maxine Cohen  
 Jacob Goldman  
 Wayne Griffith

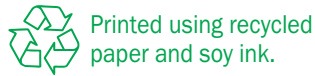
**Melville**

**Monday - Thursday:** 9:30 AM-9 PM  
**Friday & Saturday:** 9:30 AM-5 PM  
**Sunday:** Closed  
**510 Sweet Hollow Road**  
**Melville, NY 11747**  
**631-421-4535**

**Administration**

**Contingent Director:**  
 Margie Hartough

**Editor:** Sharron McDevitt



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2024-2025 Budget Issue

**Postal Patron**

**Candidate for Trustee Joyce E. Bush**



Joyce E. Bush was appointed as Library Trustee from October 2023 to April 2024. She is married to Timothy J. Bush and has resided in the Half Hollow Hills School District for 24 years.

Joyce graduated from Hunter College with a Bachelor of Arts in English Language Arts & Elementary Education (1983) and a Master of Science in Elementary Education (1986). She received her Advanced Certificate in Administration and Supervision from City College (1989) and is now a retired school principal after 15 years of service. Joyce is a member of the Cahn Fellows Alumni of Distinguished Principals and presently an Adjunct Literacy Professor at Touro University.

"I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the board and work with the library administration, staff and community to promote access to diverse, enriching books, and educational resources while providing fiscal accountability to ensure the library operates efficiently and effectively."

**Candidate for Trustee Gregory Laub**



Gregory Laub has been a HHH resident for over 50 years. He worked at the library for 14 years (1986-2000). He started as a student page and was the first Technical Coordinator when he left. He also worked

as a weekend system administrator for the Suffolk County Library System (Bellport). This extensive experience makes him uniquely qualified to best serve the library as an effective trustee.

Gregory earned a PhD and Master's in Information Technology and an MBA. He is currently a Vice President with Flushing Bank for information technology.

"Community libraries should serve the whole community, from birth to seniors. My goal would be to work with patrons, staff, and administrators to best utilize the resources we have, to maintain the smooth operation and excellent reputation of our library. I credit the library for assisting with my academic and professional success. I would like to ensure others have the same opportunity."

**Candidate for Trustee Chanel Parris**



Chanel Parris is a lifelong resident of Wheatley Heights. She is a graduate of Half Hollow Hills East. After high school Chanel attended Dowling College. Currently Chanel is an educator in the Wyandanch

School since 2009 where she has also coached the cheerleading team danced and sang at the various African-American, Hispanic Heritage and Womens' Month programs and performances provided to the district. She is a part of the Half Hollow Hills PTA and has been since her children were in Elementary School. Chanel is and has always been an avid reader. She frequents the library to participate in multiple programs that the library offers for adults as well as for the children as well. She looks forward to being given the opportunity to seek out funding via various sources to enhance our existing building and robust programs to reflect the interests and desires of our diverse community.

**What You Need to Know to Vote**

**Q. Where do I vote?**

**A.** Vote at the library in Dix Hills on Tuesday, April 16 from 9:30 AM-9 PM.

**Q. Who is eligible to vote?**

**A.** All residents of the HHH School District who are currently registered to vote are eligible to vote in the HHH Library budget vote & trustee election. Call Election Clerk Rosemarie Menta at **631-498-1250** for more information.

**Q. I will be away on April 16. Can I get an absentee ballot or vote early?**

**A.** Yes, if you are unable to vote in person, you may apply for an absentee ballot/early voting. Applications for absentee ballots/early voting are available in the library at the Dix Hills building or download at [hhlibrary.org](http://hhlibrary.org).

**Q. Does the budget comply with the tax cap?**

**A.** Yes, the State Comptroller's Office sets the maximum percentage and this budget is in compliance.