

HALF HOLLOW HILLS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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Library Budget Vote/Trustee Election

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 | 9:30 AM-9 PM Chestnut Hill School

Dear Residents



It has been an exciting year for the HHH community. We closed the doors to 55 Vanderbilt Pkwy and new doors opened at Chestnut Hill Elementary School. We are fortunate that Chestnut Hill has the room to continue to serve your library needs such as programming and space for library materials such as books, computers, DVDs, etc. Additionally, we have extended library hours and both branches are now open Friday evenings and Sundays from 12 PM-5 PM.

The budget proposed permits us to offer you a full-service library from Chestnut Hill Elementary School and Melville Branch. It enables funding for library materials and continue programming, as well as expand our very popular and high-demand Hot Spots and museum passes. Forty Hot Spots have circulated more than 580 times in 2018.

Plan to attend the Budget Information Meeting on Monday, March 25 at 7:30 PM to learn more and meet the candidates running for your Library Board of Trustees. Voting will take place at the library in the Chestnut Hill Elementary School. Directions can be found on our website hhhlibrary.org. Please remember to enter from Bagatelle Road. And, don't forget to check our website for updates on your new library.

Your continued support for the library is appreciated.

Helen M. Crosson

Helen M. Crosson, Library Director

2018 by the Numbers

10,982
Helped with
Homework or
Resume
Writing

293,489
Library Visitors

Technology

- 114,309** Website Visitors
- 15,472** Library Computer Users
- 3,823** Social Media Followers
- 99,652** WiFi Users

Items Borrowed

364,762
Books & Audiobooks

- 1,869** Museum Passes
- 99,825** Downloads
- 71,138** Database Uses

Librarians' Outreach

99 Community & School Events
Reaching **2,433** Residents

Social Media Engagement

514,405

Events

2,923 Programs & Meetings
50,052 Attended

Library Card Holders

30,677

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Summary of Proposed 2019-20 Library Budget

The Library Trustees are presenting a proposed 2019-2020 budget within the New York State tax cap.

Expenses	Proposed 2018-19	Proposed 2019-20
Salaries & Benefits	\$5,921,063	\$5,938,664
New Materials	\$547,314	\$567,314
Technology	\$60,000	\$60,000
Events & Museum Passes	\$209,500	\$209,500
Continuing Education	\$57,000	\$57,000
Rent & Maintenance	\$282,150	\$395,250
Insurance, Legal & Accounting	\$71,515	\$72,967
Operations	\$327,125	\$330,125
Debt Service	\$350,000	\$350,000
Total	\$7,825,667	\$7,980,820

Revenue	Proposed 2018-19	Proposed 2019-20
Tax Levy	\$7,645,067	\$7,832,720
Fees & Fines	\$29,600	\$17,100
Interest	\$12,000	\$12,000
Donations	\$25,000	\$5,000
Government Library Aid	\$114,000	\$114,000
Total	\$7,825,667	\$7,980,820

Debt Service Payment Year 2 \$644,303



Half Hollow Hills Community Library
 55 Vanderbilt Parkway
 Dix Hills, NY 11746
hhlibrary.org

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 Permit No. 32
 Huntington Station, NY

Chestnut Hill School

Monday - Friday: 9:30 AM–9 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM–5 PM

Sunday: 12 PM–5 PM

600 S. Service Road

Dix Hills, NY 11746

Library entrance on Bagatelle Rd.

631-421-4530

Library Board of Trustees

Larry Bloomstein, Maxine Roeper Cohen, Jacob Goldman, Bruce Gordon, Wayne Griffith

Editor: Sharron McDevitt

Melville

Monday - Friday: 9:30 AM–9 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM–5 PM

Sunday: 12 PM–5 PM

510 Sweet Hollow Road

Melville, NY 11747

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Administration

Director: Helen M. Crosson

Assistant Director: Charlene Muhr



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Candidates for Trustee



Strongly rooted in this community, Maxine Roeper Cohen is a HHH graduate, as are her three children. Two grandsons start the fourth generation. She served on several PTA committees, and on university and charitable Boards.

After earning her B.S. from Cornell and her M.S. from Syracuse, Maxine taught psychology at SUNY colleges and headed an Executive Scholars program at Polytechnic

University. For fifteen years she has been an Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension, conducting Parenting Workshops in Libraries throughout Suffolk to increase family health and wellness.

Maxine is the President of the Library Board, finishing her first term. Because of her extensive work experience in libraries, Maxine promotes best practices and innovative ideas to the Board. She has led countless meetings related to hiring a director, building plans, and bond passage. She attends library programs to meet district residents and solicit community needs. While providing stability and continuity throughout this transitional time, she is tirelessly dedicated to making our library, her second home, a place of excellence!



Diane Lettieri was President of West Hollow PTA; VP and President of HS East PTSA; currently HSE PTSA Past President. She was committee chair for PRC/Task Force, Publicity and Transportation for HHH PTA Council; currently chairing Board of Education. In 2017, she was awarded an Honorary Life Member, NYS Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. She is a committee member of the Library's "Save a Life" program (4 years, current), and Executive Board member of Hills Fencing Institute.

Diane, her husband and 19-year-old daughter have lived in Dix Hills since August 2007. Diane's daughter is in her second year of college, majoring in English, which Diane attributes to the time spent together surrounded by books at the library, a place where they bonded.

Diane was instrumental campaigning for the new library to residents, even being interviewed on News12. She envisions our new library to be a building for each and every person in HHH. Her vast experience in the community makes her an asset to the Library Board of Trustees.

What You Need to Know to Vote

Q. Where do I vote?

A. You vote at the library in the Chestnut Hill School on Tuesday, April 2 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 Patricia Lynch at **631-498-1248** for more information.

Q. I will be away on April 2. Can I get an absentee ballot?

A. Yes, if you are unable to vote in person, you may apply for an absentee ballot. Applications are available at the library in the Chestnut Hill School, Melville Branch, or download at 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.

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Public Information Meeting:

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