

Dear Community Members,

The South Huntington Public Library's budget vote and trustee election will be held Tuesday, April 8 from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. in the meeting room on the lower level. Incumbent Trustee Stella Fox is running for re-election to a five-year term.

The proposed operating budget for 2025-26 maintains our history of fiscal responsibility and providing both traditional and innovative library materials, programs and services for all ages at the lowest possible cost.

The spending plan balances the ever-changing library landscape with benefits such as additional programming, a more efficient HVAC system and new study space on the mezzanine level. The recent addition of social work services provides access to assistance right here in our community. The proposed budget also allows us to continue our sustainability goals of being environmentally sound, socially equitable and fiscally responsible as we engage, energize and empower our community – all while remaining below the New York State tax cap.

For the average South Huntington homeowner with property assessed at \$3,300, the annual library tax bill is estimated to be \$496.80, an increase of 97 cents per month.

Please vote on April 8 to ensure you have a say in the quality of library services that will be available to you and your family.

As we welcome spring, I hope to see many of you enjoying all our library has to offer.

Janet Scherer
Library Director