



Gold Coast Public Library  
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- Monday – 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
- Tuesday – 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
- Wednesday – 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
- Thursday – 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
- Friday – 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.
- Saturday – 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.
- Sunday – 12-5 P.M. (Closed Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend)

**RESIDENT**

More information at [www.goldcoastlibrary.org/budget](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org/budget)

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# 2019 Gold Coast Public Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election

Important Dates - All Events Held at Library Annex

## LIBRARY BUDGET HEARING

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM

*Sponsored by Friends of the Gold Coast Library*

Wednesday, September 5th 2018 at 7:00pm

Meet the Candidates Forum to  
Immediately Follow Budget Hearing

## BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION\*

Wednesday, September 12th, 2018  
9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

*\*You may vote if you are registered to vote in a General Election and a resident of the Library District for at least 30 days prior to the election. Non-registered voters must register with the Board of Elections by August 20 in order to participate in this election. For more information, contact the Nassau County Board of Elections at (516) 571-2411.*



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## A Message from Your Library Board of Trustees

### Your Gold Coast Public Library is more than just books.

People of all ages use the library to enrich their lives. You and your family visit the library for programs, stop by to enjoy meeting friends and neighbors, and increasingly take advantage of rapidly expanding digital services.

Students from pre-school through high school take full advantage of the programs the Library has developed especially for them including: story times, game nights, craft programs and book discussions. More than 300 children participated in the Summer Reading Program this year. Our iPad Crayon Kiosk allows children of all ages to grow comfortable with technology in educational, fun and social ways.

Our collection, including an expanding set of downloadable e-books and audiobooks, now contains over 56,000 items, including books, music, movies and more. In the past year, circulation surpassed 103,000 borrowings. You now have access to the Library's collection wherever you are, 24 / 7, on your computer, smart phone or tablet. You can borrow more than 50,000 downloadable e-books and audiobooks through the Nassau Digital Doorway.

Attendance at Adult Program offerings continues to increase. We are proud of our growing Art Exhibit program, which provides opportunities for local artists to share their work with the community. The Museum Pass Program is available for you to use at fourteen institutions locally and around the greater Metropolitan area.

One of the major concerns voiced by residents is the lack of quiet seating space for study, reading and reflection. To address this issue, in 2018 the Library added 700 square feet of space at the Library Annex (40 Railroad Avenue). This space has allowed an increasing number of groups in the community to meet at the Library and makes quiet study space available at select times.

Every day we strive to deliver excellent library services at the most reasonable cost. The proposed 2019 Budget developed by the Board of Trustees continues this mission, providing access to additional materials, services and programs. The budget represents a 1.54% increase over 2018, and a 0.17% increase in tax levy (See Next Page for Details).

Your Gold Coast Public Library motto, "Powered by Community" demonstrates the commitment of each of you to the Library. As always, we encourage and welcome your suggestions and comments.

### New Building Initiative Update

As space and parking issues in our current facility persist, the Board of Trustees is continuing its commitment to identify and plan for a new permanent home for the Library. To date, these efforts have not yielded an opportunity that would justify a presentation to the community. Should a realistic opportunity for a new Library location arise, as your elected representatives, we will provide you with all the information needed to make an informed decision on any proposal. No project will move forward without the consent of the community.

## 2019 Proposed Budget Overview

Expenses	Approved 2018	Revised 2018	Proposed 2019
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,067,700	\$1,067,700	\$1,097,650
Materials Collection	\$279,200	\$279,200	\$ 282,300
Operating Expenses	\$136,900	\$136,900	\$149,250
Building Maintenance	<u>\$140,000</u>	<u>\$140,000</u>	<u>\$154,700</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,623,800</b>	<b>\$1,623,800</b>	<b>\$1,648,800</b>

  

Revenue	Approved 2018	Revised 2018	Proposed 2019
Amount to be raised by tax levy	\$1,227,460	\$1,072,460	\$1,229,600
Interest / Fees / Other Income	\$27,390	\$27,390	\$27,500
NYS Library Aid	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$2,700
PILOT	\$365,750	\$366,000	\$366,600
Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$155,000</u>	<u>\$23,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,623,800</b>	<b>\$1,623,800</b>	<b>\$1,648,800</b>

**The proposed 2019 budgets represents a 1.54% increase in the Operating Budget and a 0.17% increase in the tax levy\*. The proposed tax levy exceeds the 2019 Tax Cap Limit for the Library.**

**(See Below for Details)**

Please vote on September 12, 2018, between 9 AM and 9 PM, at the Library Annex.

### 2018 Tax Collection and its Impact on 2019 Tax Collection

In 2018, Gold Coast Public Library residents approved a budget that included a \$1,227,460 tax levy. The Gold Coast Public Library District is comprised of residents from both the Town of Oyster Bay and the Town of North Hempstead. The Towns work together to collect the appropriate portion of the Library's tax levy from their residents. Unfortunately, due to an error in the Town preliminary budgets, the Library's tax levy was undercollected in the amount of \$155,000 from Town of Oyster Bay Residents. As a result, Town of Oyster Bay residents paid an artificially reduced rate in 2018.

In order to correct this error, in 2019 the Town of Oyster Bay will collect the remaining unpaid portion of the 2018 tax levy at the same time it collects the 2019 tax levy. In order to minimize the collection's impact on residents the Library Board has applied \$178,000 of the Library's reserves to the 2019 tax levy. This will keep the Library's 2019 tax rate for Oyster Bay residents similar to the amount that should have been collected in 2018, while providing Town of North Hempstead residents with a reduced rate for 2019.

For the purpose of calculating the Library's New York State Tax Cap Limit for 2019, this undercollection means that even though the Library's proposed tax levy is only \$2,140 more than the approved 2018 levy, the Library will technically need to exceed the Tax Cap for 2019.

A letter from the Town of Oyster Bay confirming the collection error is posted on our website at [goldcoastlibrary.org/budget](http://goldcoastlibrary.org/budget). If you have any questions, please contact Library Director Mike Morea by phone at 516-759-8300 x102 or e-mail at [mmorea@goldcoastlibrary.org](mailto:mmorea@goldcoastlibrary.org).