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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2011/2012 Westhampton Free Library Budget Message from the Board of Trustees

On Tuesday, May 17, from 7 am to 9 pm in the LGI Room at the Westhampton Beach High School, you will have the opportunity to vote on the Proposed Annual Westhampton Free Library budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal year. **The Library Budget will appear as a separate Proposition on the ballot.**

The proposed 2011/2012 budget reflects an increase to the taxpayer of 1.71% and the operating budget will represent a 3.13% increase over this year's budget. The proposed budget for 2011-2012 preserves important existing programs and staff for our community, while carrying an increase in spending that is largely centered on health insurance increases, adding staff hours to handle increases in building use, and for paying maintenance of building systems as the initial warranties expire.

The Board of Trustees worked to keep the increase as low as possible. This was achieved by not having any staff increase in pay. There is no cost of living, step or contractual increases of any kind. The Trustees also tightened up supply budgets and are realizing an increase in revenue from our contract library patrons.

Members of the Board of Trustees, along with, our Director will be able to answer questions at any time. We will be in attendance at the Budget Hearing scheduled for Monday, May 9 at 7 pm in the High School Auditorium.

For any questions about this proposed budget, please contact Matthew Bollerman, Library Director, at (631) 288-3335 x. 116 or mbollerm@suffolk.lib.ny.us.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Lennon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Lennon, President

	Current 2010-2011	Proposed 2011-2012
Staff		
Professional	\$639,701	\$632,229
Clerical (increase 38.5 hours per week)	\$192,367	\$239,734
Page (increase 22 hours per week)	\$44,057	\$63,259
Insurance and Benefits	\$132,000	\$147,500
Retirement	\$32,300	\$32,000
Social Security	\$78,022	\$78,724
Materials and Programs		
Books & Periodicals	\$132,500	\$135,000
Recordings & Videos	\$80,000	\$84,000
Electronic Resources	\$13,500	\$14,000
Programs	\$92,000	\$92,000
Library Operations		
Equipment & Equipment Maintenance	\$32,850	\$47,250
Telecommunications	\$5,000	\$6,500
Printing & Postage	\$30,100	\$31,100
Supplies	\$23,700	\$24,700
Contracts	\$72,266	\$79,766
Insurance	\$23,000	\$24,000
Professional Fees	\$81,930	\$76,250
Administrative	\$20,500	\$25,500
Facilities	\$46,487	\$47,487
Debt Service		
Principal and Interest on Building Bond	\$586,355	\$586,930
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,358,635	\$2,467,929
Less: Anticipated Income	\$357,186	\$431,700
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$2,001,449	\$2,036,229

Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 from 7 am to 9 pm in the High School LGI Rooms. Voter registration and any other information can be obtained by calling the Library Director, Matthew Bollerman at 631-288-3335 x. 116.

The estimated tax rate associated with the proposed operating budget is \$0.4357 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. As an illustration, a household with an assessed valuation of \$500,000 can estimate an increase of \$4.97 annually, or an increase of \$0.41 per month.