

Proposed 2023-24 Islip Public Library Budget

	Budgeted 2022-2023	Budgeted 2023-2024
Salaries & Related Expenses	\$2,635,088	\$2,721,264
Mandated NYS Retirement Costs	\$275,000	\$275,000
Library Materials	\$454,400	\$448,000
Capital Equipment	\$105,500	\$101,000
Operation & Maintenance	\$307,100	\$324,900
Library Administration	\$334,450	\$325,800
Transfer to Capital Fund	<u>\$12,000</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,123,538	\$4,207,964
Minus Anticipated Income	<u>(\$15,000)</u>	<u>(\$15,000)</u>
PROPOSED BUDGET REQUEST	\$4,108,538	\$4,192,964

Message from the Board of Trustees

The proposed 2023-2024 budget presented by your Board of Trustees once again falls under the New York State tax cap. It reflects a total increase of 2.0%, which amounts to an annual tax increase of only \$5.00 for the average homeowner (assessed at \$40,000).

The very modest increase ensures a continuation of all the tried-and-true services our guests have come to rely on over the years as well as a commitment to 21st century services that are now mainstream. As examples of newer collections, e-books (those you read on your smart devices) and audiobooks (those you listen to on your smart devices) continue their impressive circulation growth, and the budget ensures that we can meet demand. The year 2024 will mark the Library's 100th anniversary, and the budget also allots additional funding to offer an exciting roster of programming to mark the year-long celebration. As promised, we recently unveiled the Library's new mobile app – a whole new way to tap library resources. It's already been downloaded over 500 times, and I highly recommend that you do the same to stay abreast of library events and services, both the traditional and the new.

Our objective for the new fiscal year will be to not just meet but to exceed guest expectations, and we hope you will be free with your feedback if we are successful and, more importantly, if we can do better. Overall, the budget supports educational objectives, the enrichment of leisure time, and lifelong learning, and the Board respectfully requests your support at the vote on April 4th. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the Director at 581-5933.