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Tuesday,
April 5, 2011
10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Darline L. Carter
Community Room
West Islip
Public Library

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Highlights of 2010 at West Islip Public Library



The International Team of Pizza Planet Aliens, won the Most Creative Costume award at the Battle of the Books teen reading competition held in August at Stony Brook University.



The Sixth Annual West Islip Senior Art Show was held in May and featured artwork by thirty-one local artists.

In Memoriam

2010 saw the passing of two of West Islip Library's own. In May, Joseph E. Shields (below, left) left us after 25 years on the Library Board of Trustees. Joan Udriš (below, right) served as staff member for 33 years before her passing in October. Both are greatly missed by their friends and colleagues.



Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga helped kick-off the *Live-brary.com* digital branch in September.



The Johnny and June Tribute Show brought the sound of country music classics to the library in January.



(far right) *The Wild Thing* visited the library to help celebrate National Library Week in April.

2010: The Year at a Glance

- There were 229,594 visitors to the library.
- 233,609 items were borrowed (revised 2012)
- There were 19,631 active library cards (if your card has expired, have it renewed!)
- 5,354 adult books, 2,663 children's books, 248 paperbacks, 1,184 DVDs, and 861 audio titles were added.
- There was a total of 217,100 items in the library collection.
- 39,809 reference questions were answered.
- There were 71,424 hits on the library webpage.
- There were 31,543 log-ins on the public access computers.
- The Library's electronic databases were accessed 33,429 times.
- The library sponsored 416 Adult, Young Adult and Senior Program sessions that were attended by 8,143 persons.
- The library sponsored 646 Children's program sessions that were attended by 10,123 children and family members.
- Community groups used library meeting facilities 458 times.

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Coming this Spring

Atlantic City Cruise and Lunch Bus Trip
Tuesday, June 21
Depart Library 7am
Return Library approx. 8pm
\$72 per person

Join us for a skyline cruise followed by a delicious lunch at the famous Flying Cloud Cafe. Afterwards, you have four hours at your leisure to enjoy the beach, take a stroll along the boardwalk or take a chance at the Hilton casino. Seats go on sale on Friday, April 29 at 10am.

National Library Week

Long Island Reads!: *Sag Harbor* by Colson Whitehead



During National Library Week, April 11-17, public libraries throughout Nassau and Suffolk will sponsor the Tenth Annual **Long Island Reads!** project. Join with others in the community in reading this year's selection, *Sag Harbor* by Colson Whitehead, and join us for a book discussion on **Wednesday April 6 at 7:30pm**. It's the 1980s and Benji Cooper, son of a lawyer and a doctor, is one of the few black students at an elite prep school in New York City. Every summer, he, his brother Reggie and his friends head east on the LIE and 'out' to Azures in Sag Harbor. Benji's observations and social commentary are uplifting and humorous and give the reader a wonderful sense of time and place. See Grace O'Connor at the Reference Desk for more information on this island-wide reading project.



On **Sunday April 10 at 2pm** David Houston presents an hour-long Performance Reading of scenes from Colson Whitehead's book, *Sag Harbor*, along with first-hand accounts of the birth and growth of Azures - Long Island's famous, contradictory and fascinating village - from 1707 to the present. Presented in the style of Radio Drama, with background music and effects.

Colson Whitehead, the author of *Sag Harbor*, will discuss his book at the Rogers Memorial Library at 3pm and the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library at 7:30pm on Thursday, April 14. Please check at the Reference Desk of the West Islip Public Library for ticket availability information (661-7080).

Amnesty for Food Project Sunday April 10 - Saturday, April 16

Library fines will be waived on each *overdue item* that is returned with an item of non-perishable food during National Library Week. Take advantage of this opportunity to return any overdue materials to the library while helping others in the community. All food collected will be donated to local charitable organizations for distribution.

Annual Budget and Trustee Vote Tuesday, April 5 10:00 am to 9:00 pm In the Darline L. Carter Community Room of West Islip Public Library

The Friends of the West Islip Public Library Spring Book Fair March 31-April 2

The Friends of the Library Spring Book Fair will take place Thursday, March 31 through Saturday, April 2. There will be *Friends Member Preview Night* on Wednesday, March 30 6-9pm. Volunteers will be on hand to take new membership applications or renewals before the doors open.

The Friends of the Library Spring Fling Concert featuring New York's Most Dangerous Big Band Sunday, April 3 at 2pm

From Swing to Santana, Sinatra to Funk! Join the Friends of the West Islip Public Library for a Spring Concert featuring an exciting mix of yesterday's and today's favorite music! Register for the free concert at the Adult Reference Desk of the library.

National Library Week Celebration in the Children's Room Special *Biscuit the Dog* Celebration Tuesday, April 5 11-11:30 am or 4:30-5pm

Get a jump on National Library Week! Join us on Tuesday, April 5 in the Children's Room 11-11:30am or 4:30-5pm for a special *Biscuit the Dog* celebration. Meet the book character, watch a movie, enjoy some snacks, and enter a raffle to win a *Biscuit* book! Be sure to bring your camera! For children ages three years old through third grade. West Islip School District residents only. No registration is necessary.

Library Trustees' 2011/2012 Budget Message



The Library Board of Trustees (From Left): Trustee Simonne Harkavy, Trustee James Christophersen, President Joan Schumacher, Trustee Margaret Bell, and Vice-President Mary Alice Markham

A strong and vibrant local public library like West Islip provides community members with a significant resource that is valuable in good times and bad. A wealth of information for personal education, assistance and recreation is available in all kinds of formats. There are materials and programs for people of all ages, that enlighten and entertain the wide range of community interests and tastes. The expanding availability of digital audiobooks, e-books and

online study help all accessible from the library's webpage via the *Live-brary* digital portal is just one example of how library services are evolving to meet the changing needs of the community.

The proposed library budget recognizes both the economic times we live in and the importance of maintaining the library as a valuable resource for the community. It proposes a very modest increase in the budget in order to

provided the services on which the West Islip community has come to rely. Funding for adult and children's programs and for digital resources like *Live-brary* e-books and downloadable audio have been increased. State mandated increases in retirement contributions and health insurance are partially offset by a decrease in staff salaries due to retirements and staffing changes. The proposed 2011/2012 operating budget reflects an overall increase in spending of 1.6% over that of the current year, with a total increase in the tax appropriation of 2.2%.

This operating budget together with the debt payments on the library construction bond, is estimated to result in a homestead tax rate of \$.8833 per thousand of assessed valuation using the latest assessed valuation figures available. An average household, with an assessed valuation of \$45,000, could expect to pay about **\$9.13 more per year** for support of all library operations and repayment of the construction bond. To put this in perspective, the proposed increase would result in an additional **76 cents per month** for the average homeowner. The Board of Trustees does not in any way minimize the impact of any tax increase on the public, but we truly believe that the value our community receives from maintaining a strong public library is worth the relatively modest increase in funding.

The West Islip Public Library is now, more than ever, your place for books...and a whole lot more!

Sincerely,

Joan Schumacher, President
Mary Alice Markham, Vice President
Simonne Harkavy, Trustee
James Christophersen, Trustee
Margaret Bell, Trustee
Andrew J. Hamm, Director

ANNUAL LIBRARY AND TRUSTEE VOTE **Tuesday, April 5, 2011**

**10:00 am to 9:00 pm In the Darline L. Carter
Community Room of West Islip Public Library**

**Library Budget
Information Meeting:**
Tuesday, March 29, 7:30 pm

Absentee Ballots:
Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Reference Desk of the Library.

Trustee Election:
One Trustee position for a five-year term: July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2015. Candidates:

Fran Mattace and Margaret Bell (choose one) Biographical information for candidates is available on the library website at www.wipublib.org

**Library Voter
Registration:**
Tuesday, March 29,
4:00 - 8:00 pm

To vote in a Library election you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, have been a resident of the West Islip School District for at least 30 days, and be registered to vote in school district elections.

Proposed Library Budget 2011/2012

	Approved Budget 2010/2011	Proposed Budget 2011/2012
Books and Materials		
Books	\$150,000	\$150,000
Periodicals	33,000	33,000
Microfilm & Electronic Resources	36,000	36,000
Audio/Visual & Software	47,500	52,500
Library Programs	<u>43,000</u>	<u>52,000</u>
Total	\$309,500	\$323,500
Operating Expenses		
Maintenance Contracts	\$96,000	\$96,000
Furniture & Equipment	14,000	14,000
Repair to Building	12,000	12,000
Supplies: Library, Maintenance	37,000	37,000
Expense of Library Admin.	64,000	63,500
Automation	<u>47,000</u>	<u>47,000</u>
Total	\$270,000	\$269,500
Staff Salaries		
Professional, Clerical,	Total	Total
Page and Custodial	\$1,963,679	\$1,919,541
Fixed Expenditures/Benefits		
Social Security	\$150,221	\$146,845
MTA Payroll Tax	6,677	6,677
NYS Disability	7,500	8,500
NY State Retirement System	175,000	250,000
Health Insurance	272,952	285,980
Dental Insurance	14,000	14,500
Vision Care Insurance	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total	\$627,850	\$714,002
Fixed Expenditures/Other		
Insurance	\$59,000	\$59,000
Telephone	11,000	10,000
Utilities	119,500	119,500
Accountant/Legal	<u>26,500</u>	<u>27,000</u>
Total	\$216,000	\$215,500
Operating Budget	\$3,387,029	3,442,043
Renovation Debt Service*	\$489,581	\$493,225
Fines & Other Income	-\$68,000	-\$68,000
From Fund Balance	-\$50,000	-\$25,000
Total Tax Appropriation	\$3,758,610	\$3,842,268

*Debt Service-This is the interest and principal on the bond that was approved by residents in October of 2000 that financed the expansion and renovation of the library. Debt service payments due during each budget year will be indicated on this line in the budget publication during the 20 year re-payment schedule.

How much more will the 2011/2012 Library Tax Appropriation cost me?

Based on existing* Homestead assessed valuation figures, the proposed Library Appropriation for 2011-2012 is projected to cost the average homeowner with a \$45,000 assessed valuation

a total of \$9.13 a year more in library tax.

*Assessment figures for 2011/2012 will be released by the Town later in the year.

Assessed Valuation	Current Tax	Proposed Budget	Increase for year
\$30,000	\$258.90	\$264.99	\$6.09
\$40,000	\$345.20	\$353.32	\$8.12
\$45,000	\$388.35	\$397.49	\$9.13
\$50,000	\$431.50	\$441.65	\$10.15
\$60,000	\$517.80	\$529.98	\$12.18

□ The Library Budget that is before the public provides the funding for day to day operations at the library. It provides for library materials, staffing, and maintenance of the facility.

□ The proposed Budget would mean a 2.23% increase in the library's total tax appropriation.

□ The proposed 2011/2012 Library Budget would mean a projected increase in library tax of *\$9.13 per year* for the homeowner with an average assessment-that is *76 cents per month* more in library support.

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Board Meetings:

Wednesday, April 20, 3pm

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Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10-9
Friday 10-6
Saturday 9-5
Sunday (Oct- Mid-June) 1-5

Holiday Hours:

Sunday, April 24 Easter Closed

**Library Budget & Trustee Vote
Tuesday, April 5, 10am-9pm
West Islip Public Library**

**West Islip Public Library:
Books,...and a Whole Lot
More!**

The Friends of the West Islip Public Library

The Friends of the West Islip Public Library is an independent organization dedicated to supporting the library. Membership in the Friends is open to all, and annual dues start as low as \$5 a year. The Friends are always looking for new members: information and applications are available at the Circulation Desk and on the web at www.wipublib.org/friends.htm The Friends hold book fairs in April and December, as well as having a book sale table at the West Islip Country Fair in September.

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Friends' Donations to the Library in 2010

The Friends donated the following to the library this past year:

A Minolta Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner	\$6,772.51
Self-Service Book Scan Station	\$5,745.00
Color Printing of Annual Report	\$2,468.00
47" LCD Television/Monitor in Lobby	\$2,460.00
Insulated Tote Bags for Senior Month	\$918.82
Welcome Baby Kits	\$721.00
Memorial Plaque for Davine Schwarz	\$409.43
Prizes for the Teen/Tween Talent Show	\$325.00
Themed Rug for Children's Room	\$293.15
Battle of the Books Costumes	\$271.22

Friends of the Library Officers 2011

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