

VOTER INFORMATION

Trustee Election

There is one five-year Trustee position open commencing on July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2030. This position is currently held by incumbent Ronald F. Devine, Jr. whose term expires on June 30, 2025.

Registration

Registration is on-going at the Office of the School District Clerk on any school day between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm until April 4, 2025.

Budget Information Meeting and Candidates Night

Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm in the library.

Qualifications for Voting

Age: 18 and over. Citizen of the U.S. Resident in Bayport-Blue Point School District for at least 30 days. Registered to vote in general or school district elections.

Absentee Ballots

If you are unable to vote in person, you may apply for an absentee ballot at the library during regular hours or at the Office of the School District Clerk on any school day between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

The School District Clerk must receive the application at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if it is to be delivered personally to the voter. The school district clerk must receive absentee ballots not later than 5:00 pm on the day of the vote, Tuesday, April 8.

TAX RATE

Islip Town Home.....\$1.94 per 100
Brookhaven Town Home\$25.77 per 1000

Based on current taxable full values and equalization rates for Islip and Brookhaven Towns as this brochure went to press. In either town, the Library portion of your property tax bill is approximately 5% of the total bill.

For a full Spanish Budget Brochure please visit our website, www.bayportbluepointlibrary.org

Para obtener un folleto completo sobre el presupuesto en español, visite nuestro sitio web, www.bayportbluepointlibrary.org

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Library Board of Trustees

Ronald F. Devine, Jr., *President*
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Library Director

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Upcoming Board Meetings:

Special Board Meeting - March 25, 7:00 pm
Regular Board Meeting - April 8, 7:00 pm

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Bayport-Blue Point Public Library

Budget 2025-2026



Bayport-Blue Point Public Library BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 • 9AM-8PM

Dear Bayport-Blue Point Residents,

The Board of Trustees of the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library is pleased to announce the upcoming Annual Budget Vote on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. As stewards of your library, we remain committed to providing excellent services, innovative programs, and valuable resources while being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers.

This year's proposed budget remains within the New York State Tax Cap. At the same time, we must account for ongoing state mandates and the challenge of receiving no additional state aid. Despite these constraints, we have carefully crafted a budget that prioritizes maintaining and enhancing library services without placing an undue burden on taxpayers.

What This Means for You

- The library will continue to offer robust educational programs, technology enhancements, and community services for patrons of all ages.
- We will preserve essential resources while adapting to the evolving needs of our community.
- Our commitment to fiscal responsibility ensures that we operate efficiently and effectively within our means.

We encourage all residents to participate in this important vote. Your support allows us to continue serving as a vital hub for knowledge, creativity, and connection in Bayport and Blue Point.

For more details on the proposed budget, please visit our website or stop by the library to review informational materials. If you have any questions, we invite you to attend our upcoming Budget Information Sessions on March 25 at 7:00 p.m. or reach out to us directly.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the polls on April 8, 2025.

Sincerely,
The Board of Trustees
Bayport-Blue Point
Public Library



Category	2024-2025 Approved Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Budget
Property Tax	\$4,272,198	\$4,372,498
Other Revenue	\$41,225	\$42,225
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,313,423	\$4,414,723
Salaries	\$1,526,782	\$1,549,571
Employee Benefits	\$668,270	\$715,884
Library Materials	\$251,515	\$255,439
Classes/Events	\$95,248	\$95,248
Equipment/Other Fixed Assets	\$54,227	\$54,227
Operations	\$284,524	\$288,196
Facility	\$229,320	\$244,320
Bond Interest & Principal	\$1,203,538	\$1,211,838
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,313,423	\$4,414,723

*This budget will reflect an approximate tax increase for the average home of approximately \$1.50 per month.

BUDGET FAQs:

Will my taxes increase because of this budget?

Yes, the tax increase would be about \$1.50 per month (\$18 per year) for the average household.

What are some of the increased costs in this budget?

Mandated Government employee health insurance and NYS Retirement System increases; updated pricing for costly shared databases and electronic resources; modest staff salary increases (which are partially offset by staff retirements).

What new initiatives are included in this year's budget?

This budget includes increased hours for several existing staff members to help replace the recent retirements.

What happens if the budget is not approved?

The Library Board has the option of scheduling a re-voting (the same or an altered budget) or keep last year's approved budget.



What happened or will happen with the proceeds of the sale of the old library?

Those net funds will be transferred (as per the public referendum approved in 2023) to an interest bearing account until February 2028, at which time they will be used to pay down and reduce the Bond Debt for our new library.

When and where can I vote on the budget?

At the library on April 8, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.

