

# VOTER INFORMATION

## Trustee Election

There are two five-year Trustee positions open commencing on July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031 & April 14, 2026 – June 30, 2028. These positions are currently held by Mary Ellen Adams and Robert Draffin, respectively.

## 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 1, 2026.

## Budget Information Meeting and Candidates Night

Tuesday, March 31 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 14.

# TAX RATE

Islip Town Home.....\$2.04 per 100  
Brookhaven Town Home .....\$26.81 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](http://www.bayportbluepointlibrary.org)

Para obtener un folleto completo sobre el presupuesto en español, visite nuestro sitio web, [www.bayportbluepointlibrary.org](http://www.bayportbluepointlibrary.org)

**Bayport-Blue Point Public Library**  
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### Library Board of Trustees

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Mary Ellen Adams  
Robert Draffin  
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### Library Director

Michael Firestone

### Upcoming Board Meetings:

Special Board Meeting - March 31, 7:00 pm  
Regular Board Meeting - April 14, 7:00 pm

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## Bayport-Blue Point Public Library Budget 2026-2027



# Bayport-Blue Point Public Library BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026 • 9AM-8PM**

Dear Bayport-Blue Point Residents,

The Board of Trustees of the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library would like to inform the community about our upcoming Library Trustee Election and Budget Vote, which will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This year's proposed library budget reflects our continued commitment to providing high-quality library services while remaining fiscally responsible and conservative with taxpayer funds. Despite careful planning and cost controls, the proposed budget is slightly above the New York State tax levy cap. This increase is due almost entirely to state-mandated cost increases—including contractual and benefit-related obligations—that exceed the cap established by the State. Importantly, we do not anticipate any increase in state aid this year to offset these rising costs.

Even in these challenging financial times, the Board remains dedicated to prudent financial stewardship. We continue to closely monitor expenditures, seek efficiencies wherever possible, and plan responsibly to ensure the long-term stability of your public library—without compromising the essential services, programs, and resources our community relies on.

We also invite all residents to attend our Meet the Candidates and Public Budget Hearing on Monday, March 31, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the proposed budget, hear directly from trustee candidates, and ask questions.

Your participation and engagement are vital to the continued success of the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library. We thank you for your ongoing support and encourage you to take part in this important civic process.

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



Category	2025-2026 Approved Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Budget
Property Tax	\$4,372,498	\$4,539,841
Other Revenue	\$42,225	\$42,225
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$4,414,723</b>	<b>\$4,582,066</b>
Salaries	\$1,549,571	\$1,571,874
Employee Benefits	\$715,884	\$846,284
Library Materials	\$255,439	\$265,956
Classes/Events	\$95,248	\$95,248
Equipment/Other Fixed Assets	\$54,227	\$54,227
Operations	\$288,196	\$289,644
Facility	\$244,320	\$248,920
Bond Interest & Principal	\$1,211,838	\$1,209,913
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$4,414,723</b>	<b>\$4,582,066</b>

\*This budget will reflect an approximate tax increase for the average home of approximately \$2.50 per month.

## BUDGET FAQs:

### Will my taxes increase because of this budget?

Yes, the tax increase would be about \$2.50 per month (\$30 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 14, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.

