

# Library Budget and Trustee Election

## Tuesday, May 20, 7AM-9PM @ Baldwin High School

Annual District Meeting / Library Budget Hearing  
Wednesday, May 7, 6PM at Baldwin High School

For voter and absentee ballot information, call the District Clerk's Office at 516-434-6011 or email [districtclerk@baldwinschools.org](mailto:districtclerk@baldwinschools.org).

View the 2025/2026  
Proposed Library  
Budget here:

[Information on the  
Proposed 2025/2026 Budget](#)

[Información sobre el  
presupuesto propuesto  
para 2025/2026](#)

### Budget Message from the Board of Trustees for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Exciting things are happening at the Baldwin Public Library. The community's longed-for dream to renovate the building, including the nearly 8,000 square feet of raw space on the upper level, has come to fruition. The project, which includes a second large meeting room, several small study / meeting spaces, a Maker Space, a larger Teen Space, a completely renovated Children's Room, and more is underway.

During the entire process, we will be here to serve you with the range of high-caliber programs and services you have come to expect, both in-person and online. The proposed budget reflects this commitment. Our robust physical collection is complemented by a vast collection of online resources that are available 24/7, such as eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, digital magazines, and streaming movies. Our community can also access materials from other libraries, be they down the road or across the country, and they can be picked up any time of the day or night from our Smart Lockers. We have also launched new services, such as our Seed Library and our Library of Things. All of this takes place due to the efforts of our superb, professional staff.

The fiscal year 2025-2026 budget includes an average increase of \$120 per household. This includes a base tax levy increase of \$355,973, or 7.58%, which is above the tax cap. In addition to the usual increases in utilities and other services that we have each year, this will ensure that the Library will be able to adequately staff the second floor when it reopens, which will take place during this fiscal year. This is the first time the Library will have pierced the cap since the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

We are also **required** to pierce the cap to account for the debt service (that is, the repayment of the principal and interest) on the bond. This amount was previously approved by the Baldwin community during the 2023 vote by a margin of 3 to 1, so the receipt of these funds will not be affected by the outcome of this year's vote. A public library is not permitted to separate out capital projects from its levy.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Director, Elizabeth Olesh: [eolesh@baldwinpl.org](mailto:eolesh@baldwinpl.org) / (516) 223-6228 x101. We thank you in advance for your support, which makes all of this possible.

### Mensaje de presupuesto de la Junta de Fideicomisarios para el año fiscal 2025-2026

Cosas emocionantes están sucediendo en la Biblioteca Pública de Baldwin. El anhelado sueño de la comunidad de renovar el edificio, incluidos los casi 8,000 pies cuadrados de espacio en bruto en el nivel superior, se ha hecho realidad. El proyecto, que incluye una segunda gran sala de reuniones, varios pequeños espacios de estudio / reunión, un espacio de creación (Maker Space), un espacio para adolescentes más grande, una sala para niños completamente renovada y más, está en marcha.

Durante todo el proceso, estaremos aquí para servirle con la gama de programas y servicios de alto calibre que espera, tanto en persona como en línea. El proyecto de presupuesto refleja este compromiso. Nuestra sólida colección física se complementa con una amplia colección de recursos en línea que están disponibles las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, como libros electrónicos, audiolibros descargables, revistas digitales y películas en streaming. Nuestra comunidad también puede acceder a materiales de otras bibliotecas, ya sea en la calle o en todo el país, y se pueden recoger en cualquier momento del día o de la noche en nuestros casilleros inteligentes (Smart Lockers). También hemos lanzado nuevos servicios, como nuestra Biblioteca de Semillas y nuestra Biblioteca de Cosas. Todo esto se lleva a cabo gracias a los esfuerzos de nuestro excelente personal profesional.

El presupuesto del año fiscal 2025-2026 incluye un aumento promedio de \$120 por hogar. Esto incluye un aumento de la recaudación del impuesto básico de \$355,973, o 7.58%, que está por encima del límite impositivo (Tax Cap). Además de los aumentos habituales en los servicios públicos y otros servicios que tenemos cada año, esto asegurará que la Biblioteca pueda dotar de personal adecuado en el segundo piso cuando vuelva a abrir, lo que se llevará a cabo durante este año fiscal. Esta es la primera vez que la Biblioteca ha traspasado el límite desde el año fiscal 2014-2015.

También estamos **obligados** a perforar el tope para dar cuenta del servicio de la deuda (es decir, el pago del principal y los intereses) del bono. Esta cantidad fue aprobada previamente por la comunidad de Baldwin durante la votación de 2023 por un margen de 3 a 1, por lo que la recepción de estos fondos no se verá afectada por el resultado de la votación de este año. Una biblioteca pública no se nos permite separar los proyectos de capital de los gravamen fiscal.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en ponerse en contacto con nuestra Directora, Elizabeth Olesh: [eolesh@baldwinpl.org](mailto:eolesh@baldwinpl.org) / (516) 223-6228 x101. Les agradecemos de antemano su apoyo, que hace que todo esto sea posible.

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# BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

## YEAR IN REVIEW

### Visits to the Library

91,344



Visits to the  
Library's Website



205,085

### Total Collection Use:

167,771



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**ASK A LIBRARIAN**

Reference Transactions

22,221

### Did You Know the Library Offers These Services?



Little Free Library at LIRR Station  
Donation Drives  
Homebound Services  
Library of Things  
Seed Library  
Summer Lunch for Kids & Teens  
Social Work Consultant  
Notary Services  
Passport Services  
Smart Lockers



6,157

Total Program Sessions

18,325



People Attended Programs

165 Meetings by Community Groups

Summer  
Reading  
Clubs

570 Members



Best  
Sellers  
Club

97  
Members



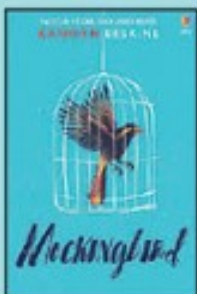
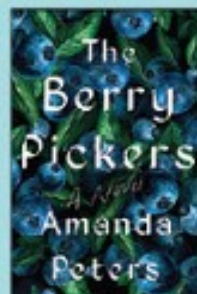
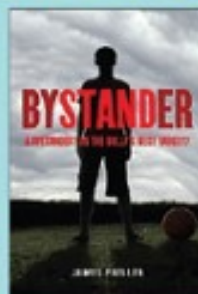
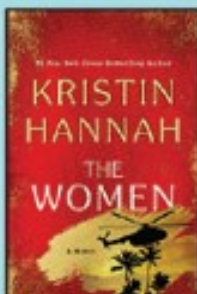
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Passport Applications Processed

261 Notarizations



## TOP CIRCULATING TITLES 2024



6/13/25

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Baldwin School District residents receive priority over out-of-district residents. Out-of-district residents will be able to register one week after registration begins. Online and phone registration begins when the Library opens on the first day of registration. Ten minutes after an in-person program has begun, individuals from the waiting list who have come to attend the program will be allowed to enter and may take the place of individuals who have not yet arrived. Once you've completed one of our craft kits, take a picture and tag us on Facebook and Instagram @baldwinlibny or email it to [Childrens@baldwinpl.org](mailto:Childrens@baldwinpl.org).

Register for children's programs via the Library Events Calendar, in person at the Children's Reference Desk, or by telephone, unless otherwise noted.

### Children's Display Case

**May:** Tribute to Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month  
Presented by The Singson Family

**June:** Hot Wheels Collection  
Presented by David Robinson

Does your child have a special collection they would like to share? Visit the Children's Room and speak with a staff member.

### ART CORNER

**Drop-In Crafts (All Ages)**  
**Make a craft to take home!**

**May:** Color Your Own Butterfly

**June:** Pipe Cleaner Popsicles

*Materials available while supplies last.  
No registration required.*

## Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

(Newborn to Age 5, Not Yet in Kindergarten)

Work towards a reading goal of 1,000 books to give your child an advantage before they start school. Receive a free tote bag at registration and a prize for every 100 books read.



*Registration is ongoing.*

### Story Time (Ages 2 - 4 with Parent/Caregiver)

Thursdays @ 11:15AM

Join us for stories, songs, and a craft.

May 1, 15, 22, 29 and June 5

*Registration is ongoing.*

### Playtime

(Ages 1 to 3-Year-Olds with Parent/Caregiver)

Tuesdays @ 10:00AM

Playtime and circle time for tots.

May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10

*Registration begins Friday, May 2.*

NOTE: Caregivers are advised that Playtime involves the use of toys that young children touch and may put in their mouths. The Library sanitizes toys between sessions.

### My First Signs Presented by Miss Jessie

(Ages 3 Months - 2 Years with Parent/Caregiver)

Wednesdays @ 11:00AM

Learn to communicate with your little one through sign language with an emphasis on vocabulary relevant to young learners. This program features songs, books, and fingerplays.

May 7 and 14

*Registration is ongoing.*

### Music for Aardvarks

(Ages 4 Months - 4 Years with Parent/Caregiver)

Baldwin School District Residents Only

Wednesdays @ 10:00AM

May 21, 28, June 4, and 11

These classes incorporate singing, dancing, musical storytelling, and instrumental jam sessions for a rockin' good time.

*Registration begins Monday, May 12.*

### Giggles & Grooves

Presented by Ms. Rebecca

(Ages 6 Months - 4 Years with Parent/Caregiver)

Join us for a music-filled program incorporating instruments, scarves, puppets, a parachute, and bubbles!

Saturdays, June 7 and 14 @ 12:00PM

*Registration begins Monday, June 2.*

### Read-to-Me Club: Summer Reading For Little Ones (Birth - Entering Kindergarten in the Fall)



Children listen to stories at home, parents bring in a list of titles to the Library or email them to us, and children are awarded stickers and prizes. Reporting begins Monday, June 23 and ends Monday, August 11.

*In-person registration begins Monday, June 2.*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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### Family Program



**Sidewalk Chalk (All Ages)**  
Saturday, May 24 @ 12:00PM  
Join us on the Library's outdoor patio and create sidewalk art with chalk.  
*No registration required.*

### Children in Grades K - 6

#### Design Your Own Mexican Folk Art

(Grades K - 2)

Saturday, May 3 @ 12:00PM

Tap into your creativity as we create animal designs in the spirit of Mexican folk art.

*Registration is ongoing.*

#### Llama Llama Pinata Art

(Grades 3 - 6)

Thursday, May 8 @ 4:00PM

Llama Llama, the flat pinata! Use colorful tissue paper, as well as pompoms and other materials to experience the paper-cutting process and the Mexican tradition of piñata-making.

Note: Piñatas are flat and do not hold candy.

*Registration begins Thursday, May 1 @ 11:00AM.*



#### Mother's Day Frame

(Grades K - 2)

Saturday, May 10 @ 11:00AM

Paint to your heart's content! After all, this wooden frame is for Mom, Grandma, or another loved one.

*Registration begins Friday, May 2.*

#### Mother's Day:

##### Pressed Flower Bookmarks

(Grades 3 - 6)

Saturday, May 10 @ 2:30PM

Impress Mom, Grandma, or another loved one with this elegant and beautiful bookmark decorated with pressed flowers.

*Registration begins Friday, May 2.*



### Summer Reading Club

(Entering Grades 1-6 in the Fall)

COLOR OUR WORLD.



Fill your world with color as you read your way toward raffle tickets and special prizes from our treasure box! This year there will be two grand prize winners! Each winner will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card. Come in and pick up all the information you'll need this summer to complete the program. Reporting begins Monday, June 23 and ends Monday, August 11.

*In-person and online registration begins Monday, June 2.*

*Register at: [www.baldwinpl.org/kids/](http://www.baldwinpl.org/kids/)*

#### SRC Kickoff: Ice Cream Social (All Ages)

Saturday, June 7, 2:30-4:30PM

Join us to kick off the Summer Reading Club with fun crafts and ice cream!

*Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, May 16. All others may register beginning on Saturday, May 24.*



#### Juneteenth Painting Party

(Grades 3 - 6)

*Presented by Key to My Art*

Saturday, June 7 @ 2:30PM

Join us for a Juneteenth celebration - a painting party! Each child will bring home their own canvas.

*Registration begins Tuesday, May 27.*



#### Play with Clay: BBQ Foods for Father's Day

Saturday, June 14

Session I - Grades K - 2 @ 11:00AM

Session II - Grades 3 - 6 @ 2:30PM

Burgers, dogs, corn? Coming right up!

Have fun making BBQ food out of clay for Dad, Grandpa, or another loved one to keep as a thoughtful gift.

*Registration begins Monday, June 2.*

