

# 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



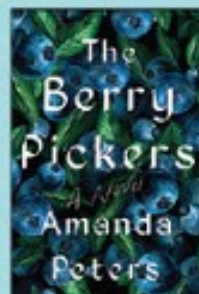
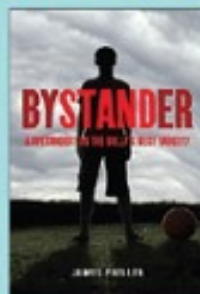
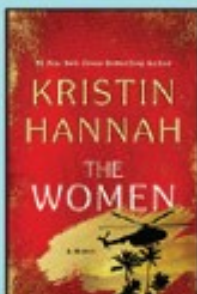
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Passport Applications Processed

261 Notarizations



## TOP CIRCULATING TITLES 2024



6/13/25

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## TEENS - GRADES 6-12

Register for teen programs via the Library Events Calendar, in person at the Teen Reference Desk, or by telephone, unless otherwise noted. All programs are open to grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted.

### Prom Clothing Giveaway - May 1-31

Prom is almost here. It can be a lot of fun, but it can also be stressful because of high costs. Teens are invited to look at our prom items, where they may "shop," try on, and take home one gown/suit (free of charge) from among clothing donated to the Library.

### Take-Home Kit:

#### Strawberry Boba Tea - May 1-31

Pick up a recipe in the Teen Zone to make your own strawberry boba tea. Tapioca pearls, a green tea bag, sugar, and straws will be provided.

*Available while supplies last. No registration required.*

### Asian Snack Taste-Testing

Wednesday, May 21, 3:30-4:30PM

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Month. Taste-test popular snacks from all over Asia and learn about their history.

*Disclaimer: Food allergies. Snacks may contain peanuts, other nuts, wheat, soy and dairy products.*

*Registration begins Thursday, May 1.*

### National Donut Day!

Tuesday, June 3, 3:00-5:00PM

Come to the Teen Zone, grab a sweet treat from Dunkin' Donuts, and celebrate the last month of school! *One donut per teen while supplies last.*

### Pride Day

Saturday, June 7, 2:00-4:30PM

Hang out with other teens while reading and discussing your current book selection or choose from a variety of LGBTQIA books we'll have on display. Make your own Pride bracelet as well! Items will be provided by the Library.

*No registration required.*

### Get Your Glow-Up!

*Presented by licensed cosmetologist Denise Reneé*

Monday, July 7, 2:00-4:00PM

The Glowing Up program is designed to empower teens with essential knowledge and practical skills to improve their personal hygiene and enhance their appearance. Get ready for the new school year with this course!

*Registration begins Monday, June 23.*

### Teen Study Sunday (Grades 9-12)

Sunday, June 8, 1:30-4:30PM

Study for the Regents and finals in the Teen Zone. Test prep books are available. The Study Room will also be available. To reserve a time slot, please call 516-223-6228, Ext. 151, or email [teens@baldwinpl.org](mailto:teens@baldwinpl.org). The maximum time to use the Study Room is two hours per appointment, with a maximum of four people.

### Free Practice Tests with The Princeton Review

Princeton Review offers free practice SATs and information about the college admission process.

Go to: [www.princetonreview.com/college/free-sat-practice-test?ceid=nav-hs#!practice](http://www.princetonreview.com/college/free-sat-practice-test?ceid=nav-hs#!practice)

### 100 Books Before Graduation

100 Books Before Graduation is a reading initiative for teens to read 100 books before they graduate from high school. You can sign up on our website at: [www.baldwinpl.org/100](http://www.baldwinpl.org/100). There is no limit to the number of books you can log per month. You'll keep track of your books on your account and receive prizes for every 25 books. All information can be found on our website.

## Summer Reading Club

(Entering Grades 6-12 in the Fall)



COLOR OUR WORLD

Register and report online at: [www.baldwinpl.org/src-teens](http://www.baldwinpl.org/src-teens) or in-person beginning Monday, June 2.

Earn raffle tickets for reviewing materials (books, eBooks, podcasts, movies, and music), attending Library programs, and participating in community service. Raffle tickets go towards winning gift certificates. For every 10 raffle tickets you earn, you can enter to win the grand prize - a \$100 Amazon gift card. If you are entering 6th Grade, you may choose to be a member of both the Children's and the Teen Clubs. Reporting ends Monday, August 11. The books you read will also count for 100 Books Before Graduation.

### SRC Kickoff Events

#### Take-Home Kit - June 2-30

*Presented by Baking Coach*

Sign-up for the Teen Summer Reading Club and receive a kit to make tie-dye blondies. Video instructions will be available.

*Ingredients will not contain Red Dye No. 3.*

*First-come, first-served while supplies last.*

#### 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.*



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### Free Educational /Research Databases

#### Tutor.com

Get free live help from real tutors and career coaches daily from 2:00-10:00 PM (major holidays excluded), for students in grades K-12 and intro level college classes.

Go to: [www.baldwinpl.org/tutor/](http://www.baldwinpl.org/tutor/)

#### Research Databases

We offer a variety of databases for research papers, career and test preparation, and language learning for free with your library card. You can access the databases from a Library computer or from home.

Go to: [www.baldwinpl.org/findinfo/](http://www.baldwinpl.org/findinfo/)

### Community Service Opportunities

#### Social Media

Create a BookTok, Bookstagram, or Spotify playlist about a book you've enjoyed reading. Make sure to tag the Library. Once you've posted it, email [teens@baldwinpl.org](mailto:teens@baldwinpl.org) to let us know it's for community service.

One post = one hour credit.

#### Love For Our Elders

Thursday, May 1 - Saturday, May 31

May is Senior Citizens Month. Supplies will be available in the Teen Zone to make cards for seniors to brighten their day. Cards will be mailed to and distributed by the Love For Our Elders organization.

One hour of community service credit will be provided.

#### Teen Advisory Council: Sun Safety Kit

Saturday, May 17, 3:00-4:00PM

Decorate a small tote bag for Baldwin Public Library patrons to get them ready for beach season while we discuss upcoming teen programming. Participants must bring a bottle of SPF 30 sunscreen, one ChapStick with SPF, an after-sun lotion, and a pair of UV protective sunglasses.

Two hours of community service credit will be provided.

Registration begins Thursday, May 1.

#### Kids Inspiring Kids - June 1-30

Presented by Little Saint Nick Foundation

Join the Teen Zone "Inspiration Cards" initiative, where teens write heartfelt messages to bring joy and encouragement to children facing medical challenges.

One hour of community service credit will be provided.

### Summer Reading Club Kick Off Event Volunteers (Grades 9-12)

Saturday, June 7, 2:00-4:30PM

Volunteer to help scoop ice cream for your fellow community members at our Summer Reading kick off event. If you join the Teen Summer Reading Club, you will receive three raffle tickets towards prizes of your choice for volunteering and three hours of community service credit will be provided. Registration begins Thursday, May 1.

### Summertime Community Service Opportunities

SIGN-UP BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 1

#### Book Buddies

Tuesdays 11:00AM-12:00PM

July 8, 15, 22, 29 & August 5

Volunteer to sit and read with children. Register by emailing your name, grade, and phone number to [teens@baldwinpl.org](mailto:teens@baldwinpl.org). One session = one hour credit.

#### Help with Children's Programs

Sign up in the Children's Department to volunteer with programs throughout the summer.

One hour of community service credit will be provided.

## Tween Scene (Grades 4-7)

### Mother's Day Flower Pot

Saturday, May 3, 2:00PM-3:00PM

Paint a flower pot for your mom or the mother figure in your life.

Registration is ongoing.



### Father's Day Picture Frame

Sunday, June 8, 2:00-3:00PM

Paint a wooden frame for your dad or special father figure in your life.

Registration begins Tuesday, May 27.