JULY 1, 2026-JUNE 30, 2027

FY 2027 Proposed Budget

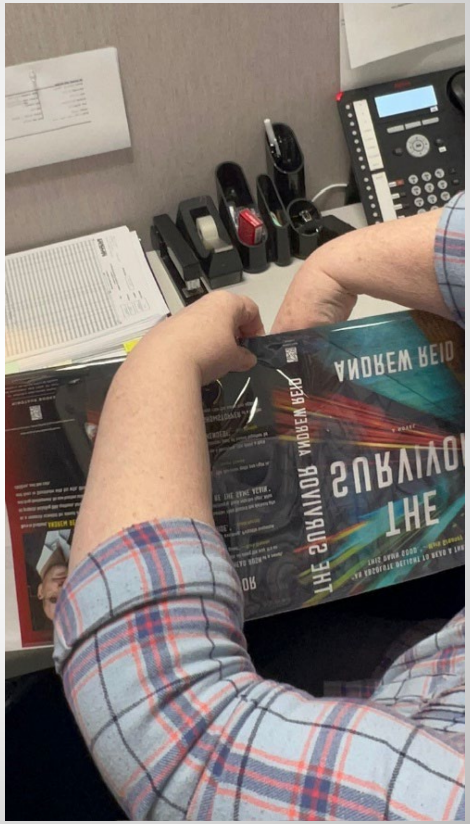
BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION ON TUESDAY MAY 19, 2026

LBPL in 2025

Digital books, magazines, streaming	127,595	+ 12.5%
Printing/Copying/Faxing	Pages printed: 81,576 Copies: 606,060 Faxes: 38,009	+ 24%
Individual Study Room	722	+ 23%
Cardholders	19,962	+ 10.7%
Active cardholders	8,591	+ 47.5%
Visits to West End Branch	4,228	+ 7.5%
Holds filled	19,729	-1.9%
Circulation of physical items	128,579	-6.8%

Patron Services

The journey of a book to you (behind the scenes)



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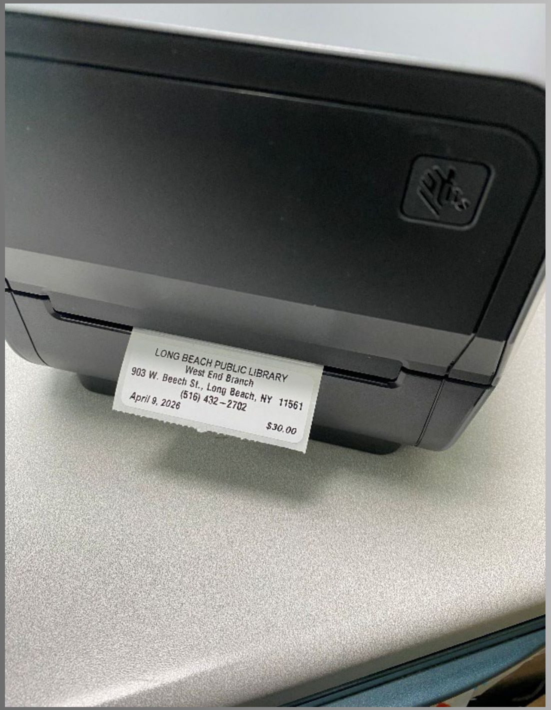

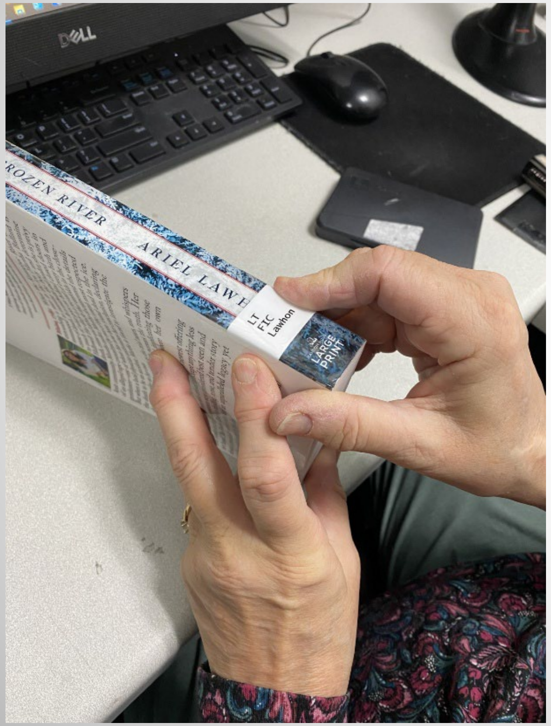

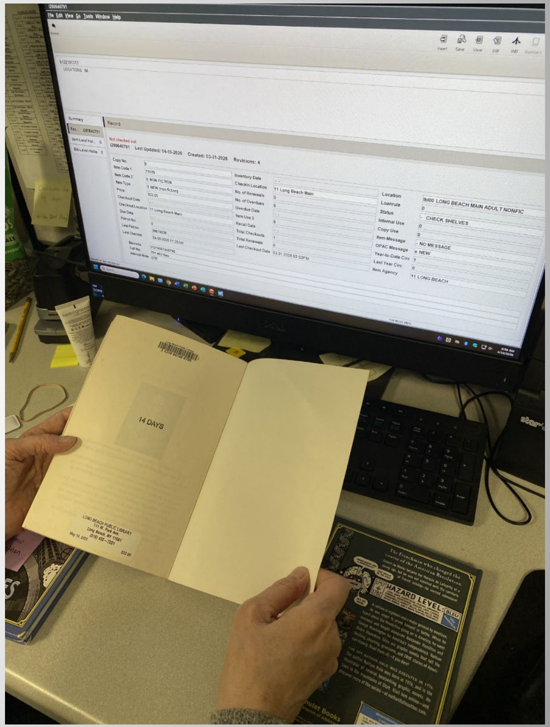

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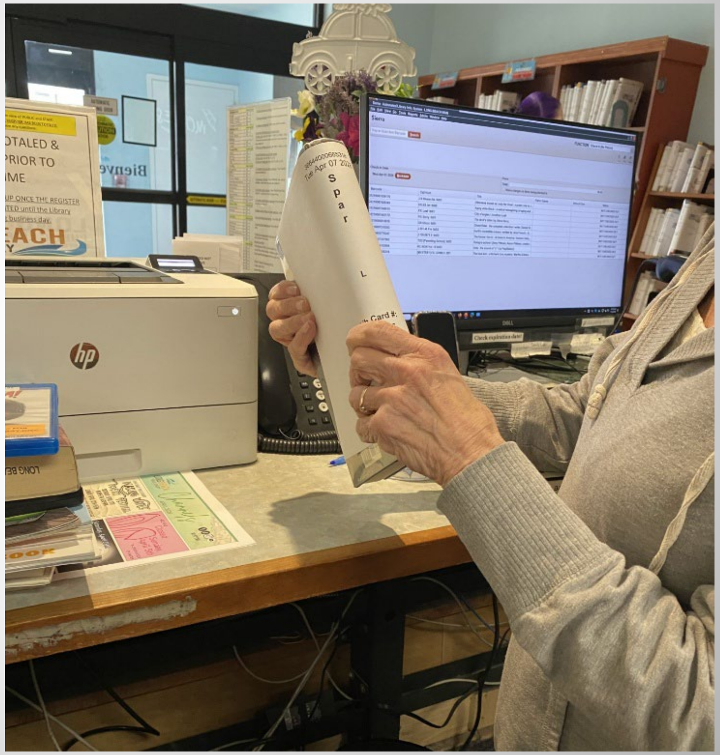
The journey of a book to you (ready for pickup)



Adult Programs & Services

2,219 adult programs,
attended by 25,055 people

Adult Programs & Services

For Kids, Teens & Families

26, 257 people visited the Children's Room at Main Library

875 programs,
attended by 23,942 people

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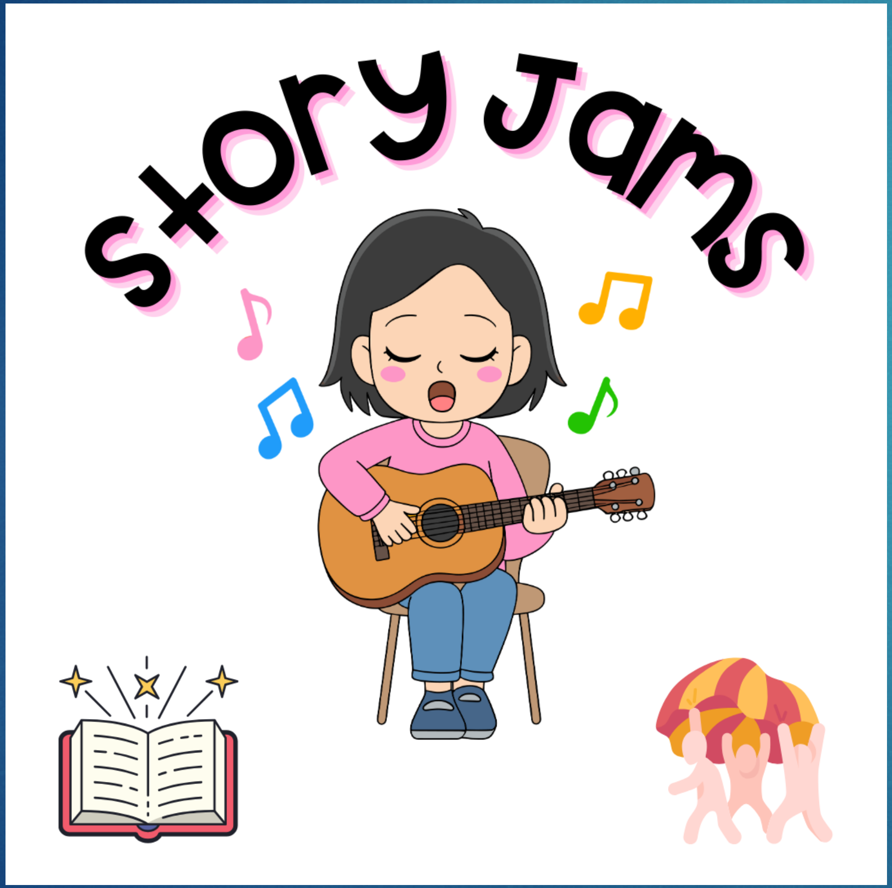


Savings Receipt

Core Service	Savings to the Community
Borrowing physical books	$2,400,000
Borrowing digital books	$1,600,000
Nassau Inter Library Loan	$439,000
Adult Exercise Classes	$214,000
Art Classes & Crafts Workshops	$257,000
Resume Help	$54,000
Museum Passes	$52,000
Other Adult Enrichment Programs	$385,000
Pre-K Enrichment Programs	$705,000
Core Services Savings Last Year	**$6,106,000**

Comparing Nassau Libraries – FY 2026

Library	# of branches	Budget	# of residents	Median income	Annual cost per resident
Hicksville	1	$5,489,900	41,214	$144,471	$133.20
Freeport	1	$7,030,390	40,154	$120,625	$175.09
Oceanside	1	$8,390,770	35,720	$149,560	$234.90
Massapequa	2	$7,142,950	47,425	$179,602	$150.62
Great Neck	4	$11,027,041	47,994	$142,294	$230.70
Long Beach	**3**	**$4,039,618**	**39,653**	**$141,027**	**$101.87**

FY 2027 PROPOSED

Tax levy - $5,039,618

Total budget - $5,102,436

That is a big number!

- Controlled and adjusted areas mostly within our control
  - Increased # of **programs offered** and program attendance while decreasing program budgets
    - $161,000 in FY 2019 to $91,500 in FY 2026
  - Decreased **overall physical book budget** while still maintaining/increasing circulation numbers
    - $141,000 in FY 2019 to $75,000 in FY 2026
    - Focused on patron-demand and reducing DOA books
  - Increased **digital book budget** as demand skyrocketed (overall 5th in Nassau)
    - $25,000 in FY 2019 to $70,000 in FY 2026
    - Digital books between 4 and 12 times more expensive

Breaking down that number

Biggest budget categories we have very little control over

- Health insurance: Up 48% since 2020
- Utilities: Up 28% since 2020
- General insurance: Up 32% since 2020
- Branch rentals: Up 25% since 2019
- Physical materials: Up 30% since 2024 for fewer items

Breaking down that number

What we **DID NOT** want to do to balance the budget!

- Reduce our general operating hours
- Reduce the number of Sundays we are open
- Close Sundays entirely
- Charge for programs
  - Looked at charging $3-$5 per attendee per program
  - Cost more per person than proposed per person tax increase

What does that number actually mean for you?

2025 Population (Long Beach School District)	
Residents	39,653
Households	17,317

$25.22 more per resident in FY 2027 (or 7 cents more per day)

- FY 2026 average annual cost per resident = $101.87
- FY 2027 average annual cost per resident = $127.09

$57.75 more per household in FY 2027 (or 16 cents more per day)

- FY 2026 average annual cost per resident = $233.27
- FY 2027 average annual cost per resident = $291.02

Looking towards the future

Cover increasing operating costs while offering more to Long Beach

- Covering significant increases in operating expenses
- Offering more
  - Programs
  - Hours at Branches
  - Physical Materials
  - Digital Materials
- Projecting out
  - Exceed tax cap in FY 2027
  - Realistic annual increases
  - Stay at or below tax cap for five years after

Looking towards the future

Maintaining and improving our buildings

- Main Library renovation
  - $2,500,000 federal grant for partial renovation
  - Add more from annual budget to expand renovation
- Save for the future
  - At least $1,250,000 into reserves for future capital and facilities needs that the Library (not the school district) is responsible for

How does this increased annual cost per capita compare to all other libraries in Nassau?

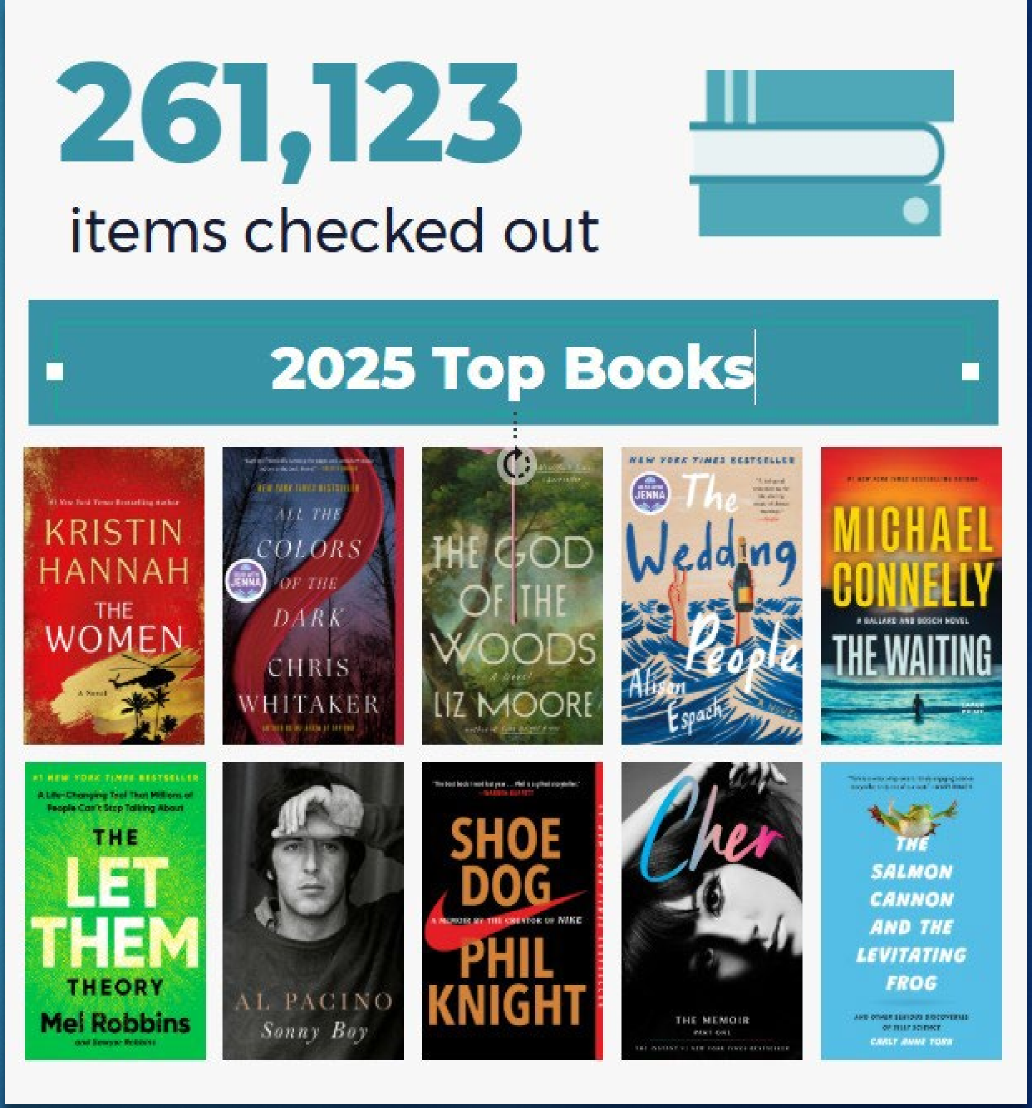
- Out of 54 libraries
  - FY 2026 – 41st in per capita spending
    - Bottom 1/3
  - FY 2027 – 37th in per capita spending
    - To the top of the bottom 1/3 of libraries

FY 2027 Budget Categories

Library Materials
$304,000

+ 56%

- Physical books
- Digital books
- Films
- Music
- Magazines and newspapers
- Research & Learning
- Library of Things



Programs, classes & events
$123,500

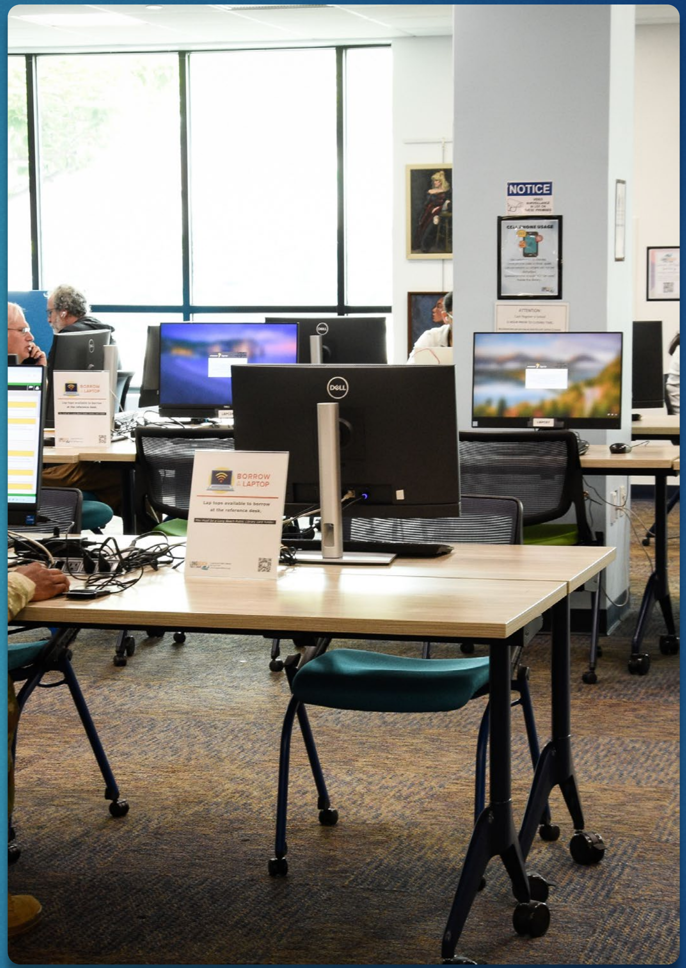
+27%

- Adult Programs and Program Supplies
- Kids Programs and Program Supplies
- Teen Programs and Program Supplies
- Museum Passes

Technology
$102,000

+ 62%

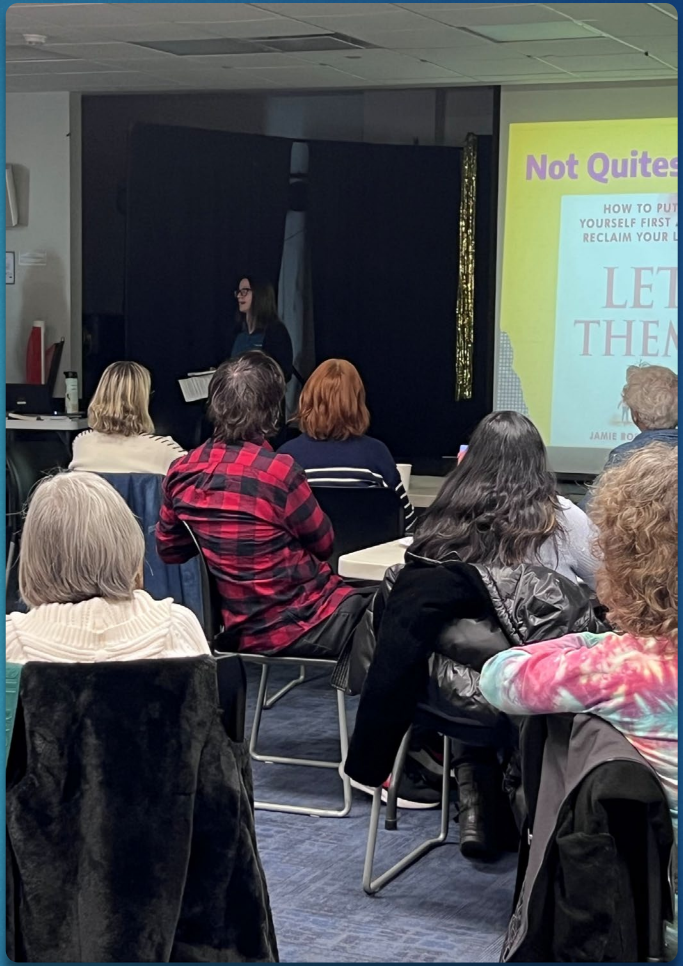
- Computers and other hardware/equipment
- Software and online/cloud services
- Copier rental and maintenance



Library operations
$290,500

+ 13%

- Supplies
- Postage
- Publicity
- Insurance
- NLS delivery & support
- Professional services (auditor, attorney etc.)
- Professional development



Building Operations $349,000

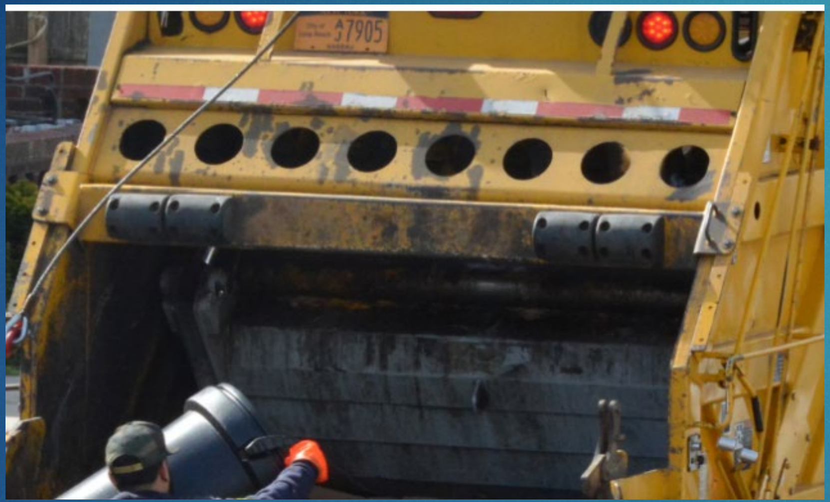
+14%

- Security guards
- Rent for Point Lookout & West End Branches
- Utilities
- Data & telephone
- Custodial supplies
- Building maintenance
- Replacement furniture and other facilities equipment

Municipal Services

$22,000

+22%



Capital Projects (including reserves)

$680,610

+68,061,000% (new)

Personnel (Salaries & Benefits)

$3,230,826

+2%

- Salaries
- Health Insurance
- NYS Retirement
- Social Security/Medicare
- Other personnel benefits

More books, more services, more programs and improved facilities for around $25 more per year!

- You should be getting at least $125 in value from Long Beach Public Library each year.
- Most residents get far more than that
- The annual savings on core library services for residents exceeds the Library’s FY 2027 proposed budget

Questions, comments, feedback?
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