



A message from the President of the Library Board of Trustees

In Port Washington, we embrace change. We are excited when new shops and restaurants open. We are filling our schools with the latest technology. We are building new parks and revitalizing our waterfront. We welcome new arrivals and make them our own.

At the same time, residents of Port Washington respect tradition. We shop on a Main Street lined with American flags. We patronize businesses that have served the town for generations. We fight to save important landmarks. We honor our police, firefighters and teachers.

Nowhere is this inclusive community spirit better reflected than at the Port Washington Public Library. For 125 years, we have served as an anchor in a growing and changing town. A community gathering place, a repository of knowledge and history, and a place of stability.

At the same time, we have reflected, anticipated, and adapted to change. In 2017, a Library patron is just as likely to be 3D printing, taking a citizenship class, streaming a movie, receiving career counseling, or doing Tai Chi as they are to be borrowing a copy of *The Great Gatsby*. But you can still easily find *The Great Gatsby* here—we have sixteen copies (seven of them are e-books). We adopt the new, but the familiar remains respected. That's how we do things in Port Washington.

The Jackie and Harold Spielman Children's Library will be a spectacular expression of these community values. Currently under construction, the new room will be a welcoming space where Port's kids will be at home with the familiar and challenged by the new. Books and technology will live side-by-side. Storytimes will be joined by STEAM instruction. Literacy will coexist with "making." Programming will include favorite activities and new educational initiatives. The constant will be the Children's Services staff, here for your kids from birth through age twelve, helping them to discover and grow.

When the Children's Library opens this year, we will be proud to say that we accomplished this major renovation without asking Port residents for an additional tax levy. The project is being funded through the generosity of the community—private donations large and small, as well as grants secured by our local legislators. As always, we take our fiscal responsibilities seriously and we make sure every dollar counts. Even in a year filled with activity and construction, the proposed budget for 2017-18 contains only a minor increase, staying well within the tax cap.

Please review the proposed budget, included here, and come out to vote on Tuesday, April 4. We appreciate your support and hope that the Library continues to enrich the lives of you and your family. Whether you're here for Computer Aided Design or just a comfy armchair, you're always welcome.

Many thanks,

Robert Lee Aitken

Register to vote at the Library

The Library is providing an easy way to register prior to our budget vote and trustee election on Tuesday, April 4. You must be a registered voter in order to vote in this election. On Tuesday, March 28, visit the Library between the hours of 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. to register. If you are a registered voter, it is not necessary to register again for our election.

When coming to register, please bring one of the following: a valid photo ID, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or some other govern-

ment document that shows your name or address. The voter registration books will be available on weekdays as of March 21 for anyone who wishes to confirm that they are a registered voter.

Residents of the Port Washington school district can also register at the school administration building on Campus Drive on any day the school is open, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. To vote you must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of the Port Washington Union Free School District for at least 30 days.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET	2017 BUDGET	2016 BUDGET
REVENUES			
Real Property Taxes	7,172,264	7,104,023	7,006,316
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	120,000	95,700	95,700
Interest	10,500	10,000	10,000
Other Local Revenue	77,500	77,500	77,500
State Sources	6,500	6,500	6,500
Total Revenues	7,386,764	7,293,723	7,196,016
Appropriated: Designated for ERS	85,000	-	-
Appropriated: Fund Balance	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Revenues & App Fund Bal	7,521,764	7,343,723	7,246,016
EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES, TERMINAL LEAVE & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			
Salaries	3,689,418	3,508,877	3,450,944
Terminal Leave	85,000	134,000	134,000
Employee Benefits - Retirement	540,063	517,640	583,792
Employee Benefits - Other	1,077,161	1,014,186	937,244
MTA Tax	12,543	11,929	11,732
Subtotal - Salaries, Terminal Leave Accruals & Employee Benefits	5,404,185	5,186,632	5,117,712
LIBRARY MATERIALS			
Books - Fiction	41,000	51,000	51,000
Books - Non-fiction	50,000	60,000	60,000
Books - Reference	35,000	43,000	43,000
Books - Children's	23,500	25,500	25,500
Books - Audio & Electronic	75,000	45,000	45,000
Books - Young Adult	20,000	20,000	20,000
Software & Online Databases	78,000	78,000	78,000
Periodicals	39,500	39,500	39,500
Media - DVD/CD	68,000	68,000	68,000
Subtotal - Library Materials	430,000	430,000	430,000
LIBRARY OPERATIONS			
Office & Library Supplies	65,700	65,700	65,700
Telephone	31,000	31,000	31,000
Postage & Freight	25,000	25,000	25,000
Printing	40,500	40,500	40,500
Staff Conference & Training	20,000	20,000	20,000
ALIS/NLS	89,718	99,718	99,718
Program Services	69,500	69,500	69,500
Memberships	7,000	7,000	7,000
Maint. Office Equip.	32,000	32,000	32,000
Accounting/Legal	112,720	111,663	111,664
Security Service	43,811	46,000	30,292
Computer Service	60,040	60,040	60,040
General	26,200	25,000	25,000
Subtotal - Library Operations	623,189	633,121	617,414
BUILDING OPERATIONS			
Fuel & Utilities	181,012	181,012	181,012
Custodial	133,640	135,700	115,700
Insurance	69,703	74,203	74,203
Subtotal - Building Operations	384,355	390,915	370,915
Subtotal Expenditures	6,841,729	6,640,668	6,536,041
EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS & TRANSFERS			
Equipment	56,350	41,850	41,850
Repairs & Alterations	100,000	75,000	75,000
Transfers to Capital		70,000	70,000
Subtotal - Equipment, Repairs, and Transfers	156,350	186,850	186,850
DEBT SERVICE			
Bonds - Principal & Interest	523,685	516,205	523,125
Principal & Interest	523,685	516,205	523,125
Total Expenditures	7,521,764	7,343,723	7,246,016
Tax Levy Increase	0.96%	1.39%	1.00%
Budget Increase	2.42%	1.35%	0.97%

The final Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidates Night are on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. The Budget vote and Trustee election are on Tuesday, April 4 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Absentee ballot applications are available at www.pwpl.org or in the Library's administration office.