



Annual Report

Mission Statement

The Jericho Public Library is committed to remain in the forefront of providing excellence in educational, informational, cultural and recreational enrichment in the service of all members of the community.



A Message from the Board of Trustees

The Jericho Public Library's Budget Vote for fiscal year 2019/2020 is Tuesday, May 21st, from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM in the Jericho Middle/High School Gymnasium. We are pleased to announce that this year's proposed budget, with the 1.55% tax levy increase, is once again under the NYS allowable tax cap. The 2019/2020 budget increase was formulated with maximum

effect on services and programs for our Jericho Community Residents.

The Director and Library Board of Trustees are delighted to have on the ballot, for the first time in over 30 years, a Library Bond Referendum for a much needed expansion and interior renovation of the current Library building. For more information on the proposed renovation, go to www.jericholibrary.org

(Se AVISA que la Elección Anual de Biblioteca Pública de Jericho se llevará a cabo en el gimnasio de Jericho High School el martes 21 de mayo de 2019 entre las 6:00 AM y a las 9:00 PM.)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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2018/2019

Serving the Community



- Storytime at the Syosset-Woodbury Park - Each year our Children's Librarians volunteer to read to children attending summer recreation programs at local town parks. This noteworthy outreach program conducted by library staff fosters a love of reading at an early age.

- The Great Give Back - This Island wide effort brings awareness that Libraries can make a big difference. Through a variety of projects our patrons created many items donated to local nursing homes, children's hospitals and homeless youth.

- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) - Because the safety of our patrons is vitally important to us the Library now owns two AED devices. They are located on each floor of the building in case of a medical emergency.

- Food Drives - Every autumn the Library places food donation bins in the lobby benefitting a local food bank. Patrons and staff generously donate non-perishable food items to aid those in need.

- T-Mobile HotSpots - Routers/modems for cardholders to borrow. Gives access to free Wi-Fi at the beach, parks, waiting rooms, trains, etc. for up to five devices within the continental U.S.

- Every November an art exhibit of Jericho School Students is showcased in the Library Gallery/Meeting Room and display cases. This year student musicians entertained patrons at the Art Reception. This special event grows in popularity each year.



Upgrades

- The beautification of the front entrance is complete. In warm weather patrons can sit comfortably on the lovely bench and delight in the colorful planters and gardens. A welcome addition when entering our automatic front doors.
- We replaced our old security cameras with a new up-to-date system, partially funded by grants from New York State.
- Two broken HVAC units were replaced and paid for with a \$50,000 grant from New York State.

Take a Trip to a Museum On Us!

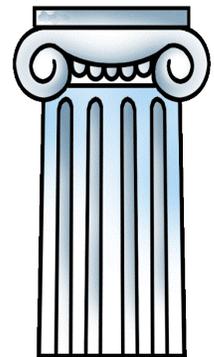
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*New additions coming soon

American Airpower Museum 
Children's Museum of Manhattan
Clark Botanic Garden
*Cold Spring Harbor Fire House Museum
Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium
Cradle of Aviation/Firefighter's Museum
Empire Pass
Frick Collection 
Garvies Point Museum and Preserve 
Guggenheim Museum
Heckscher Museum of Art
Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum 
The Jewish Museum
Long Island Children's Museum

MoMA/The Museum of Modern Art
Museum of the City of New York
Nassau County Museum of Art 
New York Botanical Garden
*New York Hall of Science
New York Transit Museum 
New-York Historical Society
Old Bethpage Village Restoration 
Old Westbury Gardens 
Oyster Bay Railroad Museum 
Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium 
Walt Whitman Birthplace State Historic Site 
Whaling Museum & Education
Center of Cold Spring Harbor 

Museum Passes



New at the JPL

- **Physics Bus** - Children delighted in the Ithaca Physics Bus as they interacted with the upcycled appliances and other items reimagined by kids. A hands-on experience showcasing the physics phenomena to enrich their appreciation of science. Look for it again this year!
- **The Great American Read** - JPL partnered with the PBS program to vote for America's favorite novel. Patrons chose from a list of 100 books compiled by PBS and participated in programs, social media posts, in-house voting and more. The winner? *To Kill a Mockingbird!*
- **STEAM Kits** - These new educational, interactive kits are available for children of all ages. Filled with inspirational materials, they strengthen critical thinking, problem solving and creative skills.
- **VOX Books** - Children's books which contain an audio reader that transforms a book into a read-along. Children simply push a button to listen and read. A great resource to expose young minds to pronunciation, the printed word and the love of reading.
- **SMART Board** - The Library owns an interactive white board which displays information such as maps, photos, videos, etc., besides the ability to write with a stylus.

Did You Know?



- In 2018 the Jericho Library served over 306,110 visitors
- Visitors checked out over 383,860 items
- Over 25,350 patrons of all ages have attended our programs
 - Children had 318 programs with 7,415 attendees
 - Teens had 77 programs with 930 attendees
 - Adults had 965 programs with 17,000 attendees
- 103,915 patrons have accessed our wireless service
- Computer services were utilized 104,375 times
- The JPL webpage had over 256,250 visitors
- Our Reference Librarians answered over 32,150 questions
- Patrons downloaded over 100,100 electronic books, magazines, audiobooks, music, movies and TV shows
- More than 135,375 print books, magazines, audiobooks and DVDs were circulated



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– American Library Association

