

Library Trustee Candidate

**Gail
Lynch-Bailey**



Of all my volunteer jobs, serving as a Longwood Public Library Trustee is my absolute favorite. LPL is both the literary and literal heart of Longwood. It is such an honor to play a role in shaping and strengthening our greatest cultural resource. I am so proud of LPL's facilities, programs and professionals, and I am ever grateful for the consistent support of our wonderful community. I will continue to take this financial commitment very seriously in my second term as an LPL Trustee. Thank you, Longwood!

Running unopposed



800 Middle Country Road
Middle Island, NY 11953
(631) 924-6400

Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:30 am–9:00 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am–5:00 pm
Sunday: 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Visit us at longwoodlibrary.org

Director, Lisa H. Jacobs

Assistant Director, Ann Hofbauer

Longwood Public Library

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Remember to Vote!

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 – 8:00 am–9:00 pm

2018-2019 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election

Voter Registration & Budget Information

Requirements to Vote in this Election

- You are at least 18 years of age
- You are a citizen of the United States
- You have been a resident of Longwood Central School District for at least 30 days
- You have voted in any general, school or other election in the last four years

**IT'S
AMNESTY
DAY!**

on April 10, 2018
no fines will be collected
for library materials
returned late

Voter Registration

Registration is available on every school day through
Thursday, April 5 at the **Longwood Central Office**,
35 Yaphank-Middle Island Road, Middle Island

Absentee Ballots

Mailed applications must be completed and received by the
District Clerk on or before **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**.
(Applications are available at the library.)

The Library Director, Lisa Jacobs, will be happy to answer any questions you have about the library or the budget.
Please call (631) 924-6400 x275 or e-mail: lisa@longwoodlibrary.org

Budget Information Meeting

Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm

2018-2019 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

	2017-2018	2018-2019
Library Materials & Programs:	\$794,000.00	\$807,000.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Books & Ebooks DVDs Books on CD, Music CDs Magazines & Newspapers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programs, Lectures, Concerts & Museum Passes Downloads & Streaming Research Tools 	
Library Operations:	\$985,975.03	\$921,650.12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulation & Security System Audit, Legal, Printing, Postage Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy Machines, Equipment & Supplies Utilities, Insurance 	
Staff:	\$3,394,158.64	\$3,561,615.08
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Librarians Support Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sundays & Holidays 	
Employee Benefits:	\$1,276,691.33	\$1,302,113.55
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NYS Retirement System Social Security Health Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment, Disability, Workers Compensation 	
Total Operating Budget:	\$6,450,825.00	\$6,592,378.75
Bond Payment Approved October 2012	\$1,139,744.00	\$1,148,656.25
Subtotal	\$7,590,569.00	\$7,741,035.00
Less Anticipated Revenue	(\$141,950.00)	(\$128,950.00)
Less Fund Balance	(\$75,000.00)	(\$75,000.00)
Amount to be raised by taxation	\$7,373,619.00	\$7,537,085.00

The proposed operating budget for **2018-2019** is below the NYS tax cap. It is estimated that the adoption of this budget will raise the library's tax rate to \$14.59 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

This would increase the average homeowner's tax payment by \$7.22 per year.

2017 The Year in Review

Our talented librarians and other staff always strive to provide the best service to you. We've enhanced library programs by adding more outdoor programming on the terrace, drop-in community service opportunities for teens, and TASC (high school equivalency) classes. We launched our new annual author program with a visit from bestselling author Nelson DeMille. We expanded our collection: you can now borrow Chromecast, hotspots and Kindle Paperwhites, and we added Kanopy, another streaming video service. We launched a seed library, Longwood Grows. Our first Earth Day Fair was held, following the commemoration of the library's LEED Platinum building award. We began work on the new Learn & Play children's sensory garden, located near the terrace. We installed our first Little Free Library at Bartlett Pond Park.

A Few Statistics from 2017

- LPL cardholders topped 51,000, the highest number ever
- Library visits totaled more than 260,000
- More than 370,000 physical items were checked out; more than 75,000 ebooks, audio and video were streamed or downloaded
- Public computers were accessed more than 52,000 times
- Free museum passes were borrowed more than 1,500 times, saving taxpayers more than \$48,000

Many new services are planned for the coming year:

- The opening of the Learn & Play Garden this spring
- A new, mobile-friendly, accessible website
- More equipment and gadgets to borrow
- The introduction of the Longwood Collective, an online archive of photos taken around our community

Coming in 2018!

It is estimated that adoption of the Proposed Budget would increase your property taxes as follows:

Impact of Proposed Increase	
Assessed Value of Home	Annual Additional Cost
\$2,000	\$6.33 per year
\$2,280 (district average)	\$7.22 per year
\$3,000	\$9.50 per year