

Proposed Budget Keeps NSPL Among Lowest Library Tax Rates in Brookhaven

Library Tax Accounts for Slightly More Than 3% of Total Property Tax

Projected Tax Rate
 If you live in Riverhead:
 \$4.30 per \$1000 of market value

If you live in Brookhaven:
 \$7.12 per \$100 of assessed value

Category	Proposed 2003
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Library books.....	\$255,300
Electronic media	47,000
Audio-visual	85,300
Periodicals, pamphlets, microfilm	49,600
Bookbinding	500
Programs (lectures, music)	49,000
Salaries: Professional.....	833,900
Salaries: Clerical	665,600
Computers, equipment & furniture	70,800
Conference	15,500
Office & library supplies	50,900
Telephone/telecommunications	21,300
Postage.....	23,600
Publicity & printing.....	18,800
Travel.....	2,900
Contracts with other libraries.....	29,600
Professional fees	74,200
Membership dues.....	2,100
Rental of equipment	17,800
Equipment maintenance	27,000
Annual vote	2,000
Insurance	43,000
Computerized circulation system	33,900
Utilities	71,400
Custodial services.....	30,500
Repairs to building & grounds	48,300
Maintenance (building & grounds).....	9,500
Retirement	54,000
Social Security	91,900
Health insurance	226,300
Total Budget	2,951,500
Revenues	111,200
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Amount to be raised by taxation from residents of NSPL	\$2,840,300

The North Shore Public Library is the only tax-supported institution which offers services to every member of our community from preschooler to senior citizen. Slightly more than three percent of the total of your property taxes supports the library.

Voters will go to the polls on April 8th for the annual library budget vote and trustee election.

The seat currently held by trustee Richard Johannesen will be on this year's ballot.

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2003/2004 maintains the library's status of having one of the lowest tax rates among all of Brookhaven's libraries.

The proposed tax rate translates to an annual cost for library services of approximately \$230 per year for a \$200,000 home in our community.

Members of the community are invited to an informational meeting on Monday, April 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the library for a detailed explanation of the budget. You may also call Elaine Brecha, Library Director, at 929-4488, ext. 229.

"The proposed budget for 2003/2004 ensures that the NSPL community is provided with the high-quality library services that our community has come to appreciate and enjoy," said Library Director Elaine Brecha.