



The Hicksville Public
Library *Newsletter*

Annual Report 2008

Budget 2009 - 2010

Dear Neighbors,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Hicksville Public Library, I am pleased to present the 2009-2010 Annual Budget.

Much time has been spent developing a budget that will allow us to continue to provide you with the quality programs and services you expect, and to enhance our book, video, DVD and CD collections. Over the past year, with the help of our Director Carol Ahrens, we have undertaken a number of cost-saving measures. These were implemented with as little impact on our patrons as possible and have enabled us to produce a zero increase budget. We will continue to look for cost savings wherever possible in an effort to streamline our services and reduce our budget.

So that we can continue to provide our patrons and neighbors with the programs and services expected, we urge you to vote on Tuesday, May 19, between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at your local school polling place. We are committed to serving all of our taxpayers - parents, children and seniors - and it is our goal under this new budget to make you a satisfied patron. Suggestions on how the Library can serve you better are always appreciated.

Thank you for your past and continued support.

Val Pakaluk,
President
Hicksville Public Library Board of Trustees

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COLLECTION

Books	\$239,600.00
Periodicals & Microfilms	19,400.00
Audio	41,200.00
Bindery	1,200.00
On line Information Services	129,000.00
Videocassettes + DVDs	<u>47,000.00</u>
	\$477,400.00

OPERATION

Insurance	\$60,000.00
Utilities	184,800.00
Library Supplies	60,000.00
Building & Maintenance	108,000.00
Other Operation and Maintenance	104,220.00
Furniture & Equipment	6,000.00
Computer Equipment	10,000.00
Programs and Public Information	106,040.00
Conferences & Meetings	5,000.00
Professional Fees	<u>57,600.00</u>
	\$701,660.00

PERSONNEL

Professional	\$780,000.00
Clerical (including part-time)	1,055,000.00
Custodial	135,000.00
Pensions	<u>1,075,400.00</u>
	\$3,045,400.00

Contingency	\$25,000.00
Capital Improvement	<u>75,000.00</u>
Gross Budget	\$4,324,460.00

Less Fines & Fees	44,100.00
Less State Aid	
Less other Revenues	65,000.00
Less Appropriated Fund Balance	500,000.00
Net Budget - R/E Tax	\$3,715,360.00

A house in Hicksville that has a value of \$400,000 has an assessed valuation of \$100,000 (Estimated.25% of the fair market value based on the 2008-2009 tax year). The current Hicksville Library tax rate is 13.660 so that a homeowner would pay \$136.66 a year in library tax. There is a budget decrease of 14.37%.

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The Hicksville Public Library is a facility that functions by offering many diverse materials and services. The library staff meets the community's demand for the best in books, media and special programs, by following the latest trends in informational, educational, and recreational choices. Listed below is a review of library services for 2008:

Number of registered borrowers: 20,183	Total number of periodicals: 381
Volume count: 254,133	Number of video cassettes: 3,765
Total Annual Acquisitions: 16,495	Number of DVD's: 5,162
Number of adult reference questions: 12,300	Number of compact discs: 4,282
Number of patrons using the computer: 3,443	Number of children's reference questions: 7,715
Number of books on tape or CD: 3,621	Number of patrons using Internet: 28,724

Library Programs

Adult Services

Public Information offers an extensive variety of programs, trips and printed materials to engage our patrons' interests.

Number of Newsletters: 7	Number of Concerts: 9
Number of Computer Workshops: 23	Number of Health Talk and Legal programs: 6
Number of Book Discussions: 10	Number of Driving classes: 24
Number of Movies: 47	Number of Seminars and Workshops: 51
Number of Cooking Workshops: 10	Number of Exercise classes: 168
Painting Workshops: 12	Number of Fiction to Film discussions: 8

Teen Services

Number of Teen Newsletters: 6	Number of Craft Programs: 10
Number of Entertainment/Educational Programs: 9	Number of Class Visits: 2
Number of Food Programs: 4	Wrestlemania Challenge: 1
	Babysitting Workshops: 2

Children's Services

Children's Services provides creative activities, musical events, storytimes, and computer software to promote a love of learning and an appreciation of diversity.

Number of craft programs: 8	Number of Librarian visits to schools: 2
Number of entertainment educational programs: 6	Number of Play Hoorays: 30
Number of Spanish language programs: 60	Number of Jump for Joy Programs: 39
Number of Storytime programs: 38	Number of Author visits: 1
Number of Creative Arts programs: 12	Number of Time for Art programs: 33
Number of Family Fun programs: 33	Number of Childrens Movies: 2
Number of Chess Classes: 21	Number of Storycrafts: 33
Number of Class & Group Visits: 25	Number of Science programs: 3

Reference Services

During the past year, the Reference Department has seen an increase in requests for assistance by phone, internet, and in-person visits to the library.

As information resources continue to expand, the reference librarians provide instruction in research methods from a variety of print and online resources that reflect the changing needs of the community. Our collection includes material in the fields of medicine, business, investing, travel, historical research, website creation and design, automotive repair, computer programming, career, and Civil Service examinations.

The interloan service has expanded to include Suffolk County, and OCLC, a network of libraries online in universities and public libraries in the United States.