

## **Budget Message 2015-2016**

The Manhasset Public Library takes pride in our continuous commitment to providing services and information resources for our community. This annual newsletter provides an opportunity to share the library's activities and accomplishments during the 2014-15 Budget year and presents our proposed 2015-16 Budget. We have included financial breakdowns of expenditures, statistics of library usage and highlights of new initiatives. The dedicated efforts of the Library Trustees, Director and Staff have upheld our promise of sound fiscal responsibility and enhanced library services. As a result of this effort, our proposed budget falls below the current New York State Tax Cap. Furthermore, the Library Trustees and the Staff Association have successfully settled a long standing contract negotiation which has ensured continuous services without placing any unnecessary financial burden on our community. All expenditures, including those over which the Board has no control such as pension cost and health insurance rates, have been managed within the tax cap limit without the loss of resources and services.

The success and growing popularity of our art exhibits has prompted us to expand exhibit space throughout our facility. When you enter our library, you will see the new community display cases in the lobby and additional art exhibit spaces for hanging art work on each floor of the building. Utilizing our unique archive photo, print and document collections, we are developing the Manhasset Library History Center Project. With the continued funding and generous support of our Friends of the Library, the History Center Project will showcase historic materials and digitize our collections making them available on our website's planned History Center page and the Long Island Memories Project.

To meet the demands of the increasingly digital environment in which we live, our Library continues to provide instructional support, new digital formats for books, magazines, music and film, upgraded Wi-Fi service, added touch screen computers for our Children's department, online program registration. We will be implementing a MPL Smart Phone App.

Throughout the year, we were pleased to have our services so well received by our community. With your continued support, the Board of Trustees, Director and Staff will work together to deliver services and resources of the highest quality to our patrons.

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