



MONTAUK LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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MONEY RETURNED TO TAXPAYER

In a final accounting of the building project by the Library's Financial Secretary, Irene D'Agostino, and our accountant, Henry Graber, CPA, of Graber and Co., Garden City, the amount of ~~\$5,546.35~~, money not expended on the building project, will be used to reduce the amount of the bond approved by taxpayers in 1986. In the 1992-93 fiscal year, the bond cost the taxpayers \$108,695 (out of the School District budget of \$5,291,167), or 3.81 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. In the year 1993-94, this cost will be \$105,470. The amount will decrease every year thereafter.

The Library does not have power to borrow under State Law. Therefore, the Bond which was approved in 1986 was borrowed by the School District for the Library. The payment on the bond appears every year in the School Budget.

The Library's Annual Operating Budget is entirely separate from the Annual School Budget. See the following page for information about the Library's current financial status.

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 • **DATES TO REMEMBER** •

- March 15: Cooking Demo 10 am •
 - March 22: Cooking Demo 10 am •
 - March 24: Trustee petitions due •
 - March 25: Trustee Meeting 7:30 •
 - March 29: Cooking Demo 10 am •
 - April 4: Cooking Demo 10 am •
 - April 14: Registration at Library 2 - 8 •
 - April 15: Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm •
 - April 22: Luncheon at Surfside 12 noon •
 - April 24: Vote at Library 2 - 8 pm •
 - June 26: House & Garden Tour •
 - Friday nights: see Friends' Newsletter •
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VOTE AT LIBRARY

Saturday, April 24, 1993

2:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

All Annual Votes on Library issues will be held in the Library from now on. Montauk has always been one of the few School District Public Libraries that did not hold the vote in its own building. Now that we have the space, voters will vote on the Library in the Library.

This year the Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that there will be **no request for a budget increase!!** Projections for the past year's budget proved to be on target. In accordance with New York State Education Law, there is no requirement for a vote if there is no request for an increase in the library budget. Therefore no public hearing is scheduled. Information about the Library's annual operating budget is available at all times at the Library. All trustee meetings are open to the public as well. Dates and times of the monthly meeting are available by calling the Library, and are posted in The East Hampton Star.

What the qualified, registered voter will vote on this year are two trustee positions. The five- year terms currently held by Barbara Borth and John Keeshan are up for election this year. Both Mrs. Borth and Mr. Keeshan are seeking re-election. Those interested in seeking a trustee position should obtain a petition from Ann Peterson at the Montauk School. Petitions must be returned by March 24th.

The April monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at 7:00 PM on the 15th. Any questions you might have about the vote or the operating budget can be addressed to the trustees. You are welcome to stay for the meeting afterwards.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

In order to be eligible to vote on any Library matters, you must be a registered voter. If you are not registered: Registration will be at the Library on April 14, 1993, from 2 PM to 8 PM. In order to register you must be:

- 18 years old
- A US citizen
- A District Resident for at least 30 days prior to April 14, 1993

Proof of Legal Residence is:

- the address on your a) driver's license, b) Federal Income Tax Forms, c) automobile registration, and/or
- d) Government registration forms.

TO VOTE YOU:

- do not have to own property
- do not have to have a library card
- must be a registered voter

If you cannot vote on election day, you *can* register and be ready for the next election.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for absentee ballots can be obtained at the office of the School District Clerk. Such applications must be in to the Clerk (Ann Peterson) 7 days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed, or one day before if it is to be hand delivered. All absentee ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 5 PM of the day of the vote.

BUDGET INFORMATION

1993-94 OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES:estimated

Category	93-94
Salaries	71,500
Comp/Lib Equip	5,000
Books	18,000
A/V	3,500
Periodicals	2,000
Office Supply	2,500
Telephone	2,200
Postage	1,500
Printing	3,000
Travel	250
Prof. Fees	5,500
Subscriptions/Memberships	900
Office Repair	1,000
Book Processing	800
Utilities	14,000
Custodial Supplies	600
Building Repair	3,000
Insurance	8,500
Building Service	8,500
Misc.	<u>750</u>
Total	153,000
Contingency	<u>4,000</u>
Total	\$ 157,000

Revenues:

Property Tax Assessment.....	153,000
Other Income (fees, fines, interest)...	<u>4,000</u>
Total Revenues.....	\$157,000

THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Present Balance:	\$56,900
Projected expenses this Spring include:	
Parking Lot Paving	12,000
Prelim Architect fees	4,000
Staircase from parking lot to Serenity Garden & Lower Level	10,000
Lighting for Children's room	7,500
Redesign of front doors, auto- mation of doors	<u>10,000</u>
Total	\$ 43,500

Projected Balance \$ 13,400

The Capital Account is held as a reserve fund for Capital Improvements to the Library. It is accrued by putting over any funds left from the previous year's Operating Budget, in accordance with State Education Law. Since the Library does not have the power to borrow it must maintain a balance in case of major problems.

THE SPECIAL FUND

The current balance of the Special Fund is \$35,500. This fund is used for special purchases of furnishings and collections and an endowment fund. It is accrued solely through donations.

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Montauk Library

NEWS

from the Friends...

READING GROUP

The Reading Group meets monthly on Sundays at noon in the Library to discuss books selected at the previous meeting. The discussions are informal and unstructured and are open to all who enjoy reading and talking about books. Copies of the books to be discussed are available at the Circulation Desk. At the March 7 meeting "My Antonia" by Willa Cather was discussed. Check the Library's bulletin board for the April selection and meeting date.

FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE LIBRARY

Since January 15, we have been alternating Games Night and Movie Night on Fridays at the Library. On Games Night, participants have been playing board games such as Trivial Pursuit and Scrabble and card games such as Bridge and Cribbage. If you would like to participate, bring your favorite game for a pleasant evening with your friends and neighbors.

On movie night we have shown "The Belles of St. Trinian's", "Blithe Spirit" and "Stairway to Heaven". The next scheduled movie is "My Darling Clementine" on Friday, March 19. And as an added treat, free popcorn is served on Movie Night.

Games and Movie Nights start at 7:30 pm. Check the Library bulletin board for details.

BOOK FAIR

It's not too early to start thinking about the July 3 Book Fair, and we need books. Bring yours to the Library during business hours. If you have a sizeable book donation, call 668-2906 for a pick-up.

CRAFT WORKSHOP

The next Craft Workshop for children ages 3 to 10 will be held on Sunday, March 14, at 3 pm at the Community Church. The youngsters will work on crafts with a St. Patrick's Day motif.

COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

Robert Akin has generously offered us the use of the kitchen in the fabulous Akin Estate for a series of cooking demonstrations by some of Montauk's favorite chefs. The demonstrations (and, of course, tastings) will be held on four consecutive Mondays, starting on March 15, at 10 am and will last about two to three hours. Guest chefs showing off their culinary prowess are: Catherine Ecker, caterer; Ed Lightcap, who is the new chef at Trento's Grill at the Royal Atlantic; John Yashinowsky, owner/chef of 27 East; and Mohamad Kharabiesh, chef at Dooley's Restaurant.

Admission charge for the demonstrations is \$25.00 per session. Space is limited so sign up early. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Library.

BUS TRIP

A bus trip to Ellis Island is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19. The fare (not including ferry and museum fees) is \$15.00. The bus will leave from the Post Office at 7:30 am and will leave New York at 6:00 pm. Reservations must be made and paid for in advance. A sign-up sheet is at the front desk of the Library. Those who have visited Ellis Island found it a moving and informative experience. Take advantage of the convenience offered by this bus trip.

AWARD WINNING AUTHOR

Montauk's own Barbara Metzger, who chairs the Annual Friends' Book Fair, has written another in her series of award winning regency romances. Her latest, A Loyal Companion, is about Sonia and her dog, Fitz, who go off to London and encounter the dashing Darius Conover. Barbara has won the Reviewer's Choice Award for Best Regency Romance. She has been called "one of the Regency genre's wittiest pens" by Romantic Times. One of her books, Christmas Wishes, is dedicated "To the one-year-old Montauk Library with congratulations and best wishes, to the Friends of the Montauk Library with love, and to Ann, with thanks." Bob-e, as we know her, has 11 titles in the Montauk Library collection. We congratulate her on her success.

OSSORIO GIFT

The estate of the late Alfonso Ossorio has donated several hundred volumes to the Montauk Library. A well-known artist/sculptor, Mr. Ossorio's eclectic tastes and interests are reflected in these books. The collection is located almost entirely in the non-fiction area of the Library, and ranges from magnificent art books to books on architecture, ancient history and religions, collections of poetry and much, much more. All of the books are virtually brand new: "The Gem Kingdom," for example, contains beautiful photographs of precious gems, and is one of many truly extraordinary books in this exquisite collection. Ask at the Circulation Desk for other titles.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT

The Float Committee has been working busily on this year's float. The Parade starts at 1:00 pm on Sunday, March 21. Be sure to be on hand to cheer the Friends.

STORY HOUR

Except when school is in recess, Story Hour is held in the Library every Tuesday at 10:00 am for youngsters three years old and up, accompanied by a parent.

POT LUCK SUPPER

Our annual Pot Luck Supper, held at Third House on Saturday, January 30, was a great success. Approximately 80 people feasted on delicious dishes prepared by members. And as a bonus, children were entertained after dinner with movie cartoons.

Gardening Books in the Collection

52 Weekend Garden Projects by N. Bubel

Flowers & Gardens by B. Randolph

The Chemical Free Lawn by W. Schultz

No-Dig-No-Weed Gardening by R. Poincelot

Perennials; Annuals; Roses by Time Life Books(3)

550 Home Landscaping Ideas by C.T. Erler

Landscape Rejuvenation by B.L. Appleton

Wall and Water Gardens by G. Jekyll

Books about vegetable, herb, greenhouse and indoor gardening are also available in our collection.

WE NEED ALL THE FRIENDS WE CAN GET DEPARTMENT

To become a member, complete the information below and mail to:

Friends Membership Chairman, P. O. Box 700, Montauk, New York 11954, or leave at the Library.

Annual Dues:

_____ Regular Member	\$7.00
_____ Senior Citizen	3.00
_____ Family	10.00
_____ Sponsor	25.00
_____ Friend for Life	100.00

New Member Renewal

_____ Yes, I'd like to help. My special interests are _____

_____ No, I can't be active, but I'd like to be a supportive member.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Winter Address _____

LUNCHEON AT SURFSIDE

Once again, the owners of Surfside Inn, Linda Barnds and Tom Milne, will host a Luncheon to benefit the Montauk Library at their lovely restaurant overlooking the Atlantic. The date is April 22 - a Thursday. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

This luncheon will be the kick-off fundraiser for the Lower Level Building Project. Our architect, Raymond Beeler is presently working on the plans for the meeting room level and the Board of Trustees will have drawings and a model of the proposal that day.

We also hear that the raffle prize will be a birdhouse of a very special nature - be sure to stay tuned. The food is always fabulous - everyone has a great time, so get your tickets early! Tickets will be available after March 22nd at the Library, The Montauk Laundromat, Martha Greene Real Estate and John Keeshan Real Estate.

NURSERY SCHOOL DONATION

The officers of the Montauk Community Cooperative Nursery School, which existed from 1969 to 1984 have donated to the Library a MacIntosh LC computer which will be placed in a carrel with the other Apple computer, and custom built computer furniture for the Young Adult room at the Library, which will hold an IBM Computer.

This substantial donation was made with funds remaining from the nursery school which closed in 1984, because so many of its former students would be able to benefit from such a gift. The Montauk Community Cooperative Nursery School, which was founded in 1969 by Betsy Friend and a group of moms, was held in the Community Church. Pat Smyth, the school's last teacher, reflects that the school was a real community effort, with dads and moms helping out, and visits to local businesses one of the main activities. It was Montauk's first pre-school, and is fondly remembered by many of its alumni who now have businesses and children of their own. What a wonderful donation!

NEW LIBRARY CARDS

All Library patrons are reminded that their library cards expired at the end of 1992. Please bring your expired card to the front desk, where your new card is available.

NEW STAFF PERSON HIRED

Lisa Kobayashi joined the Library staff in February. Lisa will be doing much of the bookkeeping, as well as serving the patrons on a daily basis at the desk. Lisa and her husband, Kobi, have lived in Montauk part time for 20 years, and are now making this their full time home. Lisa, a Barnard College graduate, always loved doing research in libraries, and so is delighted to be working in the Montauk Library.

THE SPECIAL FUND

Gifts to the Montauk Library are tax deductible. Gifts willed to the Library in the form of a bequest are favorable in light of today's tax laws. Many corporations offer matching gift programs for their employees. Please check with your employer if you are thinking of making a donation.

All gifts to the Library are recognized either in the Donor Book or on the plaques at the entrance to the William DePouli Reading Room.

Donor categories for plaques are as follows:

\$10,000 and up	Benefactor
5,000 - 9,999	Patron
2,500 - 4,999	Sponsor
1,000 - 2,499	Donor
500 - 999	Contributor

Joan M. Lycke is the trustee in charge of the Special Fund. Any inquiries can be directed to her.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership in the Montauk Library is free to all residents of the Montauk Union Free School District. To obtain a library card proof of residency is required: a deed, tax bill, tax receipt, year round lease, property survey, driver's license or registration with a Montauk address, a voter's registration card or a student identification card. Non-residents can obtain library privileges for a \$15 annual fee plus a \$15 refundable deposit.

FRIENDS OF THE MONTAUK LIBRARY

Friends of the Library is an organization of volunteers who support the Montauk Library. The Friends bring programming to the Library and sponsor many interesting and informative events throughout the year. Joining Friends is a great way to get involved in the community. Look further for detailed news of Friends activities.

WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY ?

General Circulation:

Non-Fiction and Fiction Collection
Adult and Juvenile - 21 day circulation
Shakespeare Collection
Paperback Exchange

Periodicals:

Local and National Newspapers
Magazines - 1 week circulation

Reference Collection:

Dictionaries, Atlases, Encyclopedia
Government Documents
Indexes
Directories
Long Island and Montauk History

Media Collection:

Audio language tapes - 3 week circ.
Audio Books on Tape - 1 week circ.
Videos - two tape limit -2 night circ.
Classic Compact Discs - 1 week circ.

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Technical Equipment-for Public Use

Apple IIE Computer
Ultra (IBM) Computer
Compaq Computer
Typewriter - for use in library
Photocopy Machine -.10 per copy
Compact Disc Player-use in library
Compact Disc Player - for loan
Micro Film/Fiche Reader/Printer

Programs and Services:

-Inter-Library Loan Service- lists of all materials
available from Suffolk County and New York
State Library Systems
-Story Hour - offered by Friends of the Library for
preschool children
-Summer Reading Program for children through
the sixth grade

HOURS

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY & FRIDAY

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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