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## **Montauk Library Announces Reminder for planned Renovation and Expansion Bond Vote**

### **• May 21st Bond Vote, 2-8 pm at the Montauk Elementary School •**

(MONTAUK, NY, MAY 8, 2019) — The Montauk Library is reminding the community that the vote for the Library’s planned renovation and expansion project will be held on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Montauk Elementary School. The Library vote will be held concurrently with the Montauk School District’s budget vote and school board election.

The Library Bond Proposition on the ballot would authorize the Montauk Library’s proposed renovation and expansion project. The complete project plan, prepared by Gallin Beeler Design Studio, is on file in the office of the Montauk School District’s District Clerk and in the Montauk Library Director’s office. Detailed information about the project is viewable online at the Montauk Library’s website ([montauklibrary.org](http://montauklibrary.org)) and is also available at the Library.

#### **Project Cost Summary for the Montauk Library’s Renovation and Expansion project**

Cost of the project: \$7,486,371  
Bond Term: 20 years

Approximate monthly tax rate increase of \$6.67 per month (\$80.40 per year)\*  
*\*based on average home assessed valuation of \$5,000 (market value of \$862,069)*

*Projections provided by Capital Market Advisors, LLC. The Library will also apply for NYS construction grants and accept donations to reduce bond cost.*

#### **Project Background and Highlights**

The Montauk Library, which will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2020, originally operated out of a small cottage on the property of the Montauk Community Church. The current, larger facility opened in 1991. “Once again, the Montauk Library is at a crossroad,” said Montauk Library Director Denise DiPaolo. “The current building has served Montauk well for nearly 30 years, but with the modern transformation in library services and a marked increase in usage, a new reorganization and expansion is greatly needed to meet the changing needs of the community. This project will address efficiency, safety, and accessibility issues, and will expand the space we have to better serve our patrons.” Library Board President Joan Lycke said, “The very nature of what a library *is* to a community has greatly evolved over the last few decades, along with advancements in technology. Libraries have become a valued resource not only for books, information, and research, but for cultural, recreational, and technological programming and services, as well. The renovation and expansion project will address the increased need for space and services at the Montauk Library not only for today, but for the future.”

Through community outreach—including needs assessment interviews, surveys, community input sessions, and focus groups—and comprehensive studies and planning, the Library Board and staff have developed a plan for the renovation and expansion project. 5,000 square feet of new space will be added to the existing 9,000 square foot building by filling in portions of existing interior double-height space, the addition of a new exit staircase, and a significant new addition and entryway. Highlights include:

- Larger Children’s Library — tripling the current space, with dedicated play area, enclosed program room, administrative space, bathroom, and exterior terrace.
- Teen Room — new enclosed space with comfortable seating.
- Local History and Fishermen’s Center — a 1,600 square foot, one-story addition with exhibit and gallery space and a new entry plaza with vehicular drop off.
- Adult Services — reorganization and expansion of mezzanine level with new quiet study area, café service counter, bathroom, and exterior ocean overlook terrace.
- New additional basement space — providing an expanded Archival room, public meeting room, bathrooms, and storage areas.
- Sustainable (green) features to be incorporated throughout, including accessible landscaped “green roof” space.