

MONTAUK LIBRARY

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2022

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Denise DiPaolo



WELCOME BACK — TO THE NEWLY RENOVATED AND EXPANDED MONTAUK LIBRARY!



The Montauk community will be greeted with many changes and enhancements upon returning to the Library — including a significantly expanded Children's Library in the main space, a new Family Room, a new Teen Room, a new Local History Center, a second meeting room at the lower level, a greatly expanded archival storage room and office, a new sound studio, an enlarged second level for adult services, and all new lighting. Scenic views can be enjoyed from three new exterior areas, including an ocean view roof terrace, an accessible green roof terrace for outdoor reading, and a new deck at the main level off the Family Room. Solar panels have been added to the south-facing roof and the Library has been generating electricity for the past few months. You will also find new furnishings, new windows, a new entry plaza, a reconfigured parking lot for easier vehicular access and drop-off, and new landscaping.

IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK... If the walls in the newly renovated and expanded Montauk Library could talk, you'd likely hear a variety of different stories coming from each department.

The new **FAMILY ROOM** walls would brag about the child-height picture book browsing bins, the preschool-age play area, the interactive puzzles and games, the cozy nooks where children can read, the informative parenting section, or even the growing bilingual book collection.

The newly expanded **UPPER LEVEL** walls would crow about the spectacular views from the outdoor decks, the comfortable reading areas for adults, and the board game tables.

The **LOWER LEVEL** walls would cheer about the new Recording Studio, the Friends Book Sale room, and the additional meeting room where small groups can reserve space for tutoring, proctoring, and book clubs.

The walls of the new **ARCHIVAL STORAGE** room would boast about the grand space where maps, documents, photos, and other memorabilia pertaining to Montauk's illustrious history reside safely, with room for many more archival additions.

The walls surrounding the Library's two carefully curated **DISPLAY CASES** might call out to visitors, encouraging them to appreciate keepsakes from local community groups and organizations.

If these walls could talk, you might hear such stories, but did you know that in the brand-new **LOCAL HISTORY EXHIBIT CENTER**, the walls actually *can* talk? Scan the QR code under each portrait on the new Oral History Wall and hear, in their own voices, Frank Tuma, Mary Gosman, Craig Tuthill, Gus Pitts, and so many others sharing anecdotes and memories of their day-to-day Montauk life and adventures. Special thanks to the Montauk Historical Society for creating many of these oral histories.

If the walls in the new Montauk Library could talk, in unison they would thank the many people who encouraged, inspired and contributed to its new voice. The walls would be especially grateful to *you*, for your support and patience while we worked hard to make the Library's dreams a reality.

Come see us in the new expanded Library, we'd love to hear what **YOU** have to say!

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

2 PM to 8 PM

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2022-2023 Operating Budget
Vote and Trustee Election

(See inside for more information.)

VOTE AND ELECTION INCLUDE:

1. To adopt the Annual Library Budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the Montauk Union Free School District.
2. To elect two (2) Trustees of the Montauk Library for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027, to fill the positions held by Lynda Bostrom and Carter Tyler, whose terms expire on June 30, 2022.

Voter Registration in the Library:

Monday, March 28, from 2-6 PM

Public Information Session:

Monday, March 28, at 6 PM

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the Office of the Clerk of the Montauk Union Free School District between 8 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday. Application must be received by the Board of Registration by 5 PM of March 29, 2022 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or by 5 PM on April 4, 2022, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The Board of Registration shall make a list of all persons to whom absentee voters' ballots have been issued, and shall have it available in the Office of the School District Clerk during regular business hours on each of the five days prior to April 5, 2022 except Sunday. Such list will be posted at the polling place during the election. No absentee voter ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received by the Clerk not later than 5 PM on the day of the Special District Meeting.

Para obtener una versión en Español de esta información, por favor llama a la biblioteca al 631-668-3377.



Hands-on fun in the new Family Room!

A LETTER FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

After approximately two years in the temporary library facility, pandemic-related shipment delays of some necessary building materials, and several winter storms, we are now beginning to enjoy our newly renovated and expanded Montauk Library!

Throughout the pandemic and construction project, the amazing Library staff continued to be available for patrons to access books and DVDs and to utilize services such as copy machines, photo printing, and passport application assistance. In addition, online programs have continued to be offered and well received.

Thanks to you, the Montauk community, we are in the final stages of completing the work on the Library building. This exciting construction project has been financed by several sources, including generous contributions from the community, a successful bond issue pushed through by Library Director Denise DiPaolo, New York State grants facilitated by State Assemblyman Fred Thiele, and the taxpayers of Montauk. We are immensely grateful for all of this support!

A special note regarding the Library line on your most recent property tax bill: Matthew Neuschwender, the Montauk School Treasurer and our liaison to the Tax Assessor's office, shares that taxes are higher this first year as it is the beginning of the debt service payment. Due to the timing of the bond, it doesn't overlap identically with the fiscal calendar year. The Library's annual taxes will be reduced to two debt service payments going forward, as compared to the three we had to account for in 2021-2022.

Marilyn Levine

Financial Secretary,
Montauk Library
Board of Trustees



MONTAUK LIBRARY PROPOSED 2022-2023 OPERATING BUDGET

INCOME

Taxes	\$1,181,000.00
Fines, Fees	\$ 9,000.00
Grants, Gifts & Donations	\$ 22,000.00
Other	\$ 8,850.00
Debt Service	\$ 577,875.00
Approved by voters in 2019	
	\$1,798,725.00

EXPENSES

Salaries & Salary Expenses	\$ 824,800.00
Wages, health insurance, workers' compensation, Social Security, retirement, etc.	
Library Materials & Programs	\$ 113,000.00
Adult and Children's print & digital materials and programs, workshops, and events	
Library Operations	\$ 66,550.00
Telecommunications, supplies, memberships, computer peripherals, etc.	
Professional Services	\$ 46,500.00
Audit, legal, bookkeeping, annual vote, etc.	
Building Operations	\$ 150,000.00
Utilities, building and property maintenance and insurances	
Capital Reserve	\$ 20,000.00
Debt Service	\$ 577,875.00
Approved by voters in 2019	
	\$1,798,725.00

2022-2023 Property Tax increase will be approximately \$1.01 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

LYNDA BOSTROM and her husband, Don, have called Montauk home for over 30 years. Part-timers at first, they built their present home in 1998 and have been part of the Montauk community ever since. Volunteering has always been part of Lynda's life, and after retiring from teaching she served as an ESL tutor at the Montauk Library. Her involvement with the Library expanded over the years, and she has served as a Library Trustee since 2008. Lynda has also been an active member of the St. Therese parish community, participating in many capacities. Born and raised in the Bronx, Lynda attended Hunter High School and graduated from Hunter College. While raising her family of seven, she earned two master's degrees from Stony Brook and CW Post, and taught regular and special education in the Lindenhurst School District for 20 years.



CARTER TYLER began his professional career as a legislative aide in the US Senate, moving on to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London and later to Moody's Investors Service in New York City where he met his wife, Kay. They discovered Montauk together, sharing a love of surf casting. They abandoned corporate life to follow their Montauk calling, raising their young children here. Carter loves reading to his kids, who attend the Montauk School, and collecting books. He previously served on the board of the Montauk PTA and as treasurer for his NYC co-op. In addition to being a current Library Trustee, he serves on the board of the Montauk Beach Property Owners Association and is a member of the Kiwanis Club of East Hampton. He is the publisher of *On Montauk* magazine.



CELEBRATING THE NEW WHILE HONORING THE PAST

- Construction manager Steven Glaser rehangs the Montauk Library's original charter proclamation
- New spot for an old favorite: Stained glass donated by Barbara Vasti in memory of Daniel Vasti Sr., which adorned the front door of the little library across the street in the 1980s



THE NEW FAMILY ROOM



The Library has a new, sunlight-infused Family Room for children's programs like crafts and story and music sessions. What used to be the fiction room has been expanded and revamped to include a wraparound deck on the outside and bookshelves and seating inside an enormous bay window. The outdoor deck will come in handy for messy crafts and warm-weather activities.

Denise DiPaolo, the Library Director, intentionally decided not to have a dedicated computer station in the new children's space, instead encouraging collaborative, hands-on activities. That even applies to the (also sunlight-infused) teen room, which boasts a Pong setup in addition to a large screen TV and DVDs.

The Family Room welcomes little ones with cozy cushioned reading nooks, a Lego and Duplo table, pegboard challenges, a tot-sized wooden kitchen, a train set, and an interactive, touch-activated play table where kids can pop virtual balloons, practice addition, and more. There are pint-sized upholstered chairs and an oversized wooden rocking chair and Teddy bear that some may remember from the "old" Library.

Picture and board books are more accessible, organized in bins rather than on shelves with only the spines in sight. Naturally, there are plenty of books, videos, and other resources for older children, not to mention teenagers and parents. The Family Room has its own restroom, staff office, and a service desk decorated with tiles shaped like jaunty sails and tailored to a child's proportions, where Valerie Hoffmann and Kelsey Edwardes Burns have joined Linda DeLalla.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Carolyn Balducci | Adult Program Coordinator



In 2022, in-person concerts, lectures, performances, workshops, and films will once again be enjoyed at the Montauk Library. Interactive discussions and workshops will continue on Zoom, such as our excellent Classic Book Club and Armchair Travel Book Club.

We will participate in Long Island Reads by reading and discussing this year's selection, a historical novel set during World War II, *The Living and the Lost* by Ellen Feldman, a bestselling author and an Amagansett resident. In addition, we will also present programs relating to events that took place during that period. In partnership with the East End Libraries Consortium, we will continue to offer virtual programs on diverse topics, including a social series of health talks by Stony Brook Southampton Hospital doctors.

The Frederick Law Olmsted Bicentennial will be observed with presentations about landscape design and the environment. Special attention will be given to the historic residences known locally as "The Seven Sisters" because they are situated on land selected and designed by Olmsted. Thanks to a grant from the NYS Council on the Arts, a beautiful quilt by a Shelter Island textile artist, Susan Schrott, will be created and displayed as part of this tribute to the visionary Olmsted and his appreciation of Montauk's extraordinary natural beauty.

Montauk Library programs are supported, in part, by funds generously provided by the Friends of the Montauk Library as well as modest grants from the New York Council for the Humanities and the New York Council for the Arts.

We will kick off summer 2022 on Friday, May 27, when Gil Gutierrez, a jazz guitarist, returns with his trio, featuring Montauk's own Bob Stern, jazz violinist, and bass player Dave Rodriguez! For information about all upcoming programs, please check the Library's online calendar at: montauklibrary.org/calendar.

THE NEW LOCAL HISTORY EXHIBIT CENTER

The Montauk Library has an amazing new Local History Exhibit Center on the main level. As they enter, visitors will find a service desk with a slideshow running on a large monitor behind it. On a facing wall hang archival photographs of longtime community members accompanied by QR codes that link to oral history interviews with the subjects.

Around the corner is a museum-like space with five screens on three walls. Each of the five, like the screen behind the service desk, runs its own continuous loop, whether a slideshow or one of the Library's audiovisual histories of Montauk, "Tides of Time" and "Voices in Time."

The slideshows feature images from the Library's local history archives, including photographs from the Harry Bruno, Albert R. Holden, and Carlton Kelsey collections, aerial landscapes, and other photos by Dave Edwardes.

In contrast, windows cover half the height of the walls at the other end of the Local History Exhibit Center. A counter runs around the corner of two walls where patrons can plug in their laptops while perched on stools whose backrests feature imprinted images of Frank Tuma Sr. and Richard T. Gilmartin surf casting off Montauk Point, from the Library's archives.

CURRENT EXHIBIT: The Montauk Friends of Erin loaned the Library historical artifacts from 60 years of St. Patrick's Day parades to highlight in a display case in the new Local History Exhibit Center. In addition, a slideshow of Grand Marshals past and present will be running through the month of March. Library Clerk Kathleen Ernst curated the display.



THE FRIENDS OF THE MONTAUK LIBRARY

Sally Krusch, President



The Friends of the Montauk Library are excited to get back to work to support our wonderful new Library now that it has reopened. We are once again able to collect gently used books and the "Free with Donation" section near the front door is full. Our popular movies will start again soon, as well.

We are organizing our new, larger book room and hope to be able to sell books more often. After two years of not having a Book Fair, we look forward to July 4th weekend and the return of that popular event.

We are so proud of our beautiful new Friends Plaza, where the etched bricks are on display. Please be sure to look when you visit the Library. Some people used a brick to celebrate our Library, some to celebrate reading, and some to celebrate Montauk. Others used a brick to remember a loved one who has passed or to honor a child who will enjoy their etched name for years to come.

There is plenty of room for additional etched bricks. You can order by going to montauklibrary.org/bricks or pick up a form at the Library desk.

TO BECOME A FRIEND: Pick up a membership form at the circulation desk or join online at montauklibrary.org.

DID YOU KNOW? The Montauk Library offers NOTARY, PASSPORT APPLICATION, and PROCTORING SERVICES. For more information, contact: Notary@montauklibrary.org, Passports@montauklibrary.org, or Proctor@montauklibrary.org

NEW SPACES FOR ADULTS AND TEENS



ADULT READING AREA



TEEN ROOM

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Brit Mansir | Head of Technology Services



Technology is everywhere these days, including our Library. With this renovation — from planning to result — we kept a few key points in mind. Things should work well, remain flexible for future changes and innovations, and enhance our visitors' experience while preserving the peace and enjoyment of our spaces.

Our Wi-Fi and network system has been entirely upgraded. Fast, free Wi-Fi can be reached from anywhere in the building, allowing the public solid internet access from any device. We've added a new, centrally located color laser printer for public use, and guests can print from most devices easily. For anyone who wants to work on a more traditional device, we have new laptops available.

We've added additional service desks, and upgraded all staff workstations, so patrons can now return or check out books at any desk they wish. We also have a self-check station conveniently located adjacent to our interlibrary loan pickup shelf.

The new Family Room is devoid of obvious tech, except for a monitor showcasing pics of happy past program participants. The "Everbrite" interactive wall is a fun way for youngsters (along with the rest of us) to get creative with patterns of light and it requires no instruction or buttons, it's completely intuitive.

In our Local History Exhibit Center, visitors can view up to 6 different screens showcasing some of our community's amazing history or listen to a wide display of oral histories.

And, our 3D printer is still turning out clever little keepsakes like the ones featured in the display case at left. Look for classes in 3D printing this summer!

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Library continues to join hands with organizations that serve the greater community. In 2021, as in years past, the Library's Great Giveback program collected food, clothing, toiletries, eyeglasses, and pet supplies for the Montauk Food Pantry, the Retreat, the Lions Club, and the Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons.

In partnership with the Montauk Historical Society, the Archives have digitized an extensive collection of oral histories to be made available online to the public for free. In partnership with the Montauk Friends of Erin, the Local History Exhibit Center opened with a visual tribute to the Montauk Friends of Erin. Next up will be the Montauk Historical Society. We welcome other community organizations to take advantage of our exhibit space!

ATTENTION COLLECTORS:

Do you own a collection of something fun or interesting? Contact Kathleen (kernst@montauklibrary.org) to have it featured in one of our display cases.

• UPCOMING BOOK GROUP TITLES •

CLASSIC BOOK CLUB

April 14: Flame Trees of Thika by Elspeth Huxley
May 12: The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

BOOK GROUP

April 10: Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro
May 15: Deacon King Kong by James McBride

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL BOOK CLUB

April 19: Age of Ambition by Evan Osnos
May 17: The Only Woman in the Room by Beate Sirota Gordon

LONG ISLAND READS DISCUSSION GROUP

March 29: The Living and the Lost by Ellen Feldman

For more info, visit montauklibrary.org/calendar

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 22 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY



Mark your calendar! Although we've been up and running since February 18, the newly renovated and expanded Montauk Library officially opens with a community ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sunday, May 22. We hope to see you there!

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If you have a GARDEN and a library, you have everything you need. – Cicero



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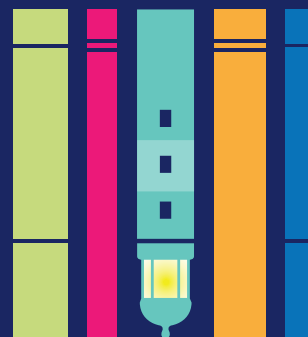


Welcome Back!

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