

MONTAUK LIBRARY

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REVIEW
2023

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Denise DiPaolo



THE MONTAUK LIBRARY IS OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE



The Sustainable Libraries Initiative recognizes the Montauk Library as a leader in sustainability.

Thanks to the diligent planning and construction of our beautiful new facility, our dynamic service programs and our efficient and effective policies, the Montauk Library has recently earned the title of Certified Sustainable Library by the award-winning Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI). The Sustainable Library Certification Program and the SLI community focus on libraries acting as community leaders by adopting practices, policies and procedures that are environmentally sound, socially equitable and economically feasible.

Environmental sustainability was an important consideration for the Library's recent renovation and expansion. After obtaining sustainability assessments, energy audits and gathering input from our community members, we identified areas where we could make a substantial difference. In addition to approving an award-winning sustainable building design, our dedicated Board of Trustees refined our policies, procedures and practices, which clearly demonstrate our Library's commitment to sustainability that benefits the entire Montauk community.

Through the Sustainable Libraries Initiative program, we work with our community to listen and learn, identifying and addressing our patrons' unique needs. Strengthening the relationship between the Library and our residents builds resilience through stronger connections with local businesses and civic interest groups.

Certification means that we achieved an important milestone that cements our commitment to the local community and our commitment to reducing negative impacts on climate change. Our dedicated approach to water and energy conservation is an example of how our decisions and our actions (like adding our rooftop garden, solar panels, occupancy-controlled LED lighting and more) positively impact our treasured coastal community.

Even the smallest initiatives make a big difference: we have installed "no idling" signs in our parking lot, added new books on sustainability to our collection, installed two more water bottle fillers (now one on each floor) and expanded our seed exchange program. We have even eliminated aerosol cans from our cleaning supply closet, use recycled paper products and collect used batteries for recycling.

The Sustainable Libraries Initiative program has been recognized by the International Federation of Library Associations at the recent World Congress in Athens, Greece, becoming the first program in the United States to be honored through their "Green Libraries" Award. More information on SLI can be found at SustainableLibrariesInitiative.org.

The process of practicing sustainability is continuous. So that we may stay on top of our Sustainable Library Certification, follow-up energy audits, procedural assessments and policy reviews are now a matter of routine operation. It is with tremendous appreciation and gratitude that I thank our loyal community for their valuable input, recommendations and assistance towards the Montauk Library's Sustainable Library Certification. Keep those great ideas coming!

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

2 PM to 8 PM

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2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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 one (1) Trustee of the Montauk Library to fill the unexpired term due to the vacancy of the position previously held by Joan Lycke, commencing April 4, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2024.

Voter Registration in the Library:

Monday, March 27, 2023 from 2-6 PM

Public Information Session:

Monday, March 27, 2023 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. Applications must be received by the Board of Registration by 5 PM on March 28, 2023 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or by 5 PM on April 3, 2023 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 4, 2023 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.



A LETTER FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

At long last, we are finally all moved into our beautiful new building! And it is in no small thanks to you, our fellow community members. Your patience during this challenging process has been deeply appreciated.

From all of the feedback we have received, the vast majority of you feel that the long wait was worth it. So do we.

We, the Board, thank our terrific Director and the wonderful staff she has assembled. Everyone works hard every day to make your experience as enjoyable as possible and we thank each and every one of you.

The Board recognizes that all our property taxes are increasing every year, and now a small portion of those taxes is for the debt service on the new building. We only hope that each Library experience you have reinforces the fact that it is well worth it.

Barbara Grimes

Financial Secretary,
Montauk Library
Board of Trustees



MONTAUK LIBRARY PROPOSED 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET

INCOME

Taxes	\$1,300,000.00
Debt Service (approved by voters in 2019)	\$ 580,125.00
Fines, Fees	\$ 15,000.00
Grants, Gifts	\$ 25,500.00
Transfer from Reserves	\$ 45,290.00
Other	\$ 8,710.00
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EXPENSES

Salaries & Salary Expenses	\$ 994,000.00
Wages, health insurance, workers' compensation, Social Security, retirement, etc.	
Library Materials & Programs	\$ 107,000.00
Adult and children's print & digital materials and programs, workshops and events	
Library Operations	\$ 60,000.00
Telecommunications, supplies, memberships, computer peripherals, etc.	
Professional Services	\$ 41,500.00
Audit, legal, bookkeeping, annual vote, etc.	
Building Operations	\$ 172,000.00
Utilities, building and property maintenance and insurances	
Capital Reserve	\$ 20,000.00
Debt Service (approved by voters in 2019)	\$ 580,125.00
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2023-2024 Property Tax increase will be approximately \$2.99 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

TRUSTEE CANDIDATE

Yasna Schiappacasse

Yasna Schiappacasse and her husband, Domingo, moved from Chile to Montauk in 1997 with no knowledge of English. Yasna took classes in English while working in a hotel; after working at a toy store and starting a family with Domingo, she earned a CDL and started driving a bus for the Montauk School. She went on to become a nail technician and has been working since then at the Endz Salon. Domingo is a volunteer with the Montauk Fire Department. Yasna started taking her children, Jayleen and Carlos, to the Library when they were very young. Yasna, who was asked to step in when Joan Lycke stepped down from the Library's Board of Trustees, said she has been enjoying learning on the job.



A LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

The Friends of the Montauk Library and Montauk residents have been quite generous in supporting the Montauk Library, which is now bursting with activity. The Library has become a vibrant community center.

In addition to a broad range of programs for both children and adults, the Library now offers passport application services, AARP tax preparation, museum passes, notary services and more.

One of the most fascinating new additions is the local history center, which contains videos of "the old days" in Montauk as well as oral history recordings of Montauk residents.

Kindles are available to borrow and free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building. Rooms are available for meetings and patrons may also use our brand-new sound studio/recording room.

If you have not yet seen our renovated and expanded Library, I urge you to take the time for a visit. While you are there, check out that new book you have been planning to read!

Marilyn Levine

President,
Montauk Library
Board of Trustees



THE TECH BEHIND SUSTAINABILITY



With the Montauk Library's commitment to sustainability, technology plays a key role.

Lighting | All interior lighting is produced by low-energy, long-life LED fixtures. If an area is vacant, they dim and turn off until someone approaches. The system senses light coming in from outside and lowers wattage when less light is needed.

Heating & Cooling | The heating, cooling and ventilation system uses outside air to supply or blend with heated or cooled air inside. Rooms with unexposed ceilings have new closed-cell foam insulation, which limits thermal loss. The furnaces scavenge all the heat produced by combustion, which cools the exhaust to room temperature.

Solar Production | Since February, we've produced 8,887.2 kilowatt hours of energy—enough to run a hair dryer for more than 246 days or a 60-watt light bulb for almost 17 years. Much energy that would have been consumed for lighting, cooling and operation is offset by this energy production, lightening the burden on Montauk's power grid.

Exterior Landscaping | Many areas around our parking lot have been seeded with pollinator-friendly, low-maintenance wildflowers. The green roof is planted with insulating groundcovers that preserve heat in winter and provide shade in summer.

Windows & Shades | The Library's new glass is double glazed and Low-E coated—which decreases solar radiation in summer and reduces thermal loss in winter. Exterior shades are positioned to provide shade in summer and sun exposure in winter.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Linda DeLalla | Children's Librarian



Our new Family Room has become an inviting space where children are actively engaged with toys, puzzles, a pretend kitchen, puppets and more! The Everbrite and Touch Table have been focal points and our picture book bins are also extremely popular.



Our teen room provides a comfortable space to read, study and socialize. We continue to be a Family Place Library offering resources and programs for both parents and children. We continue to support our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program as well as our tween and teen book clubs.

Highlights of the past year include:

- Our Summer Reading Program had 87 participants. Prizes were awarded—thank you to all the local businesses that donated!
- A Suffolk Cooperative Library System mobile Library unit, called The SLED, visited Montauk for Nintendo Switch Day. Kids visited the winter-themed mobile Library and took pictures, played Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros. and read great books.
- We offered exciting hands-on programs such as children's textile weaving, Codebotics, arts and crafts, teen trivia, grab-and-go bags and special weekend programs.

Looking forward, we will be offering a variety of fun and educational programs including a collaboration with the SoFo Museum, a visit from the Quogue Wildlife Refuge, a performance by Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre and a Teen Relaxation Through Art program.



TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Brit Mansir | Head of Technology Services



The equipment in our Small Business Center has become an extremely popular feature of the Library. People who visit the Library can complete a wide variety of tasks, such as:

- Printing from a phone, tablet or computer
- Scanning documents, photos and forms to email or fax
- Printing files from a USB

Laptops are also available to the public and can be used for:

- Web browsing
- Making Zoom, Go-To Meeting and Skype calls
- Learning remotely
- Meeting remotely

We also have equipment for:

- Making high-quality 4"x6" photo prints
- Copying, trimming and laminating

New technology in 2023 includes installation of a second multifunction copier/scanner and a new public printer. We've upgraded our Internet connection for improved download speeds everywhere in and near the building.

Our local history staff hosts weekly Community Scanning Days in our archive department. In our recording room, patrons can record podcasts and conduct oral history interviews.



CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE LIBRARY IN PERSON?

You can view our slideshows and videos from home at montauklibrary.org/youtube. You can also listen to oral history interviews and view digital photo collections at montauklibrary.org/heritage. Scan the QR code at left and click the link to see a list of oral history interviews conducted over the years by the library and the Montauk Historical Society, complete with links to individual interviews.



which documents the family camping in Montauk in the 1940s and 1950s (photo at left). Our most popular digitized collection is Ed Crasky's photographs from 1980 of the Montauk Air Force Station.

In 2022, we reignited the Library's Oral History Program and interviewed John Keeshan, Dick White and Marshall Prado. We invite you to contribute by interviewing family and community members. We offer training and you can borrow an oral history recording kit or reserve the library's sound studio to record on-site. Your story matters! And we want to help you preserve your family history.

Another way we do this is by hosting Community Scanning Days every Friday to assist you with digitizing your family photographs. If your photos document people, places and events in Montauk, we encourage you to donate a digital copy to our archives. For more information, contact archives@montauklibrary.org.

ACCESSING OUR SHARED HISTORY | As a community-centered collection, we strive to make our archives accessible to anyone wishing to research our shared history. There are many ways to engage with our archival materials. First, the Local History Exhibit Center features rotating displays showcasing photographs, maps, artifacts, cookbooks, oral histories and more. We even host open calls for photography, inviting you to show your work alongside historic photos.

You can also explore our collections online at NYHeritage.org. We add new material each month, like the Mead Family's collection,

Aimee Lusty joined the Montauk Library as an archivist and librarian in July 2022. She has a BA in Art History from SUNY Purchase and a Master of Library Science degree from CUNY Queens College with a Certificate in Archives and the Preservation of Cultural Heritage Materials. Previously, Aimee worked with artifact, archival and digital collections at the Center for Brooklyn History, American Folk Art Museum and the National Audubon Society. Aimee serves on the Long Island Library Resource Council's Committee for Preservation of Local History. Originally from Amagansett, she lives in Springs, where she volunteers on the board of the Springs Improvement Society.

A YEAR AT THE MONTAUK LIBRARY

44,903	Library Visits
32,461	Checkouts
9,478	Inter-Library Loans
9,837	Wi-Fi Users
35,262	Website Visits
63,185	Website Page Views
375	Adult Programs
5,516	Adult Programs Attendance
236	Children's Programs
3,912	Children's Program Attendance

THE FRIENDS OF THE MONTAUK LIBRARY

Sally Krusch | President



Our wonderful Library has been in full swing again since last May. All our favorite programs have returned and there is now room for even more activities.

The Friends' expanded space has been converted into a Book Shop. We are open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. all year, with additional hours during the season. We have loads of books in every genre: beautiful art and photography books, terrific cookbooks, kids and young adult books, nonfiction, and hardback and trade paperback fiction. We have special sections for local books, poetry and plays, fishing books and much more.

We revived our annual Fourth of July Weekend Book Fair with raffles, kids' activities, baked goods, jewelry and, of course, books, books, books! Our Thanksgiving Holiday Book Sale also offers many gift items.

We still maintain our "free with donation" bookshelves near the Library's front door and the Little Free Library across from the Post Office. We plan to renovate the Little Library and are scouting locations to add another one.

Looking ahead, we are planning many more engaging programs. Keep an eye out for announcements on the Library website and in your inbox.

Please come check out the Friends Book Shop and say hi when you are in the Library.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO STAFF MEMBERS CELEBRATING MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES AT THE MONTAUK LIBRARY



Lisa Montella
• 10 Years •



Tina Oberg
• 20 Years •



Nancy Piereth
• 10 Years •

ADULT PROGRAMS

Carolyn Balducci | Adult Program Coordinator

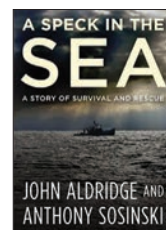


Last summer's performance of "The Mikado: A Long Island Fantasy" by The Gilbert & Sullivan Light Opera Company of Long Island

After a hiatus due to construction and Covid, cultural programs resumed in 2022 with concerts, talks and performances by outstanding artists and speakers traveling from as far as Mexico and Italy and as near as Montauk. We acknowledged the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted with talks about his life and his innovative landscaping of Central Park and the historic properties known locally as the Seven Sisters, as well as with an ongoing display of textile art by Susan Schrott.

We continue our Classic Book Club and Armchair Travel Book Club talks as well as the Friday at Five Classic Film Series. We have a special interest in the discussion on March 20 of *A Speck in the Sea: A Story of Survival and Rescue* by John Aldridge and Anthony Sosinski—an account of the intense search-and-rescue mission ten years ago that saved John's life. We are particularly pleased that the book has been named the Long Island Reads 2023 selection. Quite a distinction!

New programs are still being added—including dramatic readings with Josh Gladstone and Kate Mueth—so be sure to check the Montauk Library's online calendar for updates.



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 on the Arts/Huntington Arts Council.



Opening Day Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony with NYS Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr. speaking



Montaukett Women's Circle Dancers



The Library's popular new knitting/crochet club

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Last year the Montauk Library once again collected donations for the Retreat, ARF, the Lions Club, the Montauk Food Pantry, and the Kiwanis Club's Toys for Tots program.

A children's course in textile weaving was offered in collaboration with the East Hampton Historical Society, whose display of duck decoys is currently on exhibit in the Local History Exhibit Center. That display follows a slideshow and exhibit about Carl Fisher by the Montauk Historical Society, which also worked with the Friends of the Library to screen a documentary about the Leisurama homes. Previously, the display case shone the spotlight on the good work and history of the Montauk Fire Department.

Teamwork is key when you're a small Library in a small town—and the Montauk Library is committed to working in partnership with local organizations to support the community at large.

• UPCOMING BOOK GROUP TITLES •

CLASSIC BOOK CLUB

April 13: *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac
May 11: *Fathers and Sons* by Ivan Turgenev

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL BOOK CLUB

April 18: *Writing Across the Landscape: Travel Journals 1960-2010* by Lawrence Ferlinghetti
May 16: *The Fourth Part of the World: An Astonishing Epic of Global Discovery, Imperial Ambition, and the Birth of America* by Toby Lester

FRIENDS BOOK GROUP

April 16: *All Adults Here* by Emma Straub
May 7: *Kim Jiyoung, Born 1982* by Cho Nam-joo
June 11: *Hell of a Book* by Jason Mott

LONG ISLAND READS DISCUSSION GROUP

March 20: *A Speck in the Sea: A Story of Survival and Rescue* by John Aldridge and Anthony Sosinski

For more info., visit montauklibrary.org/calendar

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

• FREE ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES •

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

FRIDAYS 10:30 AM
3:30 PM STAY & PLAY
LEGO CLUB

ADULT PROGRAMS

MONDAYS 2:30 PM OPEN LEVEL INSTRUCTIONAL
KNITTING
BEGINNER CROCHET
TUESDAYS 4 PM MAH-JONGG & MORE
1 PM BEGINNER CROCHET
2 PM MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY
WEDNESDAYS 2:30 & 6 PM KNITTING & CROCHET CLUB
4 PM BASIC CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN
THURSDAYS 3:30 PM COMMUNITY SCANNING
FRIDAYS 3 - 6 PM FRIENDS BOOK SHOP OPEN
SATURDAYS 10 AM - 2 PM

ADULT FITNESS PROGRAMS

MONDAYS 9 AM TAI CHI
11:30 AM GENTLE CHAIR YOGA
WEDNESDAYS 9:30 AM GENTLE CHAIR YOGA
THURSDAYS 9:30 AM FLOOR YOGA
FRIDAYS 1 PM GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

Most programs require advanced registration. To sign up, call the Library at 631-668-3377.
Visit montauklibrary.org/calendar for info. on all programming and special events.



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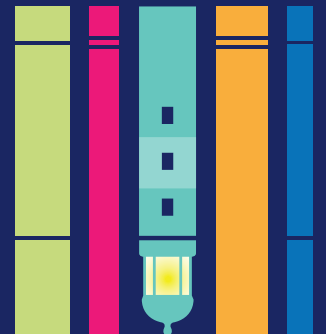
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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 9AM - 6PM
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