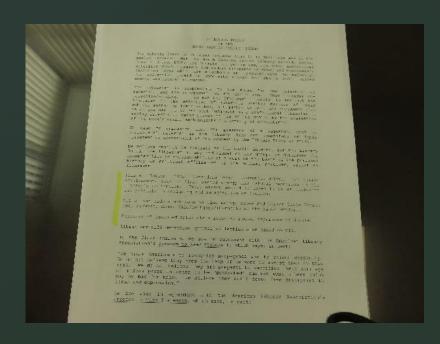
# Sustainable Library Certification The North Babylon Public Library

#### Collective Impact



#### **Selection Policy**

Triple Bottom Line Consideration:

Community-driven collection development, we seek to limit wasted energy and natural resources in the library's collection. Every effort will be taken to be as inclusive and possible in designing and managing the collection.

All of our orders are done on-line using Bake and Taylor Title Source 360, MidWest, Abdo, Gale/Centgage/Thorndike as the major vendors.

Disposal of unwanted materials – recycle, reuse, repurpose or donate.

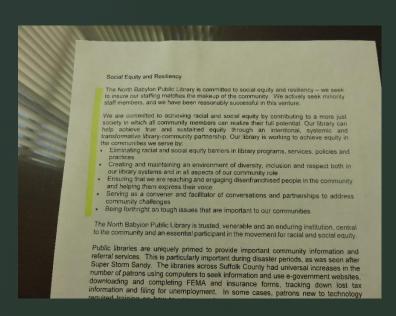
Librarians will determine optimal collection size based on use.

### Collective Impact



A magnificent display on the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Received in conjunction with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Amendment

#### Social Cohesion



#### Social Equity and Resiliency

The North Babylon Public Library is committed to social equity and resiliency – we seek to insure our staffing matches the makeup of the community. We actively seek minority staff members, and we have been reasonably successful in this venture.

We are committed to achieving racial and social equity by contributing to a more just society in which all community members can realize their full potential. Our library can help achieve true and sustained equity through an intentional, systemic and transformative library-community partnership. Our library is working to achieve equity in the communities we serve by:

- Eliminating racial and social equity barriers in library programs, services, policies and practices
- Creating and maintaining an environment of diversity, inclusion and respect both in our library systems and in all aspects of our community role
- Ensuring that we are reaching and engaging disenfranchised people in the community and helping them express their voice
- Serving as a convener and facilitator of conversations and partnerships to address community challenges
- Being forthright on tough issues that are important to our communities

The North Babylon Public Library is trusted, venerable and an enduring institution, central to the community and an essential participant in the movement for racial and social equity.

#### Diversity and Inclusion

One of the things that the Board asked in 1999 was to have our staff reflect the diversity of the community. It is a daunting task, but we continue to seek to attract many different applicants.

#### Partnerships

The North Babylon Public Library recognizes the responsibility it has to the community it serves and seeks to be aware and responsive to its needs by forming and sustaining partnerships with area organizations, agencies and businesses. The Library also recognizes that holding community events within the Library encourages individuals that might not normally utilize the Library to experience what the Library has to offer.

We seek partners whose goals most closely match the library's mission statement:

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The Library will encourage and facilitate management and the Board of Trustees active participation in the community on behalf of the Library by participating in community events.

Any agency that partners with the Library must have policies, vision and goals compatible with the North Babylon Public Library. The Library reserves the right to terminate an existing partnership with an organization that develops a public image incompatible with the Library or uses the Library's name without prior consent.

Management will maintain guidelines for entering into partnerships. Partnerships will be subject to the approval of the Library Director and/or the Board of Trustees.

#### Mission Statement

Library Mission Statement and Long Range Plan of Service

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The specific long-term objectives we will use to achieve our goals include:

- Expansion of the library to include a ground level meeting room, elevator access to public areas and other A.D.A. issues, quiet study room, music room, additional offices and shelf space as anticipated for the next twenty to twenty-five years.
- Hire, retain, and continually train and re-train knowledgeable staff
  in each of the areas of specialty (children's, adult, technical,
  circulation and custodial services) to increase the level of service
  to the community.
- Explore new technologies, as they become available to determine appropriateness to the North Babylon Public Library.
- · Insure programs and services are designed to be age

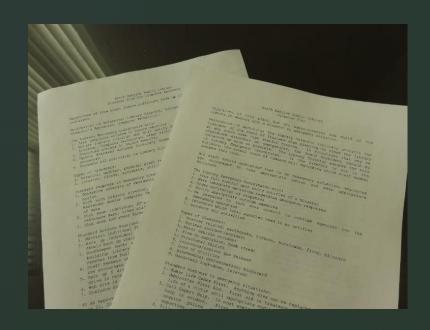
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# Community Involvement



We are an active member of the Babylon Rotary Club

#### Resilience Planning

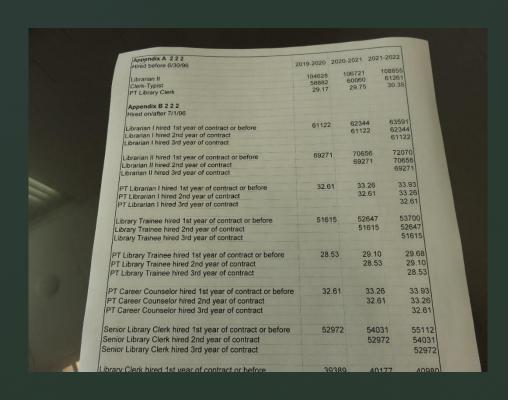


General Disaster Plan and Disaster Plan for Computers.

We maintain supplies and machinery (carpet extraction, water vacuums, etc) and have many contacts that we can avail ourselves of when disaster strikes.

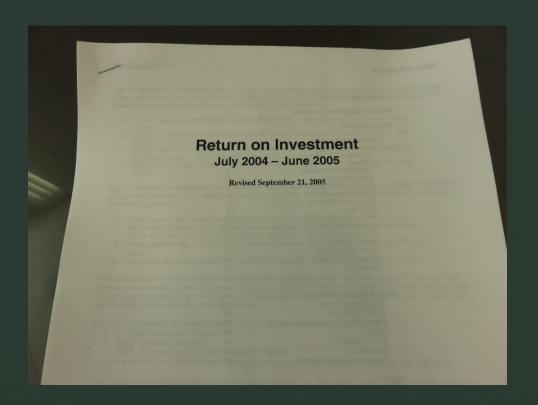
We have demonstrated our services through disasters such as Superstorm Sandy

#### Financial Sustainability



This is the 2019-2022 salary schedule demonstrating the library's commitment to insuring that our staff is appropriately reimbursed for their services.

#### Financial Sustainability



An amazing document showing the Return of Investment for each dollar spent on library services in the district. It shows that for every dollar spent, the benefit of just under \$4.00 to our patrons.

### Staff Support

Staff is encouraged to join professional organizations (American Library Association, New York Library Association, Suffolk County Library Association, Long Island Library Resources Council, Public Library Director's Association, etc.). The library is an institutional member of many associations.

Staff is encouraged to attend professional development (Long Island Library Conference) with reimbursement available.

Employee Benefits: Full time staff receive health, dental, vision and life insurances (co-pays apply) and the library is a member of the NYS retirement program.

## Sustainable Programming

The Library regularly hosts programs on sustainable issues within the community.

#### Collections



In 1999, we had 16 cabinets for vertical file materials and microfilm, taking up a huge amount of space. Microfilm has since become a lost format; only a very small number of reels of local newspapers are retained. We also maintain only 1 microfilm reader/printer rather than the 8 we had 20 years ago. This save needed space and reduces the repair/maintenance contracts needed.

### Space savings



A major weeding program was initiated based on plans to install an ADA elevator/lift. We will lose some shelving, but the benefits outweigh the losses.

#### Reducing Paper Usage and Recycling

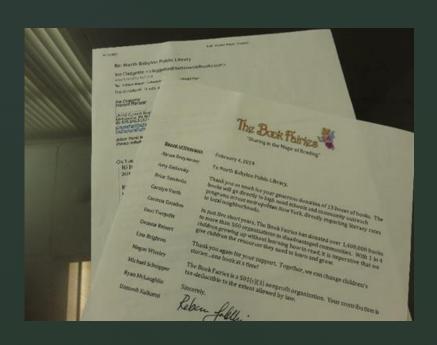


We now send out Board packets electronically

We are in the process of transferring paper records to electronic records saving paper and space

When physical materials are discarded or replaced with digital sources, we save space and paper.

#### Recycling Books



We regularly send weeded and donated materials to Book Fairies and Better World Books. This reduces materials going into land fills and supplies reading materials to those who cannot afford such materials.

#### What's Next?

There are so many ways to address sustainability issues in the public library and many are small steps with major consequences. We no longer throw away plastic, but rather, we place them out on recycle days.

We believe that our actions translate from the library and resonate throughout the community.

Recycle, reuse, repurpose.