

The Lindenhurst Memorial Library's board of trustees voted unanimously at a special meeting held Tuesday, April 14 to cancel its budget vote and to have the library operate next year on the same budget as during its current fiscal year. Board President Jane Dietz commented, "The Library Board, recognizing the extreme economic distress that this situation will have on our families, friends, neighbors, and community did not feel that it could in good faith go forward with asking local residents to support an increase in taxes tight now." In addition, debt service payments towards the approved Library renovation and expansion will not begin until the 2021-22 fiscal year. The library plans to hold a trustee election on September 15, with details to follow once it receives more direction from the County and State.

Library Director Lisa Kropp commented, "Library staff continue to work diligently to develop and implement virtual library services while our physical doors must remain closed to help protect our community from the coronavirus. New blogs filled with information have launched, updated bibliographies focus on materials available as eBooks and audiobooks, and our Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube accounts have virtual programs and other information posted daily. The Library urges all local residents to visit the library's website at <https://lindenhurstlibrary.org> to keep up with all of the latest news about the coronavirus and to find out about the wide and fast growing array of online services available to local residents through our library. You can also find simple video tutorials about many of our online databases at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/lindenhurst>

We look forward to reopening our doors when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, local residents in need of the kinds of information and support that they have always turned to the library for can still contact us. Ms. Kropp noted that calls to the Library are sent to appropriate staff via email. Patrons can also send email to [info@lindenhurstlibrary.org](mailto:info@lindenhurstlibrary.org) with questions. Residents should continue to keep library materials at home, since the book drop remains closed. There are no overdue fees on materials during this time. The Little Free Library locations remain available throughout town, and contain donated books and seed packets from the Library's seed lending program. Starting a garden can be a great family project!