

COMSEWOGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
A G E N D A

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- D. CORRESPONDENCE
- E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - 1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - 2. PERSONNEL REPORT
 - 3. PERSONNEL SICK LEAVE REPORT - 2025
 - 4. OTHER
- F. PERIOD FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION
- G. FINANCIAL REPORTS
- H. APPROVAL OF BILLS
- I. REVIEW OF PAYROLL AND PAYROLL WARRANTS – 1/29/26 & 2/12/26
- J. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
 - 1. FINANCE COMMITTEE
- K. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. OTHER
- L. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET 2026/2027
 - 2. IT CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT
 - 3. DATES OF UPCOMING REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS
 - 4. OTHER
- M. PERIOD FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION
- N. EXECUTIVE SESSION (If needed)
- O. ADJOURNMENT

As board agendas and meeting notices are generally set one week in advance, the board may announce new business or change posted items, as warranted by circumstances and the best interests of the library.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
COMSEWOGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY, PORT JEFFERSON STATION, NEW YORK
JANUARY 20, 2026

President Rossini called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustee Olson
Trustee DeStefano
Trustee Spence
Trustee Rossini
Trustee McCrary
Assistant Director Andrea Malchiodi
Director Engelhardt

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:

Trustee Rossini conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Trustee Spence, seconded by Trustee DeStefano, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 16, 2025. Discussion followed. Approved unanimously.

Correspondence regarding artwork was received. The director was asked to follow up.

MOTION by Trustee Spence, seconded by Trustee Olson, to accept the Director's Report dated January 2026. Discussion followed. Approved unanimously.

MOTION by Trustee Spence, seconded by Trustee Olson, to accept the Personnel Report dated January 20, 2026. Discussion followed. Approved unanimously.

There were no questions or statements from the public.

MOTION by Trustee DeStefano, seconded by Trustee Olson, to accept the Financial Reports for the period ending November 30, 2025, as prepared by the Library District Treasurer. Discussion followed. Approved unanimously.

MOTION by Trustee Spence, seconded by Trustee Olson, to approve warrant 01/26/1, dated January 20, 2026, in the amount of \$845,561.10. Discussion followed. Approved unanimously.

MOTION by Trustee DeStefano, seconded by Trustee Olson, to accept the payroll and payroll warrants for December 18, 2025 (\$137,111.47), December 31, 2025 (\$139,790.77) and January 15, 2026 (\$325,000.91). Discussion followed. Approved unanimously.

There are no reports from standing committees.

MOTION by Trustee Olson, seconded by Trustee DeStefano, to authorize the transfer of \$91,907.88 from the Termination Payment (Term PM) Designation to the general operating fund to fund the 2025 Comsewogue Public Library Retirement/Voluntary Separation Incentive which includes payment for

unused sick time, as per current Library policy for three (3) eligible FT retirees, and to increase the 2025-26 appropriate salary budget lines by the same amount. Discussion followed. Approved unanimously.

MOTION by Trustee McCrary, seconded by Trustee Olson, to adopt the Access to Local History and Archival Collections Policy. Discussion followed. Approved unanimously.

MOTION by Trustee DeStefano, seconded by Trustee Olson, to accept the resignations of Gary Rieu-Sicart (effective November 5, 2025), Susan Kissane (effective December 17, 2025), Debra Bush (effective December 30, 2025), Claudia Friszell (effective December 30, 2025) and Leonard Frosina (effective December 30, 2025) with thanks for service rendered. Discussion followed. Approved unanimously.

The Library Board reviewed the dates of upcoming regular board meetings and schedule of Audit of Claims by Trustee.

There were no questions or statements from the public.

MOTION by Trustee Spence, seconded by Trustee Olson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Secretary, Board of Trustees



Comsewogue Public Library

Access, Handling and Use of Local History and Archival Collections

The Adult Services Department of Comsewogue Public Library, with the Library Director's oversight, is responsible for providing access to the Library's Local History and Archival Collections.

1. The local history and archive collections of the Library contain unique, irreplaceable, and in many cases fragile materials of historical and cultural significance. The purpose of this policy is to preserve, protect, and ensure the responsible use of these materials while providing appropriate access for research, educational, and historical inquiry.
2. This policy applies to:
 - a. All Local History, Archival, Special Collections, and rare or unique materials
 - b. Library staff, researchers, and members of the public
 - c. Physical and, where applicable, digital archival materials
3. All archival and local history materials are non-circulating and are excluded from general public browsing or self-service access. The Local History and Archival Collections include, and are not limited to:
 - Manuscripts, photographs, maps, ephemera, and newspapers
 - Rare and/or fragile materials
 - Unpublished and/or one-of-a-kind items
 - Donor-restricted materials
 - Materials not available for general circulation, including reference collections
4. Direct physical access to Local History and Archival Collections is limited to **designated library staff** who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - Formal education or training in archives, library science, museum studies, or records management
 - Job responsibilities that explicitly include archival handling, preservation, or supervised reference services
 - Successful completion of internal training on archival handling and security and risk procedures

Authorized staff are designated by the Library Director (or designee) and internally documented. Access privileges may, at any time, be reviewed, modified, or revoked.

Staff without explicit authorization may not retrieve, handle, or provide unsupervised access to archival materials.

5. The Local History and Archival Collections are non-browsable, and not available for self-serve access. Members of the public may request access for research, educational, or historical purposes, subject to availability and preservation considerations.

All public access must occur:

- By appointment or scheduled request
- In a designated, supervised area
- Under the direct supervision of authorized staff

Researchers may be required to:

- Provide valid identification
 - Complete a *researcher registration form*
 - Agree to handling and use guidelines and restrictions
6. Materials must be handled according to archival best practices.
No food, drink, or personal scanning equipment is permitted.
Clean hands, gloves, or supports may be required for certain materials.

The Library reserves the right to:

- Limit the number of items accessed at one time
- Deny access to materials deemed too fragile or unstable
- Substitute digital or surrogate copies when available

7. Reproduction, Publication and Liability

Permission is required for reproduction, publication, or commercial use.
Copyright and donor restrictions must be observed.

The Library may refuse reproduction request that jeopardize materials preservation.
Privacy considerations and proper attribution must be applied.

8. Archival materials are stored in secure, staff-only areas as well as in secure, public display cases.
Removal of materials from designated spaces is prohibited.
Any damage or loss will be documented, reported, and addressed as stipulated by Library policies and procedures.
9. Failure to comply with this policy may result in one or more of the following:
- Immediate termination of access privileges
 - Suspension of future research access
 - Further action as determined by Library administration
10. Periodic review of this policy shall be undertaken to ensure that it reflects best practices (including risk management guidance), legal requirements, and Library needs.

Director's Report February 2026

Personnel

- Patricia Eickwort, who is leading the Circulation Department, and Michael Polzella, who is leading the Technical Support Department, have settled into their new roles.

Operations

- The Finance Committee met on February 5th.
- Security camera system software was upgraded to the latest version of XProtect Professional+.
- The artwork question from the January 2026 Board Meeting was investigated by the Director. Concerned parties were informed the piece had been removed in conjunction with the window construction. The Library has since rehung the piece.
- A second TV monitor was added to The Space, which recently hosted library resource demos and a teen program incorporating computer design and the Cricut.
- The green programming area of *The Space* is tech-ready thanks to Michael Polzella, who configured older library equipment to be used as a photo printer.
- Planning for the Summer Kickoff is underway.

Building & Grounds

- Throughout this winter, the grounds have been safely maintained for public and staff by the Library's highly capable snow removal vendor and by the Library's custodial team.
- A water treatment system was installed for the boiler system.

Professional Activities

1/21, 28	<i>Communicating with Impact</i> , Parts 1 & 2, Jaci Clement, Fair Media Council (AM, DE)
1/23	Meeting with SCLS Director (general topics) (AM, CS, DE)
1/27	LILRC Regional Technology Committee (AM)
1/29	PLDA Brookhaven Zone Meeting, Patchogue
1/30	Meeting with Matthew Colson, Public Affairs, Mather Hospital (at CPL)
1/30	PLDA Board Meeting (online)
2/3	Library Advocacy Day, Empire State Plaza, Albany (DM, AM, DE)
2/4	Sustainable Libraries Initiative; Mentor Office Hour (DE as mentor)
2/10	Diversity Committee Meeting (Nassau-Suffolk Library Administrators)

Community Activities

- 1/23 Mather Community Coalition, Mather Hospital (AM, DE)
- Entered into a community partnership with Strong Island Animal Rescue
- Partnering with Eagle Scout candidate who will build ADA-compliant raised gardening beds
- Partnering with Girl Scout Troop that is building a Pet Pantry



Comsewogue Public Library

Personnel Report

February 17, 2026

New Appointments:

Arianna Galante, Librarian Trainee (PT) – Children’s Services, effective February 4, 2026. Salary \$28.41 hr.

Maria Gates, Librarian Trainee (PT) – Children’s Services, effective February 4, 2026. Salary \$28.41 hr.

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Personnel Sick Leave Report – 2025

FT Employee	Annual 1/1/2025	+	Accrued 1/1/2025	-	Used Sick	+	Unused Personal	=	Accrued Hours 1/1/2026
1	84	+	163.5	-	18.5	+	0	=	229
2	84	+	89.5	-	10	+	21	=	184.5
3	84	+	211.5	-	44	+	0	=	251.5
4	84	+	51.5	-	123	+	3.5	=	16
5	84	+	1527.5	-	9	+	6.5	=	1609
6	84	+	68	-	27	+	2.5	=	127.5
7	84	+	345	-	41.5	+	20	=	407.5
8	84	+	414.5	-	135.5	+	14	=	377
9	84	+	683	-	68.5	+	0	=	698.5
10	84	+	279	-	30	+	24.5	=	357.5
11	84	+	1425.5	-	56	+	15.5	=	1469
12	84	+	257.5	-	18.5	+	21	=	344
13	84	+	104	-	30	+	11	=	169
14	13.5	+	0	-	0	+	3.5	=	17
15	84	+	365	-	80	+	0	=	369
16	84	+	173	-	101.5	+	0	=	155.5
17	84	+	370.5	-	32.5	+	21	=	443
18	84	+	296.5	-	54.5	+	5	=	331
19	84	+	88	-	54	+	0	=	118
20	13.5	+	0	-	0	+	2.5	=	16
21	84	+	180.5	-	80.5	+	18	=	202

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Comsewogue Public Library
Statistical Report 2025/2026

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January 2026

		Jan-26	Jan-25	% Change	Totals 2025/26	Totals 2024/25	Totals - % Change
Patron Registration							
Comsewogue Borrower Registration:							
1	Adult	50	82	-39.02%	9,380	10,053	-6.69%
2	Juvenile	101	36	180.56%	3,243	3,408	-4.84%
3	Total	151	118	27.97%	12,623	13,461	-6.23%
Mount Sinai Borrower Registration:							
4	Comsewogue Library	22	37	-40.54%	4,529	4,190	8.09%
5	Port Jefferson Library	14	19	-26.32%	1,696	1,562	8.58%
Miller Place Borrower Registration:*							
6	Comsewogue Library	31	50	-38.00%	4,494	4,075	10.28%
7	Port Jefferson Library	8	16	-50.00%	1,957	1,801	8.66%
8							
8	Total CPL Members	204	205	-0.49%	21,646	21,726	-0.37%
* - SCLS purged contract patron cards in error in January 2025. Contract patron totals were effected for both Comsewogue and Port Jefferson.							
		Jan-26	Jan-25	% Change	To Date- 2025/26	To Date-2024/25	To Date - % Change
9	Library Visits	9,179	10,030	-8.48%	76,164	73,301	3.91%
10	Curbside Pick Up	14	17	-17.65%	136	180	-24.44%
Transactions							
		Jan-26	Jan-25	% Change	To Date- 2025/26	To Date-2024/25	To Date - % Change
11	Circulation of Physical Items:	19,280	21,035	-8.34%	153,079	164,073	-6.70%
Circulation of Electronic Items:							
12	Over Drive-Audio/eBooks	9,834	9,841	-0.07%	65,212	62,668	4.06%
13	Hoopla	1,438	1,138	26.36%	7,963	6,270	27.00%
14	Kanopy	651	533	22.14%	4,383	3,243	35.15%
Circulation Other:							
15	Museum Passes	48	68	-29.41%	596	627	-4.94%
16	Library of Things	137	132	3.79%	1,176	1,203	-2.24%
Library of Things include devices, games, tools, etc. Reporting started 1/2022							
17	Public Computer Sessions	521	788	-33.88%	4,652	4,988	-6.74%
18	Public Wireless Sessions	1,630	1,760	-7.39%	11,282	11,104	1.60%
Interlibrary Loan:							
19	Items Loaned	924	1,020	-9.41%	6,305	6,846	-7.90%
20	Items Borrowed	1,237	1,311	-5.64%	9,081	10,026	-9.43%

Adult Programming: January 2026

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<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Attended</u>
Mah-Jongg & More	1	n/a	7
Book Swap	2	n/a	8,10
ONLINE Breathe Together	4	14	1,4,5,5
ONLINE New English Speakers (Zoom)	4	n/a	8,8,4,6
A Taste of Europe	2	20,20	21,15
Diamond Painting \$5	2	10,11	9,9
Knit & Crochet	1	n/a	6
Smartphone Secrets	1	29	24
Concert: The Como Brothers	1	136	99
ONLINE Trivia (Email)	2	n/a,15	18,33
Atmospheric Book Club	1	10	6
Calming Art Club	1	20	20
Everyday Matinee	2	5,17	7,14
Write This Way	1	20	10
Defensive Driving	1	37	28
AARP Smart Driver Course	1	24	24
Healthy Nutrition	2	14,10	8,3
Koga Lite	2	24	18,16
ONLINE Self-Care & Share	1	n/a	1
Game Night	1	16	3
Coffee & Coloring	1	11	7

Adult Programming: Summary

Community Conversation Circle	1	7	5
Winter Seed Sowing	2	14,12	13,10
One-on-One Appointments	unlimited	3	3
Social Work Intern Appointments	unlimited	3	3
Career Counseling	Appt	0	0
TOTALS	37	502	499

	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Attended</u>
January 2026	37	502	499
YTD 2026	37	502	499
January 2025	33	461	521
YTD 2025	33	461	521

Family Programming: January 2026

Program Name	Grades	Sessions	Registered *by Family	Attended
Family Pictionary	All	1	9	19
Recycled Art DROP-IN (10am)	All	1	n/a	4
Recycled Art DROP-IN (5pm)	All	1	n/a	0
Vanilla Cinnamon Swirl Bread (5pm)	All	1	14	24
Vanilla Cinnamon Swirl Bread (6pm)	All	1	16	35
Meet the Guinea Pigs DROP-IN	All	1	n/a	20
Fireside Folktales - cancelled	All	1		
Art Cart Creations	All	6	n/a	270
Story Walk: <i>No Two Alike</i>	All	1	n/a	3
Birthday Bags	All	1	n/a	6
Guinea Pig Weekly Care	All	4	n/a	21
Family Programming Summary		Sessions	Attended	
January 2026		19	352	
YTD 2026		19	352	
January 2025		10	153	
YTD 2025		10	153	

Early Childhood Programming: January 2026

Program Name	Ages	Sessions	Registered	Attended
Lullaby Together Time: Bells - cancelled	0m - 12m	1		
Baby Games	0m - 17m	1	14	26
Babies Boogie	0m - 17m	1	10	16
Baby Start	0m - 17m	1	11	17
Evening Mother Goose on the Loose	0m - 35m	1	16	22
My Gym at the Library	12m - 35m	1	20	42
Come Play with PlayHooray (10am)	0m - PreK	1	20	40
Come Play with PlayHooray (11am)	0m - PreK	1	20	31
Parent Playdate (1/30)	0m - PreK	1	15	20
Fun with Toddlers (1/5)	12m - 35m	1	25	42
Fun with Toddlers (1/12)	12m - 35m	1	25	52
Fun with Toddlers (1/26) - cancelled	12m - 35m	1		
Obstacle Course DROP-IN	12m - PreK	1	n/a	46
Construction Zone DROP-IN	12m - PreK	1	n/a	36
Music Makers DROP-IN	12m - PreK	1	n/a	17
Kidnastics (10am)	12m - PreK	1	25	44
Kidnastics (11am)	12m - PreK	1	25	43
Puzzle Play DROP-IN	12m - PreK	1	n/a	17
Toddler Tango	18m - 35m	1	18	35
You & Me	18m - 35m	1	17	11
A Time for Kids: Hungry Hippos	18m - PreK	1	20	38

Parachute Play	3yrs - PreK	1	15	28
Literacy & Stem Kits	0m - PreK	16	n/a	170
1000 Books Before K	0m - PreK	1	n/a	3

Early Childhood Programming Summary		Sessions	Attended
January 2026		39	796
YTD 2026		39	796
January 2025		29	761
YTD 2025		29	761

School Age Programming: January 2026

Program Name	Grades	Sessions	Registered	Attended
Melting Snowman	K-2	1	18	10
Brr! Winter is Here!	K-2	1	8	7
AMPS STEAM Night - outreach offsite	K-2	1	n/a	112
Spongebob's World - cancelled	K-2	1		
3D Winter Wonderland - cancelled	3-5	1		
LADSB STEAM Night - outreach offsite	3-5	1	n/a	209
Ozobot Races	3-5	1	12	7
Goodies & Games - cancelled	3-5	1		
Snackin Around the World	3-5	1	8	7
Boyle Rd. Elementary Visit - outreach onsite	3-5	1	n/a	22
Snowy Ski Bunny	K-5	1	27	13
K-Pop Demon Hunters	K-5	1	30	26
Model Magic DROP-IN	K-5	1	n/a	2
Yoga for Kids (5:30pm)	K-5	1	16	12
Yoga for Kids (6:30pm)	K-5	1	7	6
STEM Center DROP-IN	K-5	1	n/a	5
Winter Scavenger Hunt	K-5	1	n/a	144

School Age Programming Summary	Sessions	Attended
January 2026	17	582
YTD 2026	17	582
January 2025	15	948
YTD 2025	15	948

Teen Programming: January 2026

Program Name	Grades	Sessions	Registered	Attended
Winter Prism Suncatcher - cancelled	6/12	1		
Fleece Blankets	6-12	1	23	21
CHS Life Skills Visit - outreach onsite	9-12+	1	n/a	0
Dungeons and Dragons	6-12	1	5	5
Caring Crafts	6-12	1	17	15
Kpop Demon Hunters - cancelled	6/12	1		
Dog Treats	6-12	1	28	20
CHS English Class Visit - outreach offsite	9	9	n/a	310
Canva Coloring Sheets	6-12	1	19	10
JFK X-Time - outreach offsite	6-8	1	n/a	24
After Hours Teen Night	6-12	1	29	29
Games & Goodies - cancelled	6-12	1		
CHS Life Skills Visit - outreach onsite	9-12+	1	n/a	22
Snack Around the World	6-12	1	9	8
Winter Rock Painting	6-12	1	5	5
Remote Community Service	6-12	10	n/a	59
Teen Programming Summary		Sessions	Attended	
January 2026		31	528	
YTD 2026		31	528	
January 2025		13	188	
YTD 2025		13	188	

Comsewogue Public Library

2025/2026 Tax Receipts

COMSEWOGUE LIBRARY DISTRICT

Town of Brookhaven	Payment Date	Date \$ Received by CPL	Total \$ Remittance to CPL	Notes
1	12/24/2025	12/24/2025	\$65,967.32	
2	1/9/2026	1/9/2026	\$209,221.50	
3	1/21/2026	1/21/2026	\$740,757.22	
4	1/26/2026	1/26/2026	\$478,759.12	
5	2/2/2026	2/2/2026	\$246,919.07	
6	2/9/2026	2/9/2026	\$124,401.98	
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21*				
TOTAL AMOUNT - TAXES TO BE RAISED:			\$3,319,002.00	
Total Payments From Town of Brk			\$1,866,026.21	
Interest Received*			0.00	
Remaining Balance - Uncollected Taxes			\$1,452,975.79	
Total Payments (including interest)			\$1,866,026.21	

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Comsewogue Public Library

2025/2026 PILOT Receipts

(PILOT = Payment In Lieu Of Taxes)

PILOTS received from Brookhaven Town / US Bank, Trustee

	Industrial Development Agency Payment Date	Date \$ Received by CPL	Total \$ Remittance to CPL	Name of Project(s)
1	2/2/2026	2/5/2026	\$334.10	Rail Reality
2				
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5				
6				
7				

Total Payments From Industrial Dev Agency	334.10
Payments CPL Received	334.10
Interest Received*	

Total PILOT Payments (including interest) \$334.10

PILOTS Received from School Districts

From	Check #	Amount
Mount Sinai UFSD		
Total PILOTs received directly:		0.00

GRAND TOTAL ALL PILOTS RECEIVED:

\$334.10

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2/5/2026

NYLA'S 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

- Advance legislation safeguarding intellectual freedom and combating censorship in all library settings.
- Support: Open Shelves Act – S.1100-A (May)/A.3119-B (Kelles)
- Support: Freedom to Read Act - S.8630 (May)/A.9537 (Simone)

EBOOK LICENSING REFORM

- Establish legal protections related to the licensing and purchase of electronic materials in library settings that prevent the inclusion of exploitative terms.
- Remove barriers to development of stable electronic collections.
- Support: A.3589 (Carroll)

MEDIA LITERACY

- Pursue legislation that expands Media Literacy education in New York schools and solidify the role of Certified Library Media Specialists as leaders in the discipline.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

- Develop and support legislative solutions to long-standing issues with civil service that negatively impact recruitment and retention of library workers.

NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FY 2027 BUDGET REQUESTS



1

LIBRARY OPERATING AID: \$181.32M

Increased aid is needed to support the foundational framework of NYS libraries, improving the lives of residents of all ages, abilities and economic status. In FY 1992, NYS assessed the statutory need for Library Aid at \$76M. Adjusted for inflation, today that need is \$181.32M.

2

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AID: \$175M

Increased aid is needed to support the foundational framework of NYS libraries, improving the lives of residents of all ages, abilities and economic status. In FY 1992, NYS assessed the statutory need for Library Aid at \$76M. Adjusted for inflation, today that need is \$181.32M.

3

LIBRARY MATERIALS AID: \$11.33/PUPIL

Since 2007 the per pupil rate has remained flat at \$6.25. In recent years, the average cost of a hardcover book purchased by a school library was \$26.25. Current funding levels cover just one quarter of one new book per pupil.

4

NOVELNY: \$3.1M

A \$3.1 million allocation for the continuation of the NOVELny program would ensure equity of access to essential database and digital resources for all New Yorkers, from students in K-12 classrooms to life-long learners in the public setting.

5

CULTURAL EDUCATION FUNDING: \$12M

Immediate action is needed to stabilize funding for the New York State Office of Cultural Education, including the State Library, Archives, Museum, Summer School for the Arts, and Public Broadcasting Program. NYLA supports the \$12M appropriation proposed by the NYS Board of Regents in its FY 2027 priorities.

experiments we were going to do alongside teacher Christa McAuliffe, then just 37. And my Hebrew School teachers had given me another reason to pay attention: McAuliffe's fellow astronaut, Judith Resnik, was the first Jewish American and Jewish woman in space.

I felt pure excitement. Then, suddenly, a bright orange flash and plume of smoke, with trails back toward earth.

The chatter stopped. I felt a deep foreboding as I tried to process what I saw. When a lunch aide's scream pierced the silence, it registered.

"The Challenger blew up! The Challenger blew up!" she cried.

And a piece of my childhood shattered.

We spent a while that after-

noon watching that explosion again and again, talking about Mrs. McAuliffe, her family, her students, and the lessons we would never get to learn. Mr. Van Delden tried to talk it through, to teach us, to help us understand.

I don't remember a thing he said.

Every generation has that extraordinary moment in time where they can pinpoint where they were, what they were



The Challenger crew takes a break during countdown training at NASA's Kennedy Space Center on Jan. 9, 1986.

and a half years later, Apollo 11 landed on the moon. Similarly, two and a half years after Challenger, NASA was back in space. Even after the 2003 Columbia disaster, space exploration continued.

So, right now, three individuals, including Christopher Williams, an American physicist who was just 2 years old when Challenger rose and fell, are living at the International Space Station, conducting experiments, living the dreams of those Challenger astronauts, and perhaps giving a new generation of young schoolchildren that same giddy sense of hope and wonder, without the lesson of learning to fear.

■ **COLUMNIST RANDI F. MARSHALL'S** opinions are her own.

GUEST ESSAY

Shore up the NY State Library's foundation

We must allow libraries to continue to grow, not shrink

BY CAROLINE ASHBY
AND KEVIN VERBESY
Guest essay

Much like opening a book, stepping into a library unlocks a world of possibilities for our neighbors at every stage of their lives. Long Islanders visited their public libraries more than 13 million times in 2025 because they offer reliable internet for those without access at home, story times for kids to develop important literacy skills, books in multiple formats, Braille materials for individuals with disabilities, a friendly place to get out of the house and socialize, programs for immigrants to

study English as a second language, and so much more. These initiatives aren't just nice to have. They are mandatory in order to uplift each and every New Yorker, regardless of income, background or circumstance.

We take for granted that much of this work is made possible by the New York State Library, which supports the 762 public libraries across the state. Local libraries rely on the State Library for the infrastructure needed to expand services to meet the community's needs, update and modernize facilities, and train staff on topics such as digital equity and serving patrons with disabilities. As a result of this support, 99% of the state's

public libraries are wheelchair accessible, half a million New Yorkers received support through the English for Speakers of Other Languages library programs, and millions of dollars were distributed through approved construction grants. In December, a record \$5.56 million in state capital funding was announced for Long Island libraries, made possible by grant support provided by the State Library.

But this foundation is rapidly cracking due in part to decades of inadequate funding from the Cultural Education Fund, the sole operating source for the State Library, Museum, and Archives. This antiquated funding model has not changed since 2002, leaving the state Office of Cultural Education (OCE) to operate with an almost 20% smaller budget than it did 20 years ago. This, paired with the recent

threats to the federal funding that supports 55 of the State Library's 84 positions, means it is a crucial time for meaningful action.

We must allow libraries to continue to grow, not shrink. That is why the Nassau and Suffolk library systems are grateful to Gov. Kathy Hochul for including \$12 million for a new, recurring General Fund appropriation for OCE in her proposed budget. This would allow the State Library to continue its important work, strengthening libraries across New York.

We cannot allow the library's world of possibilities to become out of reach — or even worse, gone. It is time to strengthen the State Library for all New Yorkers. We encourage the State Senate and Assembly to support the State Library while also stepping up and restoring the \$10 million in

construction aid for libraries that was left out of the governor's budget. This funding is critical for libraries to be able to maintain the infrastructure that allows patrons to enjoy a clean, safe and comfortable environment year-round.

As the federal government has cut back on the resources made available to taxpayers, libraries have picked up the slack, establishing programs to make sure our children, neighbors and friends do not fall behind. When you don't properly fund libraries, you are not just closing one door. You are causing a dangerous ripple effect that will be felt in communities across the state.

■ **THIS GUEST ESSAY** reflects the views of Caroline Ashby, the director of the Nassau Library System, and Kevin Verbesy, the executive director of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System.

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COMSEWOGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET - CASH BASIS
As of December 31, 2025

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1101 · Credit Card Bank Acct-Peoples	50.00
1102 · Checking Account	9,912.02
1106 · Cash on Hand Fund	350.00
1109 · Savings Account	344,727.01
1110 · Savings-Capital Improvements	927,669.70
1114 · Savings-Termination Pay	320,908.93
1115 · Checking-Termination	0.00
1121 · Petty Cash Fund	150.00
1122 · Cash Register Fund	210.00
1123 · Copier/Printer Fund	150.00
1145 · UNDEPOSITED FUND	0.00

Total Checking/Savings 1,604,127.66

Other Current Assets

1150 · ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - YEAR END	0.00
1152 · PREPAID PROGRAM EXPENSE	0.00
1153 · PATRON ACCOUNTS-DISC TICKETS	39,008.69
1154 · PREPAID EXPENSES	1,710.00

Total Other Current Assets 40,718.69

Total Current Assets 1,644,846.35

Fixed Assets

1200 · CAPITAL ASSET - LAND	230,613.00
1210 · CAPITAL ASSET - BLDG AND IMPROVEMENTS	8,564,135.00
1230 · CAPITAL ASSET - FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	1,102,496.00
1240 · CAPITAL ASSET - BOOKS AND MATERIALS	2,699,565.00
1300 · ACCUMULATE DEPRECIATION	
1310 · BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS	-4,925,821.00
1330 · FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	-890,637.00
1340 · BOOKS AND MATERIALS	-2,356,651.00
Total 1300 ACCUMULATE DEPRECIATION	<u>-8,173,109.00</u>

Total Fixed Assets 4,423,700.00

TOTAL ASSETS **6,068,546.35**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

2173 · Accrued Payroll	0.00
2180 · FICA-Payable	0.00
2182 · NYS Withholding	0.00
2185 · Employee Ins - enrollee contrib	5,906.15
2186 · Retirement	6,044.30
2187 · AFLAC - Cancer Care	309.96
2188 · AFLAC - Accident Ins	160.20
2189 · AFLAC - Personal Sickness Ind.	0.00
2190 · AFLAC - Short Term Disability	372.06
2191 · Reserve for Encumbrances	38,926.81
2194 · Aflac - Hospital	58.14
2196 · Life Insurance Payable	219.67

Total Other Current Liabilities 51,997.29

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Equity

2200 · General Fund Balance	3,073,948.16
2201 · Capital Improvement Fund	933,161.71
2202 · Termination Payment Fund	417,809.50
2203 · Capital Asset Fund	4,423,700.00
Net Income	<u>-2,832,070.31</u>

Total Equity 6,016,549.06

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **6,068,546.35**

COMSEWOGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STATEMENT OF REVENUE

For the Period Ending December 31, 2025

	<u>December 2025</u>	<u>July 2025 - December 2025</u>
Revenue		
3301 · Tax Revenues	65,967.32	65,967.32
3302 · Fines	20.49	726.99
3304 · Interest Earned	4,800.33	48,650.99
3305 · Unclassified rev.-Copies	1,096.00	4,717.51
3306 · Unclassified rev.-Books	542.30	2,566.62
3307 · Unclassified rev.-Other	25.70	17.32
3309 · Video Books	0.00	0.00
3308 · State Aid	0.00	0.00
3310 · Grants Received	0.00	0.00
3311 · Miscellaneous Income	100.00	250.74
3312 · Local Sponsor Aid	0.00	6,703.20
3313 · PILOT Revenue	0.00	0.00
3316 · Refund Excess Mortgage	0.00	0.00
3318 · Services - Miller Place	0.00	0.00
3319 · Services - Mount Sinai	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	<u>72,552.14</u>	<u>129,600.69</u>

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EXPENSES BUDGET VS ACTUAL

For the Period Ending December 31, 2025

					<u>ACTUAL</u>			
					December	July 2025 - December 2025	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Expense								
	4401 · Computer Supplies	(21.50)			4,046.40	15,000.00	-10,953.60	
	4402 · Computer Equipment/Parts	0.00			3,359.10	28,000.00	-24,640.90	
	4403 · Furniture & Equipment	0.00			13,190.82	40,500.00	-27,309.18	
	4404 · Salaries-Professional	276,977.06			1,173,084.65	2,291,280.00	-1,118,195.35	
	4405 · Salaries-Clerical	98,201.45			392,578.20	830,567.00	-437,988.80	
	4406 · Salaries-Custodial	13,784.34			43,262.39	104,200.00	-60,937.61	
	4407 · Salaries-Guard	3,810.61			16,244.48	31,924.00	-15,679.52	
	4410 · Library Books	1,988.50			32,842.98	112,500.00	-79,657.02	
	4412 · Audio Video	115.23			5,355.64	18,300.00	-12,944.36	
	4413 · Periodicals	84.00			9,907.07	13,500.00	-3,592.93	
	4414 · Computer Software	795.75			8,487.49	16,500.00	-8,012.51	
	4415 · Electronic Data Base	2,457.67			54,765.05	250,000.00	-195,234.95	
	4417 · OTHER THINGS LENDING	899.95			15,267.89	25,000.00	-9,732.11	
	4420 · Library Programs	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	
	4421 · Program Contractors	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	
	4421A · Adult	7,717.62			28,715.61	64,500.00	-35,784.39	
	4421B · Children/Teen	6,286.00			30,872.90	82,500.00	-51,627.10	
	4422 · Program Supplies	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	
	4422A · Adult	461.25			3,010.02	10,300.00	-7,289.98	
	4422B · Children/Teen	1,150.26			5,619.74	24,300.00	-18,680.26	
	4428 · Conferences	934.57			6,375.08	14,500.00	-8,124.92	
	4429 · Circulation	181.93			41,953.97	60,000.00	-18,046.03	
	4430 · Office & Library Supplies	2,528.86			6,567.99	17,500.00	-10,932.01	
	4431 · Telecommunications	940.91			5,462.90	11,600.00	-6,137.10	
	4432 · Cartage	301.65			1,809.90	3,500.00	-1,690.10	
	4433 · Postage	3,362.63			7,797.45	14,800.00	-7,002.55	
	4434 · Publicity and Printing	10,509.00			29,506.22	61,500.00	-31,993.78	
	4435 · Annual Election	0.00			1,093.00	4,450.00	-3,357.00	
	4436 · SCLS Contract Fee	0.00			65,310.00	65,307.00	3.00	
	4437 · Accounting and Legal	1,744.03			50,019.79	92,000.00	-41,980.21	
	4438 · Membership Dues	50.00			1,380.00	3,300.00	-1,920.00	
	4439 · Equipment/Bldg Maint & Repair	17,456.39			104,954.75	219,325.00	-114,370.25	
	4440 · Snow Removal	0.00			0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	
	4441 · Building Security	4,360.25			31,316.38	85,600.00	-54,283.62	
	4450 · Utilities	14,954.47			58,736.83	118,000.00	-59,263.17	
	4451 · Custodial Supplies	1,570.59			6,102.21	16,200.00	-10,097.79	
	4453 · Employees Assistance Program	0.00			3,175.50	3,200.00	-24.50	
	4454 · Insurance - Library	0.00			71,732.24	70,500.00	1,232.24	
	4456 · Rental Expenses	1,484.00			10,938.11	20,500.00	-9,561.89	
	4471 · Workers Compensation Insurance	0.00			20,532.00	24,175.00	-3,643.00	
	4472 · Life Insurance	0.00			2,514.07	5,880.00	-3,365.93	
	4473 · Dental Insurance	0.00			12,039.66	31,650.00	-19,610.34	
	4474 · VISION INS	1,088.76			2,696.84	4,000.00	-1,303.16	
	4476 · 9020.8 Retirement Expense	0.00			0.00	468,182.00	-468,182.00	
	4477 · 9030.8 Social Security Expense	28,439.68			119,885.90	237,805.00	-117,919.10	
	4478 · Unemployment Insurance	5.36			186.08	1,000.00	-813.92	
	4479 · 9060.8 Health Insurance	79,734.39			458,973.70	986,639.00	-527,665.30	
	4480 · Sunday Opening	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	
	4485 · Capital Improvement Allocation	0.00			0.00	300,000.00	-300,000.00	
	66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Total Expense	584,355.66			2,961,671.00	6,914,984.00	-3,953,313.00	

Comsewogue Public Library - General Fund Cash Flow Statement 2025-2026

Revenue/Receipts	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Total
Real Property Taxes						65,967.32							
PILOT													
Library Service Contracts													
Grants													
State Aid													
Local Aid		6,703.20											
All Other	12,866.13	12,727.07	9,299.55	8,744.87	6,707.73	6,584.82							
Total Receipts	12,866.13	19,430.27	9,299.55	8,744.87	6,707.73	72,552.14							
Disbursement/Payments	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Total
Payrolls	240,496.05	253,001.59	245,390.95	247,443.95	247,011.01	392,773.46							
Employee Benefits	70,703.03	80,009.04	76,548.40	94,759.87	78,116.15	79,734.39							
Debt Service													
All Other	180,171.78	135,064.46	108,690.94	229,998.40	95,664.69	110,759.05							
Total Disbursements	491,370.86	468,075.09	430,630.29	572,202.22	420,791.85	583,266.90							
Cash Balance Changes	(478,504.73)	(448,644.82)	(421,330.74)	(563,457.35)	(414,084.12)	(510,714.76)							
Total Adjustments	(208,537.44)	5,157.19	(13,213.11)	692.10	811.92	2,542.82							
Closing Cash Balance	3,966,368.53	3,522,880.90	3,088,337.05	2,525,571.80	2,112,299.60	1,604,127.66							
Beg. Cash Balance 7/1/25	4,653,410.70												0.00
2025-2026 Library Budget	6,786,259.00												

July 2025 - 1st payroll accrued to FYE 24/25
 July 2025 & December 2025 - 3 Payrolls
 Medicare reimbursements paid quarterly (January/April/July/October)

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DATE	NUM	NAME	ACCOUNT	DEBIT
02/17/2026	28998	A Time For Kids, Inc.	1102 Checking Account	
			4421B Library Programs:Program Contractors:Children/Teen	\$455.00
				\$455.00
02/17/2026	28999	Amazon Capital Services	1102 Checking Account	
			4422B Library Programs:Program Supplies:Children/Teen	\$546.52
			4422A Library Programs:Program Supplies:Adult	\$541.79
			4401 Computer Supplies	\$108.28
			4403 Furniture & Equipment	\$379.56
			4430 Office & Library Supplies	\$19.00
			4410 Library Books	\$25.00
			4451 Custodial Supplies	\$24.35
				\$1,644.50
02/17/2026	29000	American Express	1102 Checking Account	
			4403 Furniture & Equipment	\$347.00
			4422A Library Programs:Program Supplies:Adult	\$157.56
			4422B Library Programs:Program Supplies:Children/Teen	\$379.26
			4428 Conferences	\$23.27
			4430 Office & Library Supplies	\$47.14
			4433 Postage	\$10.48
				\$964.71
02/17/2026	29001	B&H Photo-Video	1102 Checking Account	
			4402 Computer Equipment/Parts	\$470.15
			4401 Computer Supplies	\$89.64
				\$559.79
02/17/2026	29002	Benson, Carolyn	1102 Checking Account	
			4421A Library Programs:Program Contractors:Adult	\$950.00
				\$950.00
02/17/2026	29003	BK Fire Suppression & Security Systems	1102 Checking Account	
			4439 Equipment/Blding Maint & Repair	\$660.92
				\$660.92
02/17/2026	29004	Brodart Company	1102 Checking Account	
			4410 Library Books	\$3,923.99
			4410 Library Books	\$1,371.90
				\$5,295.89
02/17/2026	29005	CCP Office Technology Solutions	1102 Checking Account	
			4456 Rental Expenses	\$724.31
				\$724.31

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DATE	NUM	NAME	ACCOUNT	DEBIT
02/17/2026	29006	Cluna, Jamie	1102 Checking Account	
			4421B Library Programs:Program	\$150.00
			Contractors:Children/Teen	
				\$150.00
02/17/2026	29007	Digital Provisions, LLC	1102 Checking Account	
			4441 Building Security	\$7,803.98
				\$7,803.98
02/17/2026	29008	DiPrima, Nicole E.	1102 Checking Account	
			4421B Library Programs:Program	\$200.00
			Contractors:Children/Teen	
				\$200.00
02/17/2026	29009	Discount School Supply	1102 Checking Account	
			4422B Library Programs:Program Supplies:Children/Teen	\$33.77
				\$33.77
02/17/2026	29010	Drum Industrial Sales Corp.	1102 Checking Account	
			4451 Custodial Supplies	\$612.51
				\$612.51
02/17/2026	29011	Fedco Seeds	1102 Checking Account	
			4422A Library Programs:Program Supplies:Adult	\$186.85
				\$186.85
02/17/2026	29012	Fun Express, LLC	1102 Checking Account	
			4422B Library Programs:Program Supplies:Children/Teen	\$231.85
				\$231.85
02/17/2026	29013	Giery, Peter	1102 Checking Account	
			4439 Equipment/Blding Maint & Repair	\$117.09
				\$117.09
02/17/2026	29014	GovConnection, Inc.	1102 Checking Account	
			4401 Computer Supplies	\$981.00
				\$981.00
02/17/2026	29015	Grainger	1102 Checking Account	
			4451 Custodial Supplies	\$80.61
				\$80.61
02/17/2026	29016	GreenGate3D	1102 Checking Account	
			4401 Computer Supplies	\$95.97

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DATE	NUM	NAME	ACCOUNT	DEBIT
				\$95.97
02/17/2026	29017	Grey House Publishing	1102 Checking Account	
			4415 Electronic Data Base	\$2,395.00
				\$2,395.00
02/17/2026	29018	Grigg, Cheryl	1102 Checking Account	
			4421A Library Programs:Program Contractors:Adult	\$1,000.00
				\$1,000.00
02/17/2026	29019	Gym Door Repairs, Inc.	1102 Checking Account	
			4439 Equipment/Blding Maint & Repair	\$894.00
				\$894.00
02/17/2026	29020	Hampton Jitney	1102 Checking Account	
			4421A Library Programs:Program Contractors:Adult	\$300.00
				\$300.00
02/17/2026	29021	Hinden, Sanford E.	1102 Checking Account	
			4421A Library Programs:Program Contractors:Adult	\$150.00
				\$150.00
02/17/2026	29022	Holtz, Loretta	1102 Checking Account	
			4428 Conferences	\$18.56
				\$18.56
02/17/2026	29023	HomeStyle Landscaping & Design, Inc	1102 Checking Account	
			4439 Equipment/Blding Maint & Repair	\$9,837.50
				\$9,837.50
02/17/2026	29024	iPromoteU	1102 Checking Account	
			4422A Library Programs:Program Supplies:Adult	\$4,080.00
				\$4,080.00
02/17/2026	29025	Jempty, Barbara	1102 Checking Account	
			4421A Library Programs:Program Contractors:Adult	\$300.00
				\$300.00
02/17/2026	29026	Jennings, Lukas	1102 Checking Account	
			4428 Conferences	\$7.68
				\$7.68
02/17/2026	29027	Johnson Controls Security Solutions	1102 Checking Account	
			4441 Building Security	\$1,620.00
				\$1,620.00

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DATE	NUM	NAME	ACCOUNT	DEBIT
02/17/2026	29028	Kidnastics, Inc.	1102 Checking Account	
			4421B Library Programs:Program	\$575.00
			Contractors:Children/Teen	
				\$575.00
02/17/2026	29029	Lakeshore Learning Materials	1102 Checking Account	
			4422B Library Programs:Program Supplies:Children/Teen	\$209.26
				\$209.26
02/17/2026	29030	Lauria, Joan	1102 Checking Account	
			4421B Library Programs:Program	\$100.00
			Contractors:Children/Teen	
				\$100.00
02/17/2026	29031	Lil Athletes Sports Inc	1102 Checking Account	
			4421B Library Programs:Program	\$256.00
			Contractors:Children/Teen	
				\$256.00
02/17/2026	29032	Lunarola, Michele	1102 Checking Account	
			4428 Conferences	\$20.00
				\$20.00
02/17/2026	29033	MCJ Cleaning Services	1102 Checking Account	
			4439 Equipment/Blding Maint & Repair	\$3,800.00
				\$3,800.00
02/17/2026	29034	Midwest Tape	1102 Checking Account	
			4412 Audio Video	\$793.23
			4415 Electronic Data Base	\$3,049.18
				\$3,842.41
02/17/2026	29035	Minard, Danielle	1102 Checking Account	
			4428 Conferences	\$106.19
				\$106.19
02/17/2026	29036	Minuteman Press	1102 Checking Account	
			4430 Office & Library Supplies	\$285.00
				\$285.00
02/17/2026	29037	Mobile Beacon	1102 Checking Account	
			4417 OTHER THINGS LENDING	\$66.00
				\$66.00

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DATE	NUM	NAME	ACCOUNT	DEBIT
02/17/2026	29038	New York Times	1102 Checking Account	
			4413 Periodicals	\$60.00
				\$60.00
02/17/2026	29039	New York Times	1102 Checking Account	
			4413 Periodicals	\$24.00
				\$24.00
02/17/2026	29040	Notes and Nirvana	1102 Checking Account	
			4421A Library Programs:Program Contractors:Adult	\$475.00
				\$475.00
02/17/2026	29041	NYS Employees' Health Ins Pending Account	1102 Checking Account	
			4479 9060.8 Health Insurance	\$78,884.42
			2185 Employee Ins - enrollee contrib	\$5,906.15
				\$84,790.57
02/17/2026	29042	OfficeSupply.com	1102 Checking Account	
			4451 Custodial Supplies	\$487.66
				\$487.66
02/17/2026	29043	Parker-Morales, Christine	1102 Checking Account	
			4428 Conferences	\$18.85
				\$18.85
02/17/2026	29044	Patchogue-Medford Library	1102 Checking Account	
			4428 Conferences	\$20.15
				\$20.15
02/17/2026	29045	PBXstore Inc	1102 Checking Account	
			4431 Telecommunications	\$509.72
				\$509.72
02/17/2026	29046	PEAC Solutions	1102 Checking Account	
			4456 Rental Expenses	\$1,484.00
				\$1,484.00
02/17/2026	29047	Playaway Products LLC	1102 Checking Account	
			4410 Library Books	\$168.12
				\$168.12
02/17/2026	29048	Quest Master Guild Inc	1102 Checking Account	
			4421B Library Programs:Program Contractors:Children/Teen	\$585.00
				\$585.00

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DATE	NUM	NAME	ACCOUNT	DEBIT
				\$585.00
02/17/2026	29049	Quigley, Deborah A.	1102 Checking Account	
			4421A Library Programs:Program Contractors:Adult	\$240.00
				\$240.00
02/17/2026	29050	S & S Worldwide, Inc.	1102 Checking Account	
			4422B Library Programs:Program Supplies:Children/Teen	\$73.64
				\$73.64
02/17/2026	29051	Scholastic Library Publishing	1102 Checking Account	
			4415 Electronic Data Base	\$2,222.00
				\$2,222.00
02/17/2026	29052	Scott, Robert G.	1102 Checking Account	
			4421B Library Programs:Program Contractors:Children/Teen	\$1,050.00
				\$1,050.00
02/17/2026	29053	Securitas Security Serv. USA	1102 Checking Account	
			4441 Building Security	\$7,212.75
				\$7,212.75
02/17/2026	29054	Spena, Catherine	1102 Checking Account	
			4428 Conferences	\$20.00
				\$20.00
02/17/2026	29055	Staples Business Credit	1102 Checking Account	
			4430 Office & Library Supplies	\$314.01
			4435 Annual Election	\$16.69
			4422A Library Programs:Program Supplies:Adult	\$62.36
			4451 Custodial Supplies	\$53.49
			4422B Library Programs:Program Supplies:Children/Teen	\$74.94
				\$521.49
02/17/2026	29056	Stericycle, Inc	1102 Checking Account	
			4421A Library Programs:Program Contractors:Adult	\$186.34
				\$186.34
02/17/2026	29057	Suffolk Cooperative Library System	1102 Checking Account	
			4415 Electronic Data Base	\$193,539.00
			4429 Circulation	\$143.64
				\$193,682.64
02/17/2026	29058	TC Diamond	1102 Checking Account	

COMSEWOGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY

WARRANT DETAIL REPORT - 2/26/01

February 17, 2026

DATE	NUM	NAME	ACCOUNT	DEBIT
			4421B Library Programs:Program Contractors:Children/Teen	\$200.00
				\$200.00
02/17/2026	29059	Theresa's Programs LLC	1102 Checking Account	
			4421A Library Programs:Program Contractors:Adult	\$250.00
				\$250.00
02/17/2026	29060	Travelingartprograms LLC	1102 Checking Account	
			4421A Library Programs:Program Contractors:Adult	\$350.00
				\$350.00
02/17/2026	29061	ULINE	1102 Checking Account	
			4422A Library Programs:Program Supplies:Adult	\$159.21
			4451 Custodial Supplies	\$129.25
				\$288.46
02/17/2026	29062	Unique Management Services, Inc.	1102 Checking Account	
			4429 Circulation	\$198.05
				\$198.05
02/17/2026	29063	VerifiedFirst	1102 Checking Account	
			4437 Accounting and Legal	\$85.86
				\$85.86
02/17/2026	29064	Winters Bros. Hauling of LI, LLC	1102 Checking Account	
			4432 Cartage	\$301.65
				\$301.65
TOTAL				\$347,117.30

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01/29/2026 Payroll
Check Register

WARRANT DETAIL REPORT

January 29, 2026

DATE	NUM	NAME	ACCOUNT	DEBIT
01/29/2026	28990	Equitable Financial	1102 Checking Account	
			2184 Annuity	\$3,902.00
				\$3,902.00
01/29/2026	28991	PSEGLI	1102 Checking Account	
			4450 Utilities	\$4,627.77
				\$4,627.77
TOTAL				\$8,529.77

01/29/2026 ACH Debit Report

Deferred Compensation Plan	\$1,603.34
New York Life	\$439.34
TOTAL	\$2,042.68

01/29/2026 Payroll Warrant

Check Register Total	\$8,529.77
ACH Debit Total	\$2,042.68
Accu Data Payroll (includes \$554.77 Accudata Invoice)	\$114,625.79
TOTAL	\$125,198.24

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02/12/2026 Payroll
Check Register

WARRANT DETAIL REPORT

February 12, 2026

DATE	NUM	NAME	ACCOUNT	DEBIT
02/12/2026	28992	Aflac	1102 Checking Account	
			2187 AFLAC - Cancer Care	\$309.96
			2188 AFLAC - Accident Ins	\$160.20
			2190 AFLAC - Short Term Disability	\$372.06
			2194 Aflac - Hospital	\$58.14
				✓ \$900.36 ✓
02/12/2026	28993	Equitable Financial	1102 Checking Account	
			2184 Annuity	✓ \$3,827.00 ✓
				✓ \$3,827.00 ✓
02/12/2026	28994	National Grid	1102 Checking Account	
			4450 Utilities	✓ \$5,192.94 ✓
				✓ \$5,192.94 ✓
02/12/2026	28995	NYS Employees Retirement System	1102 Checking Account	
			2186 Retirement	\$3,740.88
			2186 Retirement	✓ \$304.00 ✓
				✓ \$4,044.88 ✓
02/12/2026	28996	Optimum	1102 Checking Account	
			4431 Telecommunications	✓ \$183.09 ✓
				✓ \$183.09 ✓
02/12/2026	28997	Optimum	1102 Checking Account	
			4431 Telecommunications	✓ \$245.00 ✓
				✓ \$245.00 ✓
TOTAL				\$14,393.27

02/12/2026 ACH Debit Report

Deferred Compensation Plan
TOTAL

✓ \$1,599.75
\$1,599.75

02/12/2026 Payroll Warrant

Check Register Total
ACH Debit Total
Accu Data Payroll (includes \$850.64 Accudata Invoice)
TOTAL

\$14,393.27 ✓
\$1,599.75 ✓
\$109,130.14 ✓
\$125,123.16 ↓

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

February 17, 2026

The finance committee met with the Director and her staff and the following items will be brought to the Board:

A. 2026/2027 Salary Schedules

Comsewogue Public Library

Proposed Operating Budget 2026-2027

February 17, 2026

Total Amount Proposed to be Raised by Taxes:

\$3,380,578 - this is the proposed amount to be brought before Comsewogue district voters
(up from \$3,319,002 in '25-'26)

Estimated Annual Tax Increase for Homeowners:

\$11 (home assessed at \$400K)

Total Proposed Operating Budget:

Approximately \$6.8M (includes anticipated contract revenue and other income)

Piercing the Tax Cap?

No.

Salaries & Benefits as % of Proposed Operating Budget: 72.4% (healthy range/proportion)

(budget worksheet/spreadsheet to be distributed at board meeting)

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