



# THE HAMPTON LIBRARY IN BRIDGEHAMPTON

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Dear Patron,

Libraries continue to be an important part of any community, and here at the Hampton Library, we couldn't agree more. We have had a busy year thus far and have fabulous ideas for the next year. We are able to accomplish these goals in large part due to the generous contributions from our community. For 2018, we are working again on our long range plan, which includes a sustainable model of service.

Our library underwent a huge renovation 10 years ago, and we are starting to see some wear and tear. We have just completed painting the exterior, and plan on continuing work on the interior, both with walls and carpets that need some TLC. We are paying close attention to the heavily used areas such as the program room and the children's room.

We have increased outreach programs in the last year to try to reach all members of our diverse community. We plan on increasing our current work with our neighbors such as Headstart, the food pantry, SOFO, the senior center, Madoo, the South Fork Animal Shelter, and, of course, our local schools. We have great programs to work with our Spanish speaking residents in the forms of ESL and citizenship programs, among other programs.

Our teen program has seen a large increase in usage this year. Our YA librarian, Amy Wahl, successfully led a team of young library users in the Battle of the Books this summer at Stony Brook University. Due to the increase in teens using the library, we are looking at ways to expand the YA space in the near future.

We often receive requests from the patrons regarding local community service projects. This October 14th, we are participating in the Great Giveback, a Suffolk County wide library initiative. This year, we are collecting art supplies for donation to local agencies. We also participate in local beach cleanup days, and we are painting little free libraries for placement throughout Bridgehampton and Sagaponack.

We have expanded our museum passes to check out for library users for local museums and ones in the city. You can also check out sewing machines, cake pans, beach chairs, sand toys, and, of course, DVDs.

Last, but certainly not least, we are a library and have a fabulous collection of books. Come on down and our friendly staff will be able to help you find whatever it is that you are craving to read. We thank you for your support in the past and future and hope you come in soon and check out all our great offerings.

Sincerely,

Louise Collins, MD, President of the Board of Trustees

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