

# BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## 2018 LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATES BIOGRAPHIES

### CECELIA WALSH

As a longtime resident of Bellport, and a retired educator of the South Country School District, I am seeking your support to become a trustee of the South Country Library board. I have varied experiences in education, working with children as well as adults. I have enjoyed several years of volunteer work at the library, serving as a literacy tutor helping adults learn to read and write English. It is my goal to share these experiences in furtherance of the board's mission. The South Country Library has been a valuable resource for myself, as well as the community. My daughter and grandchildren are appreciative of the opportunities the library provides for reading enjoyment, personal enrichment and school research. My goal is to help sustain and support this valuable resource for our community. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Cecelia Walsh

### GINO CRUZ

I am a life-long native of Long Island, having graduated from Longwood High School and CW Post University, and my three sons are all graduates of the South Country School system. For over 25 years, I worked with my father in his own business, taking over the business when he passed away.

Rearing my family in the area, I became heavily involved in the community activities and fundraising. I was head of girls track program for five years and assisted the boys track coach. I also coached football for the South Country School District. In addition, I coached for the middle school track programs and football programs at South Hampton High School.

More recently, I was president of USATF of Long Island, where I was tasked with bringing track events to Long Island, creating track meets at schools, summer races, etc.

For the past three years, I have been president of the South Country Community Conference—a community based civic organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in our area. I also served on the policy committee for the South Country School Board from 2014-2015.

Most recently, I have been a member of the South Country Library board, serving as President 2016-2017. During that time, I provided the leadership to bring in our current director and assistant, and I made sure that I was at the library whenever I was needed to support the staff and to ensure the smooth operation of the facility. I look forward to continuing on the board, and to expanding the library facilities, materials, and staff.

### GEOFFREY MARSCHALL

I grew up in Bellport learning to love books as I often stopped by the South Country Library walking home from school as a child. Back then it was the little library which is currently the Village Hall. Having moved to another area of Bellport, I would often ride my *unicycle* there. I have lived in a number of towns, but came back to South Country School District about 20 years ago where I introduced my children to the library system to pass on my love of books.

Since being back in the area I have become quite involved in the community. I am a current Bellport Rotary member and past President. I have just completed 9 years on the Board of the South Country Education Foundation helping to raise money for programs in the district. All of these endeavors promote additional learning and educational aspects that are very important to me. I still ride my unicycle, but have not ridden it to the Library in a long time. That should change.

### CAROLE GAGLIANO

To the South Country Library Patrons:

I would like to thank the South Country Library Community for affording me the opportunity to be on the South Country Library Board for the past three years. My service on the board has been effective and very rewarding. During my term the Library has progressed in a positive and constructive direction. Some of these accomplishments include: the hiring of extremely competent and outstanding Library Director and Library Assistant Director, the "Fireside Café" was established, the Friends of the Library organization has been reinstated, and the "Little Free Library" boxes have been built around the community to offer a free book exchange. As the Secretary of the Board I was involved in creating a new Library Director's job description, evaluation form and contract, contacting and organizing prospective Library Director candidates and recording all meetings of the Board.

As a retired High School Library Media Specialist for 33 years, my enthusiasm for the South Country Library is constantly evolving. I can imagine a Library that is vibrant and inclusive to all members of the community. Reaching out to all patrons of the library with everyone's unique needs is one of my future goals. Another goal is to encourage and support library programs with a cost-conscious foundation. The Library is a place for everyone to feel welcome and to have the needs of patrons recognized and fulfilled.

I look forward to your vote on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and with your support to help continue to enrich the South Country Library into a place for everyone.

Thank you,  
Carole Gagliano

### MARTHA GILLETTE

I am a long-time supporter of the library and a current trustee of the board. During my brief time on the board I have supported many positives for our community's library including the creation of the "Fireside Café", many technology-based improvements, installation of several "Little Free Libraries" in the community and a new emphasis on community outreach. I have also attended a trustee training workshop offered by the Suffolk Cooperative Library System to learn how to be an effective library trustee.

I volunteer with the library's "Friends of the Library" organization to help distribute leftover books from their book sales to local groups in need. I am the current President of the "South Country Community Conference" which is an organization that focuses on improvements that can be made in our community in regard to quality-of-life issues. In addition, I volunteer in many aspects of the South Country area including property cleanups for veterans, cooperative gardening, senior transportation and a variety of work for the Lighthouse Mission.

I believe that our community library is a place where we can make great things happen for the betterment of us all. Please continue to support my efforts on the library board. With your support, I promise to ensure the library is doing its best to be a safe and welcoming place which serves our community with the very best that it can offer. Thank you!

### ADA S. GRAHAM

I have been a resident of the South Country School District for the past 20 years and an active user of the South Country Library services. I want to apply my strong business background and history of community involvement as a returning member of the South Country Library board.

I developed my business skills, first at CA (in Islandia), as a director, business manager, and operations specialist in CA's global documentation, education, and sales operations departments. For the past four years, I have been employed by the Gateway Playhouse (in Bellport) as director of finance, responsible for the company's financials and contracting. Before moving to New York, I worked in documentation and training groups in Northern Virginia and Philadelphia for Alcatel, Westinghouse, Dominion Resources, and Sprint.

In the community, I have been a volunteer at Seatuck Environmental Association and I have served on the Bayard Cutting Arboretum Horticultural Society board as their treasurer. For the last five years have done taxes for the Bellport and Patchogue area patrons as part of the AARP Tax Assistance program. In addition, I served from 2014-2017 on the South Country Library board, two years of which I served as the board's treasurer.

I look forward to returning to the South Country Library board and to helping move the library from being "very good" to being "great" at serving the community's needs and laying a fiscally sound groundwork for future growth to accommodate the ever-changing definition of modern library services.

## SOUTH COUNTRY LIBRARY BUDGET

	2017-2018	2018-2019
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Tax Appropriation</b>	\$2,549,171	\$2,587,409
<b>Other Income</b>	\$544,296	\$549,666
<b>Fund Balance</b>	\$20,000	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,113,467</b>	<b>\$3,162,075</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Materials, Programs &amp; Services</b> <small>Books, videos, audiobooks, Playaways, CDs, DVDs, downloadables, periodicals, children's materials, reference sources, computer software, programs</small>	\$389,843	\$400,050
<b>Salaries &amp; Benefits</b> <small>Salaries, separation payout, insurance, social security, retirement, EAP</small>	\$2,002,412	\$2,093,795
<b>Library Operations</b> <small>Online catalog &amp; maintenance, library supplies, phone, postage, publicity, printing, travel &amp; conference, professional fees, equipment &amp; maintenance, budget/trustee election</small>	\$201,900	\$197,630
<b>Building Operations</b> <small>Fuel, utilities, custodial supplies, building repair, insurance, service contracts</small>	\$373,600	\$421,600
<b>Capital Improvements</b> <small>Buildings, technical equipment, PO taxes, other equipment</small>	\$36,000	\$37,000
<b>Debt Services</b>	\$101,712	\$0
<b>Tax Anticipation Note Interest</b>	\$8,000	\$12,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,113,467</b>	<b>\$3,162,075</b>



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