

BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 - 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

2021 LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATES' BIOGRAPHIES

CECELIA F WALSH

As a current trustee of the South Country Library, I am seeking re-election for the next three year term. I have served the past three years as a board member which includes two years in the position of library treasurer. During this past term, I have increased my knowledge of the library system and its organizational aspects. It has been a very informative and interesting venture!

As a retired educator, I have a strong background in education which I feel is a positive asset for the role of library trustee. On a personal level my family and myself have a vested interest in the library system. I have been a member of the library for many years, as a resident of Bellport and during my educational career. The library administration and staff have fostered a well-organized and familiar place to spend time whether working or availing yourself of the programs offered.

I have enjoyed my experiences as a trustee of the library and have increased my knowledge base of the organization. It is my desire to continue my role as a library trustee and to support the varied programs.

Thank you!

MARY FALKOWITZ

I have been a long-time summer resident of East Patchogue, and my husband and I have been full-time residents since retiring three years ago. I am an avid reader and enjoy participating in many classes the Library offers. Recently, I researched the online renewal process that was implemented by the Library.

As a Trustee, I believe I could bring some of the skills I developed during my career to support the Library. I have worked in Human Resource Management in government (The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit) and the private sector (US Airways and The Washington Post). My last job was as Vice President of Compensation, Benefits and HRIS at New York Presbyterian Hospital. During my 15 years there, I enacted fiscally responsible policies and procedures to enhance the lives of our employees. While a member of the Investment Committee of the Hospital, I was responsible for selecting investment options that were offered to more than 75,000 employees.

Since I retired, I have been volunteering for Literacy Partners, helping non-English speaking parents learn the language.

I am excited about the possibility of taking a more active role in the South Country Library and thank you for your consideration.

GEOFFREY MARSCHALL

I am running this year for my second term on the library board of trustees. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 3 years working with both my fellow trustees and with library administration to promote and provide excellent content and service at the library. 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. 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 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.

With your support, I look forward to continuing to contribute my time, experience and love for learning on the board of the South Country Library.

SOUTH COUNTRY LIBRARY BUDGET

	2020-2021	2021-2022
INCOME		
 Tax Appropriation	\$2,639,157	\$2,671,618
Other Income	\$542,595	\$468,594
Fund Balance	\$8,120	\$25,413
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,189,872	\$3,165,625
EXPENSES		
Materials, Programs & Services Books, videos, audiobooks, Playaways, CDs, DVDs, downloadables, periodicals, children's materials, reference sources, computer software, programs	\$378,225	\$372,860
Salaries & Benefits Salaries, separation payout, insurance, social security, retirement, EAP	\$2,092,567	\$2,122,065
Library Operations Online catalog & maintenance, library supplies, phone, postage, publicity, printing, travel & conference, professional fees, equipment & maintenance, budget/trustee election	\$177,180	\$162,200
Building Operations Fuel, utilities, custodial supplies, building repair, insurance, service contracts	\$419,900	\$391,500
Capital Improvements Buildings, technical equipment, PO taxes, other equipment	\$97,000	\$92,000
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,189,872	\$3,165,625