

Collaboration and Connections:

The Bayport Blue Point School District & The Bayport Blue Point Public Library





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Purpose of Presentation:

- Share our Story
 - Discuss Origin of Partnership
 - Highlight Collaborative Efforts
 - Examine Resource Sharing
- Celebrate the Positive Impact on the BBP Learning Community
 - Preview Future Possibilities

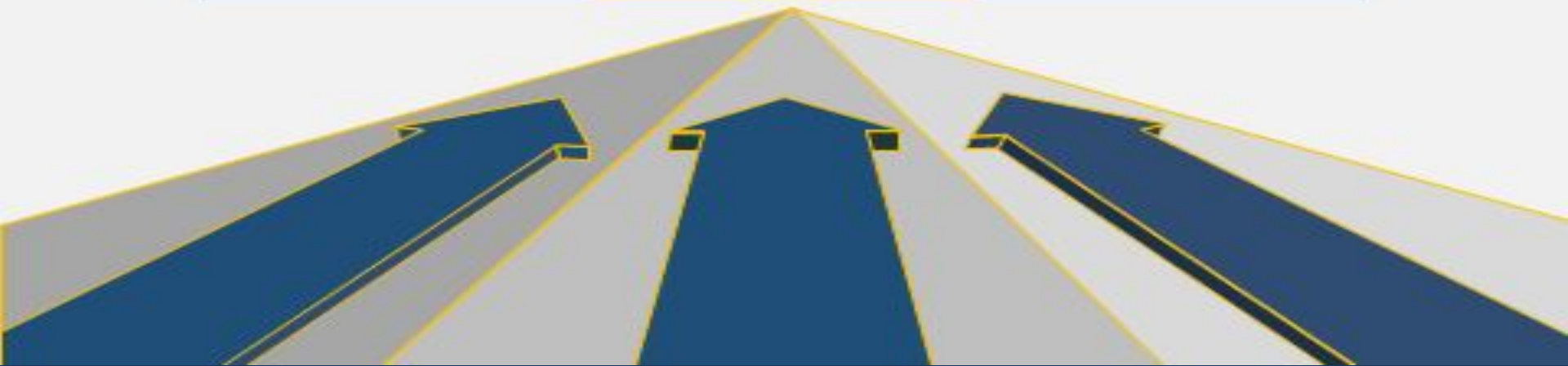


Challenges We Face:

2% Tax Cap

Changing
Technology

How to Promote
and Encourage
Utilization?





School District Goals:

LEARNING: Students of the Bayport-Blue Point School District will have access to a comprehensive and relevant curriculum across all disciplines that will foster and promote the acquisition of knowledge, creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, problem solving and reflection, at a level of cognitive challenge that both meets the student's individual needs and contributes to their future success.

CONNECTIONS: The Bayport-Blue Point School District will continuously enhance supportive relationships and interactions between and amongst the various members of our learning community.

PATHWAYS: Students of the Bayport-Blue Point School District will be provided with the academic preparation, learning experiences, and guidance necessary to take advantage of the various pathways including career and technical education.

ENVIRONMENT: The Bayport-Blue Point School District will continue to provide a physical setting that is a safe and supportive learning community.

RESOURCES: The Bayport-Blue Point School District will continue to provide and maximize high quality educational programs for our students by identifying operational/programmatic efficiencies and additional revenue sources.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH: Bayport-Blue Point School professionals will be reflective in practice and seek professional growth opportunities.



Public Library History

- **Founded in 1938 as a Blue Point P.T.A. project**
- **Began with a collection of donated books**
- **Tradition has it that these books were gathered by wheelbarrow from the home of local residents (hence our logo).**
- **First home was a small room in the Blue Point School.**
- **District obtains deed for new building in 1946**
- **In 1957, a new building was constructed and as the result of two additions, is nearly three times the size of the 1957 building.**
- **In 1952 the Bayport and Blue Point school districts joined & the library became the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library**
- **Until 1970, the library was staffed entirely by volunteers, one of the last all-volunteer libraries in the state.**



Importance of Shared Services and Resources:

- **Existing Budgetary Constraints due to Tax Cap**
- **School Districts do not have sufficient flexibility to efficiently serve local communities and student populations**
- **The identification and implementation of shared instructional and non-instructional services allows districts a cost effective method of providing for our learning communities**
- **Creates opportunities to enhance services between partners while maximizing utilization and efficiency**
- **School Districts - Public Library**



A Partnership Begins:

- **Mike Firestone is appointed Director of the Public Library in 2011**
- **Dr. Hearney begins to oversee School Librarians in 2014**
- **Mike Firestone is invited to District Library Meetings in 2014**
- **School Librarians are provided access to public library computer system / paperwork for students to obtain Public Library Card**





First the Books.....

- **Public Library Software on District Computers**
- **Use of Interlibrary Loan System**
- **Courier Services provide by both District and Public Library Staff**
- **Communication between School and Public Librarians regarding upcoming projects/units of study**
 - **Public Library sends to District Library related books and materials**
 - **Public Library creates areas/space for students to come and utilize related resources**



Efficient use of Resources

- **Joint Review of Digital Resource Collections**
- **Collaboration on purchases/inventory to avoid duplication**
- **Strategic decision making for digital sources, databases and periodicals**





District Technology Initiative



- District exploring 1:1 Device Initiative
- Testing Different Models
- Public Library Purchases iPads & checked out for 9 months and returned to Library at end of school year
- Library also purchased iPads for public use
- Library benefited from increased traffic and usage of Library/Materials
- Technology Departments collaborated





District Technology Initiative Continued....

- **District 6th Grade classrooms designed utilizing flexible furniture/seating and updated technology**
- **Classroom sets of iPads provided to 6th grade by Public Library**
- **6th Grade Pilot of Chromebooks / Classroom sets for 6th grade & iPads move to Elementary School Libraries**
- **Public Library donates keyboards to teach primary students typing etc. while using iPads in Elementary Libraries / Public Library utilizes same keyboards for public use**



Chromebook Initiative



- **6th Grade Classroom Sets**
- **High School Journalism Class**
 - **Classroom Set**
 - **Students write articles and create content to publicise**
- **Public Library Events**
- **School Library classroom sets utilized for classes / recess**



Other Shared Technology Opportunities...



- **Public library loaned district set of “Go Pros” to High School**
- **Public library loans 3D Printer /materials to support STEAM & makerspaces in school libraries**
- **Public library loans Mathematics and Science programmed launch pads to Elementary School Libraries**
- **Student use in school promotes student visitation and usage of same resources at the Public Library.**





Increased Traffic and Utilization of Public Library

- **High School Yearbooks scanned and available digitally at the Public Library**
- **Utilizing similar technology and resources in school result in increased visitations and usage at the public library**
- **Public Library hosting Advanced Placement Exams due to space/scheduling needs of the High School**
- **Classroom Projects: Lend and Send / Resource Pooling / Purchasing additional resources where needed to support projects**
- **Support of each others programs**



Community Education



- **Public Library co-funds and co-plans Students Red Watch Band Training with Hofstra, Great South Bay Coalition and BBP School District**

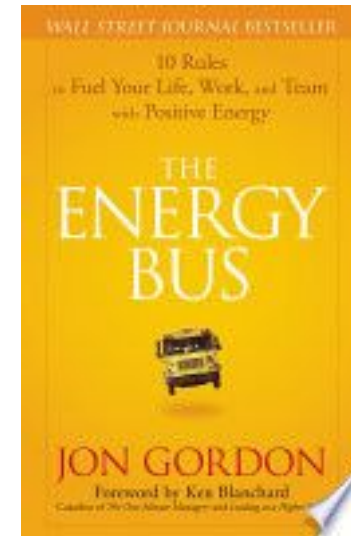
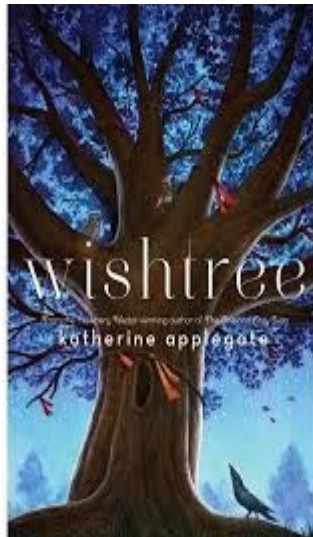
The Red Watch Band program is a comprehensive bystander intervention program designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills and awareness to prevent death from toxic drinking. The program includes 2.5 hours of CPR training in conjunction with alcohol education and elaborate role plays to help the student recognize the signs for alcohol overdose and when and how to call for help.

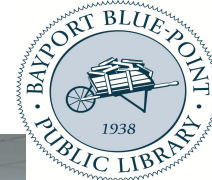


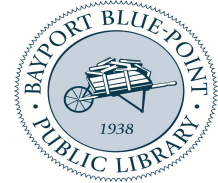
Community Events



- Summer Reading Program & Elementary School Contest
 - Presenters & Information Nights
 - One Book One Community Events







- Librarians from BBP Library attend Open House at all three elementary schools.
- Collaborative Summer Reading Program support





Sylvan Top Summer Readers!



Summer Reading Program Trophy

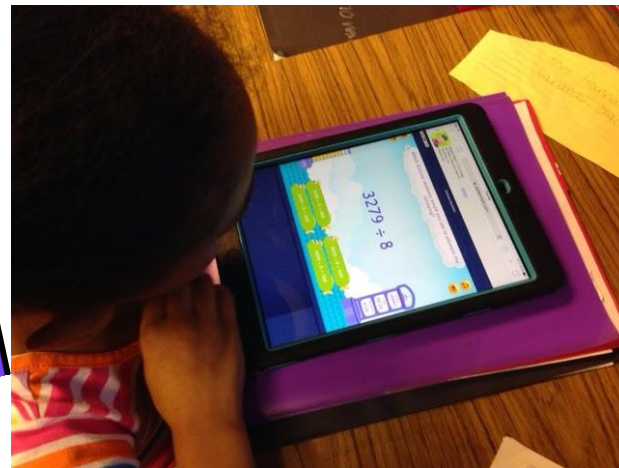
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Resources making the difference for instruction

The Teachers College
Reading & Writing Project
Columbia University





Ability to further students' interests & research with expanded access to resources





- Public Librarians attend Reading Celebrations at Academy Street and send book characters for the children's enjoyment.





Shared Services

- **Public Library is across the street from Blue Point Elementary School**
- **What to do when security issues/concerns at the Elementary School or the Public Library?**
- **Result: Shared Security Personnel Initiative**





Future Avenues for Collaboration



- **Technology Consultation & Liaison to ensure similar technology being utilized**
- **District Participation in new Public Library Design for STEAM, Technology and Educational spaces**
- **Makerspace Collaboration**
- **Joint Purchases of Resources and Equipment for shared use**





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