

## "Strictly Business" at Middle Country Public Library

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The 9th annual Strictly Business trade show was held recently at Middle Country Public Library. The annual Spring event, a project of the Middle Country Library Foundation, is a joint venture of the library's Miller Business Center, the Greater Middle Country Chamber of Commerce and the Brookhaven Chambers of Commerce Coalition. This year's event was a great success, hosting over 100 businesses and business organizations, welcoming over 800 attendees and promoting economic development on Long Island.

Kevin Law, president of the Long Island Association, spoke to small business owners and entrepreneurs about the LIA's mission to bring economic growth to the region.

Through expansion of the LIRR, creation of more non-traditional housing options and walkable downtowns that appeal to a younger workforce, Long Island can continue to thrive as an economic engine.

TD Bank was the event's Enterprise sponsor. Other sponsors included Suffolk Federal, Empire National Bank and Middle Country Automotive. ■



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