

**About the Library Referendum**
Palatine Public Library District Board of Trustees has voted to place a referendum on the ballot on April 2. This referendum asks voters to approve a limiting rate increase on the Library’s property tax levy of 0.075%. This amount will provide for all of the Library’s financial needs through 2035. The Library’s limiting rate would go from 0.276% in 2017 to 0.351% in 2019. For a median home value in our Library District, the estimated increase in annual taxes is $52. In the 44 years since the Library became a District, the Board has never asked for an operating rate increase. We estimate this increase will generate $1.7 million per year to cover building maintenance needs and service improvements.

**Why We Need Your Help**
The Main Library building is 25 years old and the facility systems are aging past their life expectancy. To address the facility issues, the Library needs over $5.8 million in the next six years. Although the Library has nearly $1 million in capital reserves, this amount will not cover all the costs and keep the doors open at the same time.

Most urgent capital project needs:
- significant portion of roof needs replacement
- updates to failing HVAC system
- upgrades to energy-efficient lighting

**You’ve Asked for MORE**
You told us you love our customer service, diverse materials, and engaging programs, and you said you want MORE!

**IF YES – THE REFERENDUM PASSES**
The Library will be able to offer:
- MORE preparedness to maintain our facilities and remain good stewards of taxpayer dollars
- MORE service hours for your convenience
- MORE collaborative spaces and study rooms to accommodate students, entrepreneurs, and groups
- MORE investments in new technology and bandwidth to keep up with advances
- MORE collaboration and partnerships with schools, businesses, and local organizations to serve our diverse community
- MORE new books, movies, music, downloadable content, games, and resources

**IF NO – THE REFERENDUM FAILS**
In order to address $5.8 million in capital improvements, the Library will be forced to cut services:
- REDUCE hours and days of service at Main Library and Branches
- SHRINK budget for purchase of new materials available for check-out, resulting in longer wait times
- LIMIT state-of-the art software and equipment thereby failing to meet the demands of growing technology
- DECREASE partnerships and outreach programs that impact school students and underserved populations

**Community Forums**
Attend to hear more about the referendum:
- Thursday, January 10, 7:00 p.m., Main Library
- Monday, January 14, 7:00 p.m., Falcon Park
- Monday, February 11, 7:00 p.m., Main Library
- Thursday, February 21, 2:00 p.m., Twin Lakes
- Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m., Fremd High School
- Monday, March 25, 7:00 p.m., Main Library

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How would this affect my property taxes?

Estimated Impact of Proposed Tax Increase with Homeowner’s Exemption

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99.9% of survey respondents from our Community Survey agreed that the Library is essential to the community!

By the Numbers – Fiscal Year 2017-2018

- 3624 items checked-out per day
- 72% of residents have a library card
- 65,434 computer users
- 1370 visits per day
- 52,777 program attendees
- 1370 free programs

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Letter from Board of Trustees • FAQs • Strategic Plan
Capital Reserves Study • Financial Management Plan
Community Survey Report • Tax Impact Calculator
- Calculate Value of Library Services

Palatine Library is almost entirely funded by property taxes.

Library taxes are only 2.68% of your total tax bill.

95%

How We Compare to Our Neighbors
Revenues Per Person
Fiscal Year 2017-2018

IF YES – $92.67

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