



PROPL INFORMATION

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VOTE



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WHAT IS THE LIBRARY PROPOSING?

The Ferguson Municipal Public Library District Board of Trustees have placed a levy funding request on the April 3, 2018 ballot in Ferguson, MO to increase the library levy by \$0.18 per \$100 assessed valuation over the current rate of \$0.22, bringing it to \$0.40. For example, owners of a house with market price of \$50,000 will see their property taxes increase by about \$17.00.

WHY IS THE LIBRARY PROPOSING THIS LEVY INCREASE?

The Board of Trustees for the library has identified the need for sustainable, ongoing levy funding to replace one-time donation support from 2014. This will help avoid significant reductions in services and allow the library to better meet the its mission of lifelong learning, cultural literacy, and bringing the community together.

WHAT DOES MY VOTE MEAN?

A **YES** vote means...

MORE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The library would continue and expand program offerings like computer classes for beginners; engaging after school programs for children and teens; or juvenile educational opportunities like programming from the Science Center and the library's Lego League Team which continue STEM curriculum beyond the classroom.

MORE RESPONSE TO PATRON NEEDS

The library would offer more large print titles for patrons with visual impairments, multiple copies of popular titles for adults, and more materials for children and teens.

IMPROVED COLLECTIONS

The library would maintain and grow a selection of classic, beloved movies and music to serve film and music-lovers of all ages.

MORE E-MATERIALS

The library would serve patrons who have difficulty accessing the library in-person, have vision impairments, or want to use the library from home.

MORE ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The library would support local businesses, students, and other groups with research and statistical databases.

MORE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

The library would continue updating patron technology offerings and offer fast internet speeds for children, adults, and seniors.

A **NO** vote means...

STARTING IN JULY 2020...

CUT PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AND SENIORS

The library will be unable to offer programs like guest speakers or computer classes for adults and seniors.

CUT SERVICES FOR HOMEBOUND AND AILING PATRONS

The library will be unable to provide library services for patrons confined to their homes due to age or illness.

REDUCED ABILITY FOR STAFF TO SERVE PATRONS

The library's staff will be unable to provide in-depth, personal patron services and patron wait times for assistance will increase for all services.

REDUCED OPERATING HOURS

The library will be forced to reduce operating hours affecting all patrons' access to library services and reducing potential foot-traffic to local area businesses.

OUT-OF-DATE TECHNOLOGY AND SLOW INTERNET

The library will be unable to update patron computers as technology continues to evolve or afford faster Internet and WiFi capabilities.

CUT FURTHER MAINTENANCE TO THE LIBRARY BUILDING

The library will be unable to perform necessary maintenance and other improvements to the library building itself.



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