

Milan Public Library Millage FAQ

When is the library millage election?

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

What does the proposal say?

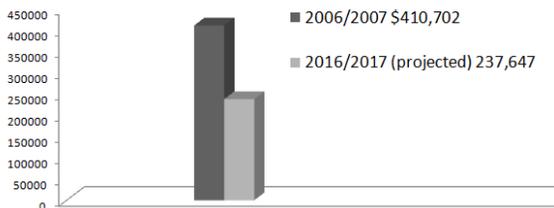
Shall the City of Milan, Counties of Washtenaw and Monroe, Michigan, be authorized to levy an amount not to exceed 25 cents (\$0.25) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) (0.25 mills) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the city for seven (7) years, beginning with the tax levy in 2017, as new additional millage to provide funds for the library operating purposes for the Milan Public Library? If approved and levied, in its entirety in 2017, this millage would raise an estimated \$38,125.

In summary,

The library is asking for .25 mils for 7 years, which will provide the library with an additional \$38,125 annually.

Why does the library need this?

Tax revenue has been dropping annually for the past decade. At the same time, the library has encountered significant infrastructure costs — replacement of the roof, the air condition-



ing system, the boiler and black mold remediation from the staff work area.

In the 2006/2007 budget year, the tax revenue that Milan Public Library received was \$410,702. In 2016/2017 budget year the library is projecting tax revenue of \$237,647 -- **a drop of 58% in the primary source of the library's funding.**

What will it cost me?

If your house has a taxable (assessed) value of \$80,000 (market value, \$160,000) the cost to you would be \$20 per year, or approximately 38 cents per week.

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What are “operating” expenses?

Operating expenses are those that the library incurs as a result of performing its normal operations. These include, but are not limited to, salaries, utilities, materials and supplies.

What does the library provide to the Milan community?

Milan Public Library provides the following to our community:

- Open six days (54 hours) weekly.
- Free WiFi & 17 public computers with internet access and Microsoft Office software.
- Books, e-books and magazines for all ages.
- Audiobooks, e-audiobooks, music CDs, movies & documentaries for all ages.
- WiFi Mobile Hotspots (small cost recovery fee).
- Programs throughout the year for all age groups.
- Partnership with the Milan Area Schools to promote early literacy and summer reading.
- Reference staff assistance with research and instruction with technology and software.
- Loans from other Michigan libraries (MEL).
- Michigan Activity Passes.
- Local History and Genealogy Resources.
- Partnership with Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled.

What will happen if the millage doesn't pass?

If the millage does not pass, the Library Board will have to take a hard look at the budget to determine where further cuts can be made.



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