

## ***Library Millage - Commonly asked questions:***

### **What will the funds be used for?**

Money from the 1 mill will be added to the current mill and will be used to restore hours, restore and add programs and services, reestablish the budget for books and other circulating items, add programs for children and services for both children and adults, add new technologies for patrons, and allow for essential building repairs. We currently have no book or maintenance budget. Hours have been severely reduced because of budget cuts. We have had to delay fixing a roof leak for over a year.

### **What will my family and I get from the library if it passes?**

The public will be able to use the library for more hours during the week. In addition, you will get a new budget for books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, and other materials. We will add new technologies for users. Story times and other programs will be added or restored for both children and adults.

### **Can the income be used by anyone else?**

No. The law requires that all library money be used only for the library. Library funds are legally separate from city finances. This money can be spent only by the library administration.

### **How much will it cost me?**

The average additional tax will amount to \$2.83 / month (based on an average taxable value in Wayne of \$34,000).

### **Does the city help finance the library?**

No. The city does not provide any money to support the library, including building repairs.

### **How is the library financed?**

The library is financed by millage, state aid, donations, penal fines (from state traffic tickets), and occasional grants. Aside from those external sources, the library is entirely dependent on the dedicated millage.

### **For how long will the millage be in effect?**

The new mill will be in effect for ten years which will allow for long-range planning and stable funding.

### **Will you come back for more?**

City libraries like ours are limited by law to a maximum of two mills. We are asking for the second mill.

### **When was the last request for a library millage?**

In the 22 years the library has been in the current building, we have never before asked the public for a millage increase. This will be the first time.

### **How will we know if the library is delivering on its promises?**

We will keep the public informed of our progress in restoring services through the library's website, newspaper articles, and other publicity outlets.

### **What happens if the millage fails?**

Hours, services, programs for children and adults, and other budgets will continue to deteriorate. Essential maintenance, such as repairing the current roof leak, will be further postponed.

## ***And keep these points in mind:***

- A good public library enhances its community property values; and, most of all, your family.
- A good public library plays a major role in promoting reading and literacy, for both adults and children.
- Along with schools, a good public library is one of the most important education agencies in the community.
- The Wayne Public Library is administered in accordance with national library practices and standards.

***\*Voting Day - Tuesday, August 7th\****