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How is the library currently funded?

The library is funded primarily by Newark Central School District taxes (78%). The rest comes from a combination of grants, contributions, state aid, fees, and sales.

Why is the library asking for an increase at this time?

There are two main reasons:

1. The New York State mandated minimum wage increase. We will need to increase a large portion of our staff salaries to \$10.40 starting next January.
2. In order to make corrections to our budgeting and investment policies in accordance to the New York State Comptroller's standards, we had to change our investment practices, which left us with a significant budget gap.

This increase will allow us to make the changes and corrections above and keep our library hours, staff, and salaries at the level our patrons have come to expect.

How will this affect my school tax?

Very minimally. The average homeowner will see an increase of approximately \$7 per year on their school taxes this coming year.

Who uses the library?

Residents of the Newark Central School District. There are over 6,592 registered borrowers.

How will this vote impact other libraries in the area?

The money raised by this tax increase will support only the Newark Public Library.

Will additional library tax requests be made in the future?

It is likely that additional increases will be requested. Personnel and other costs continue to climb. State mandated personnel costs will gradually increase about 20 percent over the next three years. Funding sources may change in the future.

What will happen if the vote is not passed?

If the referendum is not approved, the Board of Trustees of the Newark Public Library will need to make difficult decisions about services, materials and programs such as:

- Cutting back hours of operation over the next several years
- Decreasing the materials budget, resulting in fewer new materials being purchased
- Reducing programming for children, teens and adults

What changes will be made if the vote is passed?

If the proposed funding is approved, benefits to the community include:

- Ensuring that the library remains available at the most convenient times.
- Providing the most up to date technology for patron use.
- Allowing the board of trustees to approve building maintenance and improvement for safety, accessibility, and efficiencies.
- Providing resources for programming for patrons of all ages.
- Maintaining services, staff, and hours and current levels.

With the prevalence of the Internet and eBooks, isn't the library being used less?

Families continue to come to the library to introduce their children to books and participate in activities. Older children and adults use the library for study, book borrowing, book clubs and other activities, as well as computer use; many community residents depend on the library for reliable internet and computer access.

Community organizations use the space for meetings. Library patrons who borrow digital media use their library cards to check out material. Funding for this e-content comes from the library budget.

Why does the library allow people outside of the school district to obtain library cards and use its services? Why should my tax dollars be used to support this outside use?

As a member of the Pioneer Library System (PLS), Newark Public Library shares services and collections with 41 other libraries in Wayne, Ontario, Wyoming and Livingston counties. By participating in this shared cooperative system, every library, including Newark, has access to more materials, vital services including the OWWL online catalog and the OWWL2Go digital collection, cheaper genealogy and language databases, and free holds on materials from libraries within the Pioneer Library System.