

A library gives a community a sense of pride, resilience, and stability. The trustees of the Bloomfield Public Library are dedicated to this goal and would like to continue offering books and materials for our patrons, a meeting place for community organizations, and a variety of services. Since 1968 the Bloomfield Public Library has been available for area residents to use as a resource for education and entertainment.

The Bloomfield Public Library must secure sustainable funding in order to maintain the accessibility to library resources such as books, DVDs, programs, meeting space, and technology for the future.

When asked for *one word* to describe the Bloomfield Public Library, our community said ‘friendly, useful and convenient’ over and over again.

- The community relies on the knowledge, support, and professionalism of our staff for everything from reading recommendations to technology assistance.
- The library provides access to the Internet, tutoring, and meeting space.
- A no vote means the library may have to reduce hours due to state wage costs of employees.



The library is great but Bloomfield wants to see even more from its library.

Though the majority of community survey responders indicated they are satisfied with the library, they also repeatedly expressed a desire for **more books, more hours, more technology, more services, and more innovation.**

“We think our library is a gem and sometimes taken for granted”



- When asked to identify their main reason for coming to the library, the majority of patrons said to borrow books/audiobooks.
- Our library offers a new selection of books on a regular basis.
- Our materials budget has **decreased 9.2%** since 2010 and could decrease more if the tax levy vote is defeated.
- An active and sustainable library provides stability to the community.



“Very friendly atmosphere for both kids and adults”

- The children’s area, events and services for children are vital. They support the library’s values and mission to develop a love for reading and the joy of learning.
- In order for our community to thrive, there must be healthy dialogue; our adult programs bring community members together.
- Art exhibits, a refreshed look, and new technology are services that have been added or improved that directly impact our patrons.
- A vote to pass the tax levy means opportunities for all community members by maintaining continuity of services and resources.