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Library announces vote...

East Bloomfield, NY – Today, the Bloomfield Public Library has announced that residents in the Bloomfield Central School District will vote on a proposed increase to the library's yearly tax funding that appears on the school tax bill. The proposed increase amounts to an average of 2 cents per \$1,000 in assessed property value. The public referendum will take place with the general school district vote on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 from 7AM – 8PM in the back Galleria of the high school on Oakmount Avenue. The proposed increase amounts to an estimated \$2 per \$100,000 of assessed property value on properties across the Bloomfield Central School District. For the average home in the district (\$134,461) the annual tax bill to support the Bloomfield Public Library will increase by \$2.50 a year or about 21 cents per month.

The residents of the Bloomfield Central School District count on the library to meet a variety of community needs. In 2016 the library had approximately 25,000 visits, educated and entertained over 2,000 program participants and circulated over 35,500 items

If the proposed funding increase 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 new programming for patrons of all ages.

If the referendum is not approved, the Board of Trustees of the Bloomfield 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

The Bloomfield Public Library is offering two public information meetings so residents can learn more about the proposal and ask questions. Meetings are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 PM- Bloomfield Public Library, 9 Church St.
- Monday, May 8, 6:30 PM- Bloomfield Public Library 9 Church St.

News and information about the library tax vote is available online at www.bloomfieldpubliclibrary.org/vote, which will be updated throughout the coming months. People with questions can also contact Diana Thorn, Library Manager at 585-657-6264, or via email at bloomfieldlibrarydirector@pls-net.org.

Eligible voters are those who live in the Bloomfield Central School District and are registered to vote with the Ontario County Board of Elections. Absentee ballots are available. Contact Deb Robinson, Board of Education Clerk at the District Office (585) 657-6121 to get an absentee ballot. Absentee Ballots are due back to the District Office by 5PM on May 16th.

About Bloomfield Public Library:

The Bloomfield Public Library is a cornerstone of the Bloomfield community, serving as a welcoming place that is accessible to all. The Library promotes the love of reading, the joy of learning, and the search for information. Since 1968 the Bloomfield Public Library has been available for area residents to use as a resource for education and entertainment. The library gives the 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. The library is located at 9 Church Street in East Bloomfield, NY, the phone number is (585) 657-6264 and the website is www.bloomfieldpubliclibrary.org.