

VOTE **YES!**
NOVEMBER 7TH **YES!**

Library Services

Who are we?

We are a group of citizens from throughout Moniteau County who believe that a vibrant county library system will make Moniteau County stronger now and for generations to come.

Why do we need a new county library district?

A lawsuit was brought regarding the establishment of the Moniteau County Library District. The Judge ruled that the District had not been properly formed under Missouri law and therefore declared the District dissolved. The Judge did not assign wrongdoing to any person or persons. The cash assets of the former district are currently under the control of the Court appointed Receiver.

What is the current status of libraries in Moniteau County?

The residents of the City of Tipton approved a 24 cent municipal library tax levy in the City of Tipton on August 8, 2017 and have therefore secured permanent tax funding for the Price James Memorial Library. The Elia Wood Paegelow Foundation is currently operating Wood Place Library in California with private donations but with limited services and hours.

What is the mission of the Vote YES for Library Services campaign committee?

Private donations are not a sustainable long term solution. Our mission is to establish a new Moniteau County Library District and secure permanent public funding to provide free library services for all citizens in the county.

The Vote YES for Library Services campaign committee believes:

- Access to excellent library services for all ages, including computer and technology services, is vital to every citizen of Moniteau County.
- Providing early literacy skills through story times, reading, activities, and programs for parents, grandparents and daycare centers helps lay the foundation for strong reading skills in our young people.
- Entering into reciprocal borrowing agreements with the libraries in Columbia, Jefferson City, Eldon, Versailles, Tipton, Sedalia and Boonville conveniently serves the needs of all citizens of the county.
- Delivering books to those in Senior Residential and Care Centers allows learning and leisure opportunities that enhances their lives.
- A solid library system promotes economic development throughout the county.

We have already worked together to secure 676 signatures from registered voters for the establishment of a new county library district and a 12 cent library tax levy per \$100 dollars of assessed valuation to be placed on the November 7th ballot.

And that is why we are asking for your YES vote on November 7th. If you would like to help or contribute to the campaign, please contact the Wood Place Library at 573-796-2642 or librarian@moniteaucountylibrary.org. Your information will be forwarded to the committee.

Behind great communities are great library services.