

FAQ's About the Subdistrict 1 Levy Measure

Why does the library need a levy increase?

1. *To increase stable funding:* The annual income from the levy in 2015 was \$49,312.42. The income from the levy is the only fixed income for the library.

2. *To equalize the two levies collected by the Library District:* The library collects 10 cents per \$100 evaluation in the city of California (Subdistrict 1), and 12 cents per \$100 evaluation in Subdistrict 2 of the Library District. The library board believes the levy should be the same for residents living in both subdistricts.

What will it cost? On average, residents in the city of California will see an increase of \$3-\$7 per year on real estate tax. Personal Property would be a very small increase.

What will the library do with the money?

1. *Maintain current hours and services.* Approximately \$9,000 State Aid funding was lost due to cuts to the MO State Library's Budget, so this 2 cent increase to the levy would allow us to maintain current hours and services.

With Google and e-books, do people even use libraries anymore?

In 2015, the library circulated 28,842 items. The combined uses of technology were 13,925 uses of the 14 public computers, the free Wi-Fi and the Early Literacy Computers. The library provided 214 adult programs with 2,804 attendees and 206 children's programs with 3,318 attendees. The library's meeting rooms were used 355 times and the Early Literacy Center was used outside of library programs 83 times with 387 attendees. To read more about the library's services, events and programs, check out the 2015 Annual Report on the library's webpage at:

www.moniteaucountylibrary.org.

How did you arrive at a 2 cent increase?

The 2 cent increase would equalize the two levies collected by the library district so that residents living in those areas pay the same rate of tax. This amount would also offset the loss of State Aid.

What happens if the tax fails? We may be forced to reduce evening and Saturday hours. However, this would be a last resort, as we recognize the important role the library serves by providing technology during those extended hours when adult patrons apply for jobs online, file tax returns, take certification courses and have college exams proctored by the library.