



# White Lake Community Library Ballot Proposal Fact Sheet

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## The Request:

For the first time in more than 20 years, the library is asking for new funding. The proposal is for 0.25 mill for 10 years. The question will appear as the last item on the back of the ballot for voters living in the library district, which has the same boundaries as Whitehall District Schools.

## How much will it cost?

- 25 cents per year for every \$1,000 of taxable value.
- \$18.75 a year for a home with a \$150,000 market value. That's \$1.56 per month - about the cost of a cup of coffee at Wesco.
- Another library millage, used to repay the construction bonds, is no longer being collected. It averaged 0.366 mill over 21 years.

## How will the money be used?

- **To cover major upcoming building expenses:** After 20 years, it is in need of costly upkeep, including new boilers, a new roof, and carpeting.
- **To support technology needs:** A lot has changed since the library was built, but funding hasn't. This millage will make regular technology upgrades possible and allow the library to offer new services to the community.
- **To continue and expand quality programs:** From Baby Time to Family Night to the January Series, the library offers programs for all ages. This proposal will make it possible to expand the offerings to meet community needs.

## Library Quick Facts

### In 2019:

- The library served over **67,000** visitors
- **6,399** people attended programs at the library
- **80,637** items were borrowed and **8,315** of them were digital downloads.
- **3,193** residents had an active library account

### In 2020:

During the 3 months of the pandemic building closure, approximately **5,000** digital items were downloaded or streamed by library patrons.

## The Ballot Language

This is what the request will say. It will appear as the last item on the back of the ballot.

Shall the White Lake Community Library, County of Muskegon, Michigan, be authorized to levy a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed .25 mill (\$.25 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) annually against all taxable property within the White Lake Community Library district for a period of ten (10) years, 2020 to 2029, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the White Lake Community Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the White Lake Community Library in the first year (2020) is approximately \$126,000. By law, a portion of the millage may be subject to capture by the City of Whitehall Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.