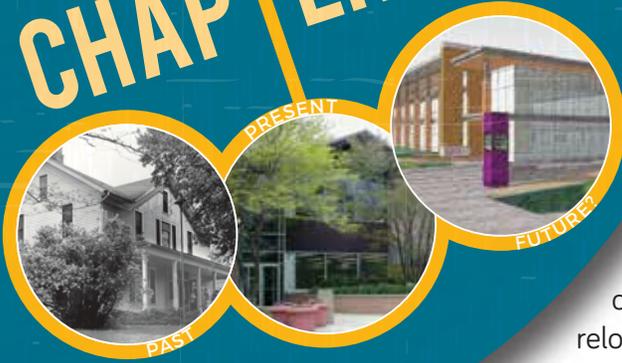


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# Fact Sheet

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## What is the Helen M. Plum Memorial Library District Proposition to Increase the Limiting Rate?

The November 8, 2016 ballot question asks for approval of a tax rate increase for the purpose of building and replacing the current 53 year old Library with a new, larger building, as well as expanding library collections, services and programs. This cost includes a temporary relocation, new furnishings and technology, as well as fees and expenses. The Proposition would result in a total increase of approximately 0.216% rate that will fund a \$22.3 million loan with a 20 year term, as well as increased operating expenses and capital reserves.

## Why is the Helen Plum Library proposing this increase?

It has been 40 years since the Helen Plum Library received a voter approved increase in their tax rate. A 2015 professional assessment of the building's condition determined that it would cost at least \$8 million dollars to replace the original HVAC system, make major structural repairs, and do basic renovations. No additional space or conveniences would be added. Much of the work is recommended to be scheduled over the next 2 years. Currently the Library has only \$1 million dollars in its Special and Capital reserve funds, forcing the Board to put a referendum for funding before the public to avoid cutting services.

## A YES Vote Means



The replacement of a building constructed in 1963 with a new facility that will meet 21st century standards. The building will provide much needed additional modern spaces and will give Lombard residents many added services, conveniences and a new public square.



More space to provide additional programs, study and meeting spaces, and areas to work or read. Also room to increase the Library's collections and make them easier to access.



An attractive multi-use outdoor plaza that offers a major enhancement and connection to Lilacia Park, with a new entrance closer to the parking and convenient drive-thru service.



Adding of a computer lab to provide technology training, a media lab or maker space, an expanded first floor Children's area, and a safe, supervised area for teens to work, collaborate and engage in activities.



All areas of the Library will be ADA compliant and a fire protection sprinkler system will be installed. New mechanicals and systems will improve temperature consistency, alleviate high interior humidity and be more energy efficient.

## A NO Vote Means



The staff and the Board of Trustees will immediately begin to review the Library's operating budget to make very difficult decisions on which services, collections, programs, building hours and staff can be cut or reduced to begin setting aside funds to pay for all the necessary building replacements.



No ability to increase spaces for study, meeting, programs or shelving.



Inconvenient access to the building's entrance, a hazardous drop box and an underutilized and unappealing building exterior.



Computer training will be kept to a minimum, Adult and Children's services will remain located too close for quiet zones to be implemented, local students will continue to have limited space resources available, while staff and community organizations will still struggle to book available program and large meeting room space.



Access for persons with disabilities will not improve, fire protection will not increase, temperature and humidity will continue to uncomfortably fluctuate, and energy costs will not be reduced.

Did you know? In the most recent fiscal year, Helen Plum Library...



20,000  
people visited on  
average per month.



500,000+  
items were loaned.



85,000+  
questions were answered  
by librarians.

When you vote  
on November 8,  
you will see this  
language:

*Explanation in blue*

Helen M. Plum Memorial Library District Proposition to Increase the Limiting Rate

Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Helen M. Plum Memorial District, DuPage County, Illinois be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.2160% above the limiting rate for any purpose of said Library District for levy year 2015 and be equal to 0.4923% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2016?

*Helen Plum Library is asking its district residents to raise the rate at which the Library collects funds. If approved, the tax rate for the Library would increase from .2763% to .4923%. This increase is for both a new building and an increase in operating funds and is multiplied by your home's net taxable value.*

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$3,630,353, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$6,468,413.

*(1) The Library's current annual maximum funding provided by taxpayers is \$3,630,353. If voters approve the tax increase, that number will rise to \$6,468,413, with \$1,738,155 going to capital reserves and debt repayment.*

(2) For the 2016 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against a property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$72.00.

*(2) Per \$100,000 of your home's fair market value, you may estimate an increase of \$72.00 per year on your total property taxes due.*

(3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2016 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

*(3) If voters approve this increase, this rate will remain at the same rate during the duration of the bond issuance (twenty years) at which point the Library Board of Trustees will choose to either keep or repeal the increase.*

How would this  
levy increase  
affect MY  
property taxes?

Property Tax Amount	Additional Yearly Cost*	Additional Monthly Cost*
\$3,000	\$72.00	\$6.00
\$5,458	\$131.00	\$10.92
\$6,958	\$167.00	\$13.92
\$8,458	\$203.00	\$16.92
\$9,958	\$239.00	\$19.92

Visit [helenplum.org](http://helenplum.org) to use the built in tax calculator to estimate your increase.

\*estimated costs are based on 2015 property taxes

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