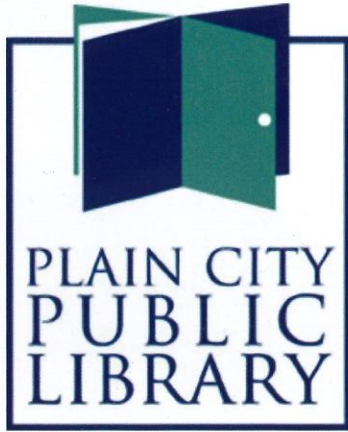
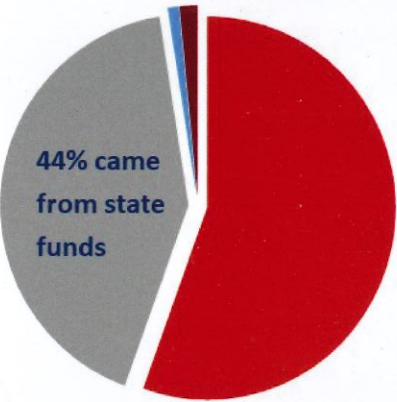


Levy RENEWAL Nov. 5th, 2024

NOT a new tax. NO NEW TAX.



by the numbers



55%

of the library's annual funding in 2023 came from a local property tax levy

All other regular income like miscellaneous fees make up about 1%

Why is this levy renewal so

IMPORTANT?



Since 2000, regular operating expenses are up nearly 200%; Unfortunately, state funding has declined further in 2024.



Levy funds support community services such as:

- Early literacy initiatives & summer reading
- Technology training for adults
- Enrichment and social activities for families
- Aides for educators & deliveries to students
- Educational & STEAM programs for all ages
- Access to millions of free books, movies, music titles, games, and much more

Losing levy funds would be catastrophic to current services

Questions Answered

- ◆ This is NOT a new levy. This is a renewal for an existing 1.5mil levy that is set to expire in 2025.
- ◆ Ohio Revised Code (3375.17) currently restricts how our library may levy taxes. Since the library seeks revenue for general operations, a property tax is the only permissible type of levy.
- ◆ The library has NOT received corporate donations in lieu of property tax for abatements granted by county, township, or municipal governments.
- ◆ Books & other materials are NOT free for the library, and digital content often costs 4 times more than print material.
- ◆ Except for certain new construction, the library does NOT receive revenue from property tax bill increases due to higher property values.
- ◆ The library pays monthly bills for non-discounted utilities including electric, telecommunications, water, gas, refuse, and recycling. In some cases, the library is even charged commercial rates which can be higher than residential rates.
- ◆ The library is a stand-alone entity, serving multiple counties. We are not part of, or funded by, any county office, municipal office, public school district, or larger library system.
- ◆ The library's 2024 facility expansion was donor funded & the library will begin operating the new space in 2025 without additional revenue due to a reallocation of resources. This levy renewal is for current and continuing operating expenses.

For More Information

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