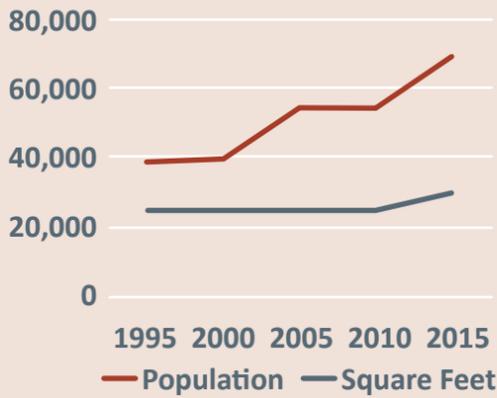


## Square Feet vs Population



# 166%

increase in program attendance in the last 10 years

# 219%

increase in circulation in the last 10 years

# 36¢

per \$100 of net taxable value

Original proposal has been reduced by

# 40%

# 21¢

# 595,368

items checked out last year

51% .....Books

31% .....DVD/BluRay

7% .....eBooks

5% .....Audiobooks/Music

5% .....Magazines

## ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

Home's Fair Market Value	Home Assessed Value (EAV)	Estimated Yearly Tax Impact
\$100,000	33,333.00	70.00
<b>\$180,000<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>126.00</b>
<b>\$200,000<sup>*</sup></b>	<b>66,666.66</b>	<b>140.00</b>
\$220,000	73,333.33	154.00
\$300,000	99,999.99	210.00

<sup>^</sup>Average Fair Market Value in Dundee Township is \$178,195.  
<sup>\*</sup>Average Fair Market Value in Rutland Township is \$196,709.  
 (Estimated Yearly Tax Impact does not account for exemptions)

# We listened.

## Original proposal reduced by 40%

The Fox River Valley Public Library District has placed a tax measure on the November 2016 ballot. Details inside.



555 Barrington Avenue  
 East Dundee, IL 60118

## THE LIBRARY DISTRICT LISTENED, AND DOWNSIZED ITS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL

Original Proposal - Rear View



Downsized Proposal - Rear View



### Dear District Residents:

Thank you to the thousands of residents who have shared their thoughts and recommendations on the library district's facility improvement proposal. The referendum that appears on this fall's ballot is the culmination of extensive community input.

The proposal has been downsized by 40%, yet still addresses many of the amenities and improvements requested by district residents. If approved by voters, the tax rate increase will fund improvements to the existing Dundee Library and a new, full-service library near Randall Road.

It has been 40 years since the construction of the Dundee Library. In the last 20 years, the population of our service area has doubled. Library facilities have not kept pace. The library district is simply out of room to address not only current needs, but those of the future. This is why the FRVPLD Board of Trustees decided to move forward with the referendum.

Inside, you will find answers to the most frequently asked questions. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the library district's updated proposal. The library belongs to the community and the voters determine the level of service the library district is able to provide. I encourage you to voice your opinion by going to the polls on November 8.

Sincerely,



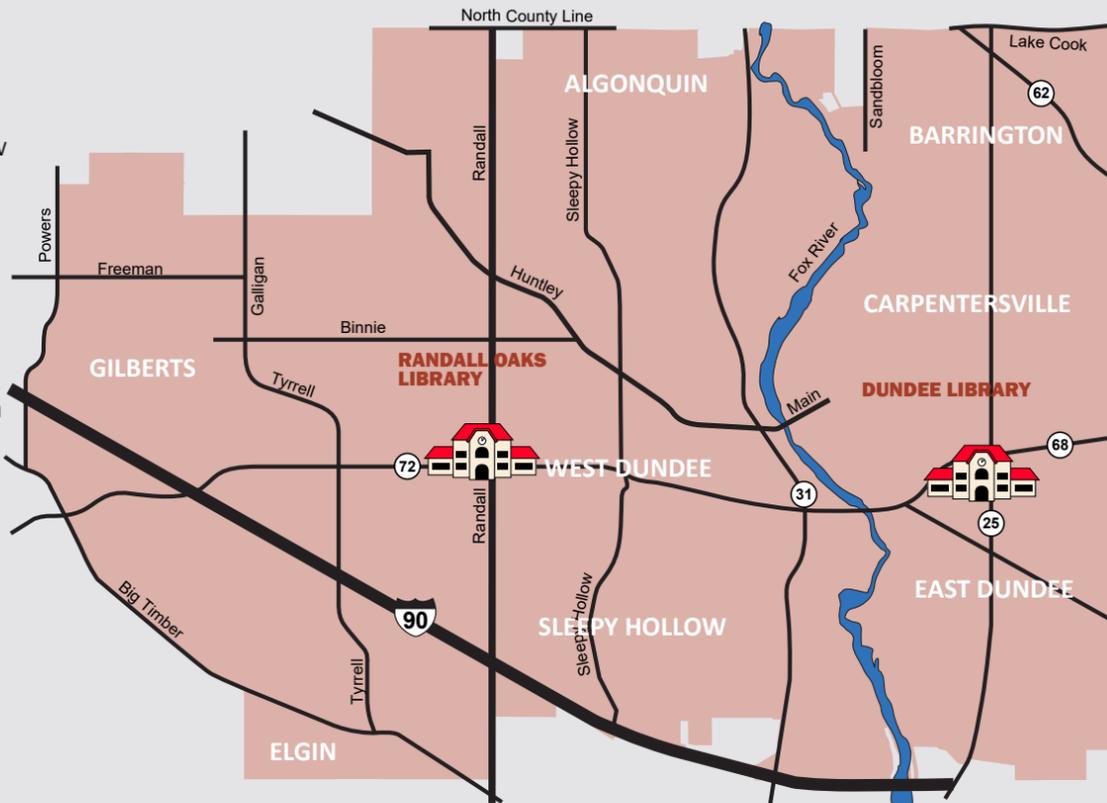
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**Roxane E. Bennett**, Director  
 Fox River Valley Public Library District

## Is a new, full-service, west-side library still part of the proposal?

Yes, if voter approved, a new library would be built on the west side of the district. The new library would replace the Randall Oaks Library, a temporary branch library in rented space. Plans for the new library include:

- Large early childhood area
- Larger collections for all ages
- Multipurpose rooms for programs, meetings, and group study
- Computer classroom
- Easy-to-browse shelving, wide aisles, and comfortable seating



## Which improvements would still be addressed at the existing library in East Dundee?

If voter approved, some funds would address necessary improvements to the Dundee Library:

- Increase the size of the children's area
- Create more public space by repurposing administrative offices and the former Township space
- Provide multipurpose spaces for meetings, computer training, group study, and tutoring
- Address safety issues, such as repairing emergency exits and installing a sprinkler system

The Fox River Valley Public Library District serves East Dundee, West Dundee, Carpentersville, Gilberts, Sleepy Hollow, and portions of Algonquin, Elgin, and Barrington Hills.



## Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

## The Fox River Valley Public Library District has placed a tax measure on the November 2016 ballot.

The referendum asks voters to approve increasing the tax rate for library services by 21 cents per \$100 of net taxable value.

## If voter approved, how would the district allocate the additional tax revenues?

The estimated breakdown of use of proceeds would be as follows: 50% for renovations and construction; 30% for ongoing maintenance and operations, including materials, programs, and technology; and 20% for added staffing.

## How is the new proposal different from the original proposal discussed a few months back?

The tax impact is 40% lower than the initial proposal. It reduces the proposed increase from 36 cents to 21 cents, scales back improvements to the Dundee Library focusing on those that are of the highest priority, and reduces the size of the new library from 75,000 square feet to 40,000.

The proposed site near Randall Road has not changed. It is close to the Recreation Center, Little League ball fields, and Dundee Middle School.

## Why did the proposal change?

A 21-person Citizen Task Force met four times to review studies done by a library planning consultant, plans and costs prepared by an architect and construction manager, financing options presented by a bond expert, and results from a survey mailed to all 17,000 registered voter households in the library district. In July, they recommended the proposal be downsized.

## Can the new building be expanded later?

Yes, the Board of Trustees is committed to making improvements that will provide long-term flexibility. By eliminating space at the rear of the building without altering its basic design, it will be expansion-ready if population continues to grow. In addition, internal flexibility is built into the plan so that the building can adapt to our patrons' needs.

## How does The Fox River Valley Public Library District's current tax rate compare to its neighboring districts?

The current tax rate for FRVPLD (20.9 cents) is one of the lowest.

### Tax Rate Comparison - Neighboring Libraries

Algonquin	0.62
Gail Borden (Elgin)	0.53
Schaumburg	0.40
Huntley	0.28
Barrington	0.23
<b>Fox River Valley</b>	<b>0.21</b>
Ella Johnson (Hampshire)	0.16

Tax calculator & more details at:  
[www.frvpld.info/ReferendumFacts](http://www.frvpld.info/ReferendumFacts)

## How will this affect my property tax bill?

Library taxes are approximately 2% of a resident's total bill. If voters pass the referendum, the library's tax rate (not the property tax rate) would increase by 21 cents per \$100 of net taxable value, for a total of 42 cents (the rate is currently 20.9 cents per \$100 of net taxable value, one of the lowest rates for library services in the county).

Estimates do not take into account exemptions such as homestead and senior, which will reduce the impact for eligible taxpayers. Residents can find out how this will impact their own bill by using the tax calculator at [www.frvpld.info/ReferendumFacts](http://www.frvpld.info/ReferendumFacts).

## Are libraries still relevant?

In a 2016 survey conducted by the PEW Research Center, 77% of Americans age 16 and older think libraries provide them with the resources they need. This is especially true for young people: 84% of those between the ages of 16 and 29 say this. In the last ten years, demand for service in our own district has grown. Circulation has increased by 219% and program attendance has increased by 166%.

Libraries remain relevant as training centers for computer and technology skills, literacy centers for adults and children, workspaces for students and business people, access points for Internet service, meeting spaces for people with like interests, and technology experts to help seniors navigate the rapidly changing digital world.

## Why now?

Borrowing costs remain near historic lows, and construction costs continue to increase. The longer the district waits to address facility improvements, the more it will cost.

## What does the ballot question mean?

The question means: Shall the tax rate for FRVPLD be increased by 21 cents for a total tax rate of 42 cents?

The library did not write the question. The exact wording on a ballot question for a library district referendum is strictly dictated by Illinois statutes. Unlike most other units of local government, library districts do not have the legal authority to determine the wording of the question or to place advisory questions on the ballot.

A "YES" vote will approve a tax increase and allow the library to move forward with facility expansion plans.

Fox River Valley Public Library District  
Proposition to Increase the Limiting Rate

Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Fox River Valley Public Library District, Kane County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.21000% above the limiting rate for any purpose of said Library District for levy year 2016 and be equal to 0.41949% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2016?  
 YES  
 NO

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$3,219,526, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$6,466,889.  
(2) For the 2016 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against the 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 \$70.  
(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).