

Building Our Future

The library is proposing the construction of a new library building to increase programs, add more resources, and provide new services. This decision came after two community surveys and years of receiving numerous comments from residents about the lack of space and the library studying ways to renovate the current building.

The library commissioned two Space Needs Assessments which showed the library needs approximately twice as much space as the current facility to meet community needs. Architecture firm, Engberg-Anderson, analyzed the current building to fix space limitations, but the cost of all renovation options exceeded their value in providing long-term improvements.

Since 2016, the Board reviewed construction models and alternate sites throughout the district and has an initial agreement to acquire an undeveloped site very close to the current building, across from Magee Middle School between Hart Road, Railroad Ave, and Cedar Lake Road, at a minimal cost. The proposed project, estimated at \$36.4 million, is expected to add \$0.95 in taxes per day to the median home value – less than the cost of Netflix and Amazon Prime subscriptions.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Library Board is hosting 4 Information Sessions to provide you with information to make an informed decision about this ambitious project.

This is your chance to ask the architect, financial planner, and the Library Board questions about the creative process and vision for our library's future.

Monday, Jan. 15	6pm - 9pm
Sunday, Jan. 21	1pm - 4pm
Wednesday, Feb. 7	6pm - 9pm
Sunday, Feb. 18	1pm - 4pm

If **YES** Referendum Passes

The library will be able to offer:

MORE ACTIVITIES

- Expand programs and events
- Expand partnerships in innovative spaces

MORE SPACE

- Meeting and study rooms of various sizes
- Outdoor spaces for learning and entertainment

MORE RESOURCES

- Space for STEAM and sensory activities
- Grow Library of Things and book, music, and video collections

MORE COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Improved accessibility in all areas
- New space for partnerships, community groups, and municipalities

MORE SUSTAINABILITY

- A building designed to use alternative energy to reduce the environmental impact and lessen utility costs

If **NO** Referendum Does NOT Pass

Funds will be redirected from materials and programs to building maintenance and library will offer less:

LESS ACTIVITIES

- No room to hold large programs
- The number and types of programs will be limited

LIMITED SPACE

- Only one meeting room and two small study rooms
- No extra space to increase our collection of materials

REDUCED RESOURCES

- Limited accessibility in an aging building that was not built to meet the needs of a diverse community

DECREASED COMMUNITY SERVICES

- No room to expand services
- Community groups and partners will need to find other locations to service the residents

LESS SUSTAINABILITY

- More money will be spent to maintain an aging building and diverted from programs and collections

By The Numbers

Fiscal Year

JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

AVERAGE LIBRARY USER SAVES
\$2,291

PASSPORT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED
3,696

COMPUTER USES
14,526

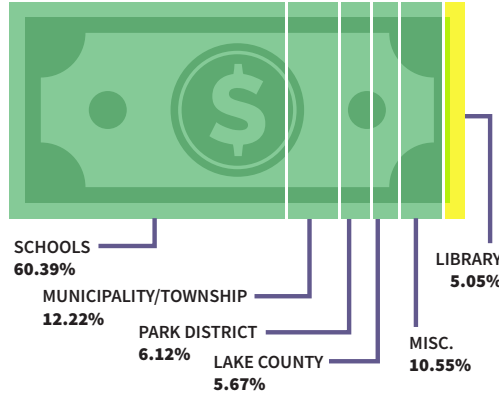
PAGES PRINTED
95,226

FREE PROGRAMS
700

PROGRAM ATTENDEES
14,327

Where do my taxes go?

Tax Year 2022



How is the library funded?

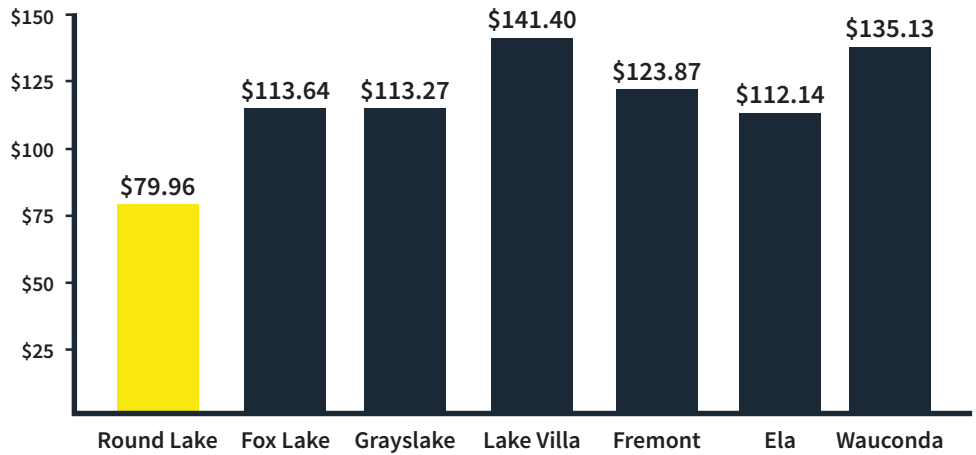
July 2022 - June 2023 Income		
Property Tax	\$3,164,554.24	88.36%
Fines and Fees	\$2,761.84	0.08%
State Grant	\$58,520.63	1.63%
Investment Interest	\$133,690.04	3.73%
Replacement Tax	\$33,437.22	0.93%
Miscellaneous Tax	\$188,372.25	5.26%
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,581,336.22	

Round Lake Area Public Library is mostly funded by property taxes.

88.36%

How We Compare to Our Neighbors

Revenues Per Person



Service Area	Population
Round Lake	40,400
Fox Lake	25,284
Grayslake	28,172
Lake Villa	40,276
Fremont	37,499
Ela	34,462
Wauconda	27,246

How would this affect my property taxes?

Estimated Impact of Proposed Tax Increase with Homeowner's Exemption:

(Median)



HOME VALUE	\$100k	\$150k	\$200k	\$228k	\$250k	\$300k
Additional Cost per Day	\$0.36	\$0.59	\$0.82	\$0.95	\$1.05	\$1.28
Additional Cost per Month	\$10.81	\$17.83	\$24.86	\$28.82	\$31.88	\$38.91
Additional Cost per Year	\$129.70	\$214.00	\$298.29	\$345.84	\$382.59	\$466.89
2022 Property Tax Payment	\$167.79	\$251.69	\$335.59	\$382.90	\$419.48	\$503.38

FOR MORE INFO

- Scan the QR code or go to the link for:
- FAQ
 - Tax Estimator Calculator
 - Building Drafts

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