



**CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY**  
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**Title: Chelsea District Library Seeks Millage Renewal**

On August 6, there will be a **renewal** of a ten-year millage on the ballot that will enable the Chelsea District Library (CDL) to continue its mission to Engage, Inspire, and Equip the residents in the library's service area. 90% of the library's funding comes from taxpayer dollars. The current millage expires at the end of 2019.

This renewal request is for 1.9231 mills and is **not a tax increase**. A mill is equal to \$1 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value which is generally equal to half of the property's market value. If the renewal millage is approved, an owner of a property with a taxable value of \$100,000 (\$200,000 market value) will **continue** to pay \$192.31 per year towards support of library service.

The millage funds your library's ability to realize its mission to Engage, Inspire, and Equip through evolving services and resources. This is accomplished by operating, maintaining, and providing:

- Resources including books, DVDs, e-books, audiobooks, magazines, online databases, nontraditional items, and WiFi hotspots.
- Programs including storytimes, book clubs, craft programs, and signature events like Authors in Chelsea, Artist in Residency, Music in the Air, and the Midwest Literary Walk.
- Celebration of our local and national cultural heritage through exhibitions like *American Farmer*.
- Home delivery of library materials to eligible customers through CDL Delivers!
- Connectivity through library computers, WiFi at CDL, and broadband advocacy. CDL also circulates WiFi hotspots to library customers.
- Engagement in the community at places like the Chelsea Retirement Center, St. Louis Center, and Chelsea Schools.
- Access to new technology like 3D printers and virtual reality equipment.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions about the ballot proposal, please contact Lori Coryell at 734.475.8732 or [lcoryell@chelseadistrictlibrary.org](mailto:lcoryell@chelseadistrictlibrary.org).