



Plainfield

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Expansion Plans Fact Sheet

The Library is placing a question on the April 4 ballot. Simply put, this question is asking taxpayers permission to raise the limiting rate so the Library can purchase building bonds to renovate the existing building and operate it while saving for the future.

The question as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

Shall the extension limitation under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Plainfield Public Library District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois, be increased from the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index over the prior levy year to 88.5% per year for the 2017 levy year?

Supplemental Information Required with the Ballot:

(1) For the 2017 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against 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 \$58.47.

In plain language

This question, whose language is mandated by Illinois law, allows the Library to raise the PTELL tax cap, to levy for a higher amount of money. The Library will be raising the limiting tax rate from .2021% to .3775% which is 88.5%. This increase in the limiting rate will allow the Library to use the General or Operating Fund to sell alternate revenue bonds for \$25M to construct the addition and do the necessary renovation. The higher limiting rate will allow the Library to fully operate the larger building and to save money for future capital expenditures and growth.

A revised plan

The Board of Trustees spent the last nine months reviewing community feedback and revised the original March 2016 referenda plan. The revised plan addresses the 400% growth of the past 27 years in the Plainfield community with a larger building and 21st century library services.

A vital source of information

Part of a librarian's expertise is helping patrons find reliable sources of information. The Internet cannot provide the personalized help and hands-on instruction of the 21st century library. Today's questions are more complex because the easy answers are readily available. Complex questions, help with devices and teaching new technology skills comprise answers to today's questions at the library.

Accommodating a busy world

It's no secret that technology has changed our lives and that people are busier than ever. With more people telecommuting, more seniors wanting to learn how to use apps like Instagram to keep up with their grandkids, more groups looking for places to meet, and people wanting access to the latest and greatest, **we are a community hub.** Features of an expanded library include:

- community meeting rooms
- study spaces
- expanded hours
- a learning classroom
- quiet rooms
- more programs and learning opportunities
- more copies of the latest best sellers
- a drive-up drop off for books
- and more

Renovate and expand

The plan includes renovating the current 27,000 square foot building and adding a 23,000 square foot addition. The Board of Trustees and architects at Nagle Hartray are developing a concept for the expanded library in keeping with the character of downtown and the residential neighborhood. Full specification plans will be developed after a successful referendum and will involve public input.

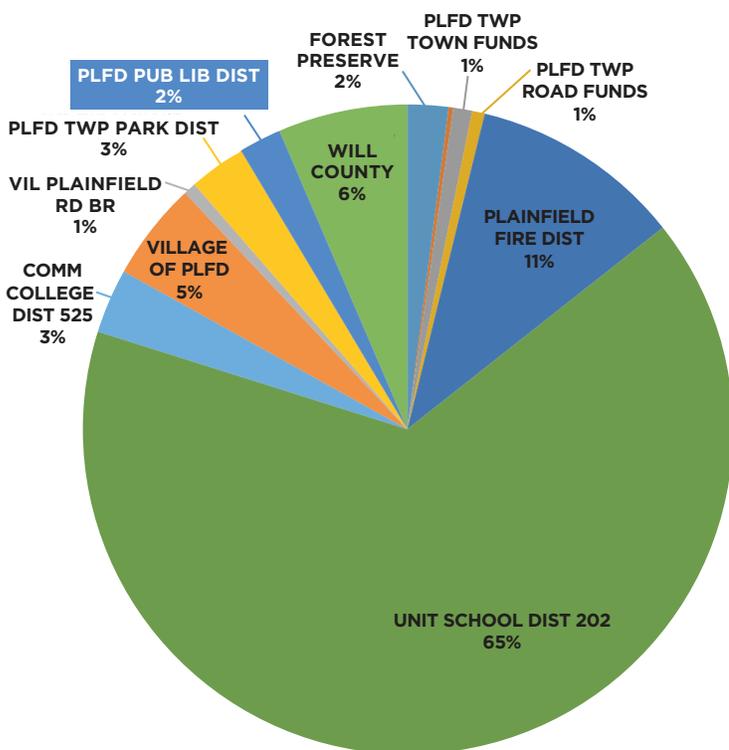
Front and center

The Library currently sits at the geographic center of the district. After the 2016 plan was rejected, the Board of Trustees asked the community for feedback. The feedback said to stay downtown and scale back the scope of the design. **We listened.**

The bottom line

The estimated total cost to the average homeowner in Plainfield is \$10.67 per month or \$128 per year for a \$237,000 home, which is the current average home sale price. This limiting rate increase equates to a 1.84% increase in a homeowner's total tax bill which is 2.12% of the total tax bill.

Tax breakdown



How would this affect MY property taxes?

Property Tax Amount	Additional Monthly Cost	Additional Yearly Cost
\$5,000	\$7.70	\$92
\$7,500	\$11.50	\$138
\$10,000	\$15.30	\$184
\$12,500	\$19.10	\$230

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- Design and floor plans
- Tax calculator

