



Your Domonkas Library has a levy on the May 5 ballot

What is the Domonkas library levy?

Issue No. 7 on the May 5 ballot is not a new tax. The levy is a 2.2 mills replacement of the current 2.95 mills from two levies (2.2 and .75 mills respectively) begun in 2016. It will expire in five years.



Why does the library need this?

While Domonkas does receive some funds from the state, those funds are distributed to libraries across the state based on the population of the service district. The smaller the population, the smaller the slice of that pie.

Thus, **the current levy makes up 99% of the operating revenue** for the Domonkas Branch. It pays for everything you see: the materials that are available for loan, the public computers and internet service, the staff, the maintenance of the building and grounds, etc.

What will the levy cost me as a homeowner in Sheffield Lake?

The levy will cost the owner of a home in Sheffield Lake valued at \$100,000 \$77.04 per year.

Are the funds raised by this levy only used to operate the Domonkas Branch?

Yes. By law, all funds raised by this levy in Sheffield Lake must stay in Sheffield Lake to specifically support the operations of the Domonkas Branch.

What will happen if the levy fails?

If this levy fails, drastic cuts will have to be made, which will include:

- Reduction of staff and operating hours.
- Elimination of all programming including story times, crafting, culinary and tech programs.
- Cutting the library materials budget, resulting in fewer purchases of new books, new DVDs, new audiobooks and new CDs.

Even with these cuts, the budget for the Domonkas Branch will have deficits over the five-year period 2027-2031 and additional cuts will have to be identified by the Library Board of Trustees.