

Q & A

Your Lorain libraries have a levy on the May 5 ballot

What is the Lorain library levy?

Issue No. 6 on the May 5 ballot is not a new tax. The levy is a renewal of the same tax that began in 2016 with no increase in the ten years since, and if this passes, no increase for the next ten years.

Why does the library need this?

The levy funds are the operating revenue for the Main Library and South Lorain Branch. These funds pay for 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 Lorain?

The levy will cost the owner of a home in the Lorain City School District valued at \$100,000 \$118 per year.

Are the funds raised by this levy only used to operate the Lorain branches?

Yes. By law, all funds raised by this levy in Lorain must stay in Lorain to specifically support the operations of the Main Library and South Lorain Branch.

What will happen if the levy fails?

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

- Reduction of staff and operating hours.
- Elimination of all programming including Create Space, culinary, tech and children's 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 will have deficits over the ten-year period 2027-2036 and additional cuts will have to be identified by the Library Board of Trustees.



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