



Belleville Area District Library Conceptual Site Plan

Library Ballot Proposals—November 8, 2016

Based upon the results of the 2014 library bond and millage ballot proposal and the results of a survey conducted in early 2015, the library board developed a scaled back proposal that keeps the library downtown.

The library will ask the voters to consider a bond and an additional operating millage at the November 8, 2016, general election in order to build and operate a new two-story 31,900 square foot library building in downtown Belleville directly in front of the existing library and to renovate and operate a satellite library media center in Sumpter Township.

The new facility would have:

- More space for books and materials
- Adequate room for library programs and activities
- More public computers and areas for wireless access
- Public meeting rooms, tutoring rooms, and quiet study rooms
- Quiet areas for adults
- Separate teen space
- Early Childhood Literacy area in the children's room
- A building provided by Sumpter Township (north of the Community Center on Sumpter Rd. near Dunn Rd.) would be converted into a media center. It would provide public computers, wireless access, and a library material drop-off/pick-up area.
- The proposed bond would not exceed \$14,000,000 and would be paid off in 20 years. The yearly average millage rate to pay the bond would be 0.68.
- The proposed additional operating millage would be 0.75 mill. This would be in addition to the library's current operating millage of 0.7 mill.
- This is a 27% decrease from the bond and millage request that did not pass in 2014.

- If your home is worth \$150,000 and has a taxable value of \$75,000, the combined cost of the bond and the additional millage would average \$107 per year. To determine your cost, find your home's taxable value and multiply it by 0.00143.

Background Information

The establishment of the Belleville Area District Library in 2010 came with a directive to the library board to develop a plan for larger and updated facilities.

The current library is 10,760 square feet and serves all of the 42,361 residents of Belleville, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township, which translates into .25 square feet per person. The average square foot per person of public libraries in Michigan is .72.

The proposed new library would be .75 square feet per person.

The library's current operating budget (2016-17) spends \$25.08 per resident. The proposed operating budget for the new library would spend \$44.91 per person.

This chart shows how much nearby communities currently pay per year for library services:

Community	\$ Per Person
Belleville (current)	\$25.08
Belleville (proposed)	\$44.91
Ypsilanti	\$45.19
Novi	\$50.51
Canton	\$60.35
Saline	\$63.27
Dexter	\$71.89
Northville	\$74.79
Plymouth	\$92.83
Chelsea	\$117.06

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