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SSLDL Announces Proposed Millage Slated for February Vote

SOUTH LYON, MICHIGAN- The Salem-South Lyon District Library Board of Trustees has submitted language to Oakland County to place a millage on the ballot on February 25, 2014.

The library has faced a decline in revenue since 2008; however, through budget cutbacks the library has been able to maintain and provide the current level of services offered today. Unfortunately, an additional revenue decline of \$126,000 is imminent. An additional millage is being placed on the ballot.

On February 25, 2014, residents of the SSLDL's district will be asked to make a decision about the library's future.

Due to the elimination of Personal Property Tax revenue, continued decline of property tax revenue as a result of diminished property values, reduction from 1.25 to 1.1147 mills due to the Headlee

Amendment and decline in other revenue sources, the library will not be able to maintain its current level of services and facility upkeep without additional millage.

The millage request is 0.4950 mills. For the average home with a market value of \$200,000, the maximum annual tax difference would be \$49.50. This equates to less than a dollar per week.

Approval of the library millage will ensure the library maintains its current hours of operations and continues to provide classes, materials and technology for all ages. There will be increased staff assistance with technology and research, enhanced library facility and timely capital improvements, continued leadership in technology and additional events, books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks and digital content for everyone.

If the millage is not approved, the library will close at least two days per week, and lack of funding will diminish services, forcing: reduction in library staff, reduced access to library computers, deeper cuts to the library materials budget, decreased number of classes for all ages (storytimes, computer classes, one-on-one instructional sessions, etc.) , and elimination of outreach services.

The library supports an active, informed community by providing access to over 4.5 million items from 65 area libraries. SSLDL provides well trained and knowledgeable staff to meet informational needs of the community in addition to offering high speed internet and storytime classes and summer reading programs to encourage children to read. The library acts as an educational resource, meeting place and community center for South Lyon and Salem residents.

Election Day is February 25, 2014. The polls are open from 7:00 AM—8:00 PM. For voter registration information visit <http://michigan.gov/vote>. If you have questions about how, where or when to vote, please contact your local clerk.

For more information about the millage visit <http://ssldl.info/getthefacts> or stop by the library and pick up information.

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