VOTE YES FOR OUR LIBRARIES!

The Libraries of Stevens County is asking voters to **lift the library levy rate 17¢ on November 3, 2026 to $0.44** to continue library services at all seven locations. The library levy rate has fallen to $0.27/$1,000. By law, the library can only increase their budget by 1% annually. A levy rate of $0.44 is needed to support current budget estimates and keep our library services strong for another 10 years.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Over $6 Million in physical materials were borrowed in 2025**
- Over **24,000+** unique devices connect to library wifi each year
- Our libraries are **only 4%** of your property tax bill (on average)
- Our libraries have already **reduced 100 hours** of service per week from lack of funding
- In the last 15 years, downloadable books increased **from 7,409 to 70,742** - a difference of +854%
- Over **20,000 people came to programs** at the libraries in 2025

A YES VOTE MEANS:

- Maintain current level of staffing and services
- Increased open hours that will include evenings and weekends
- Continue supporting a robust collection of library materials, including physical and digital items, with minimal wait times and online/streaming resources
- Address deferred maintenance and facilities needs
- Pursue opportunities for facility improvement projects

A NO VOTE MEANS:

- Cut staff, reduce open hours, and eliminate services, which may include closing branches 1-2 days a week
- Reduce investment in library materials, including physical & digital items, increasing wait time, losing some resources, and decreasing selection
- Service cuts to address deferred facility maintenance

How will this affect YOU?

Local property taxes provide 93% of the library system's operating budget. **There is no state funding** for operations and maintenance. If approved by voters, this proposition would authorize LOSC to restore its property tax levy rate from its current level of 27 cents to 44 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value.

HOME VALUE*	CURRENT ANNUAL COST	NEW YEARLY COST (increase in monthly cost)
$200,000	$54	$88 ($2.83)
$300,000	$81	$132 ($4.25)
$500,000	$135	$220 ($7.08)

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