

Final Survey Tallies and Responses 1547 completed surveys

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1 Do you have a Buffalo & Erie County Public Library card?

Yes	1517
No (skip to question 3)	18
Don't know	2

2 If you do have a library card, how frequently do you visit /or use Buffalo & Erie County Public Library services, including the website?

At least once weekly	943
At least once monthly	376
Two or Three times a year	46
Once a year or less	12
Never	9
Other...	120

3 How important is the public library to you?

Very important	1464
Somewhat important	54
Slightly important	12

4 If given the opportunity would you prefer to have a direct say in the library's funding?

Yes	909
Possibly yes	457
Possibly no	26
No	34
Not sure	105

5 Currently, the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 (full market value) pays less than a \$1 week (89.6 cents per week / \$46.61 annually) in taxes to support the library. Would you support paying....?

10 cents a week more? (\$5.20 per year more)	401
25 cents a week more? (\$13 per year more)	364
50 cents a week more? (\$26 per year more)	532
Other...	155 see attached responses

6 What is your zip code?**7 Are you 18 years of age or older?**

Yes	1529
No	6

8 Are you a registered voter in Erie County?

Yes	1517
No	14

9 If you would like to receive more information about library funding and free library services, please include your email address.

Responses to question # 5.

5. Currently, the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 (full market value) pays less than a \$1 week (89.6 cents per week / \$46.61 annually) in taxes to support the library. Would you support paying....?

\$1.25 a week more - only if I know it is going to services at libraries.

\$.25 per week but might be hard to get passed.

\$1

\$1 a week

\$1 or \$2 a week

\$1 per week; if and only if it's specifically allocated to the library

\$1 week

\$1.00

\$1.00 a week

\$1.00 a week more

\$1.00 more

\$1.00 per week

\$1.00 per week more

\$1.00 weekly

\$1.00/week more

\$10 a month

\$100 - \$200

\$100 a year

\$100 per year would be o.k. with me

\$100.00/year

\$105

\$120 annually

\$3.00 monthly

\$3.00 per week

\$4.00 per week

\$5.00

\$50.00

\$50.00 a year

\$50.00 a year more. Would be willing to have my county taxes raised and funds allocated directly to the Library System.

\$50.00 per year

.05

0 CENTS

0 cents a week

0.00

0.05

1 cent

1.00

1.00 per week

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1.00 to 2.00 per week

1.00, but only for direct use. No diversion!

100.00

15 cents a week

2 dollars per week more

25 cents a week or at least an annual increase commensurate with other increases in the budget or some set COLA rate

3.00 per week

5.00

5.00 a week

50 cents a week more if it was taken from somewhere else

any amount above is suitable

any amount necessary

as much as possible

at least 1.00 per week

charge a membership. the people who use it should be the ones to pay. Do not raise my taxes

Depends

Dkdkd

do not own

don't know

don't own a home

fine the way it is

Fundraising

I do not own a home

I am not a home owner

I am not a homeowner

I am not a homeowner but I would pay \$15 a month or less to keep the libraries.

I am open to discussion

I do already

I don't know offhand...

I don't own a home

I would like to devote some of the school tax money to the libraries, which benefits more people than the schools.

I've lived in 2 different states in the last 7 years. I've seen comparable cities do more with less.

It depends on how the additional revenue would be used.

Keep as is. Leave the same

less. people that use it should pay more

Low income -\$1.00 per month

mobile ? \$25 cents a week

More

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more fund raising activities + volunteering

n/a

need more info to answer

no

no additional tax

No it's a free service

no more

No more. That actually makes me feel bad for people who have no interest in using the library but have to pay for it anyway.

No need to pay more taxes. Reduce amount paid to social services, benefits to county workers etc.

none

none given

not a home owner

not a homeowner

not sure

or county can re-allocate priorities

politicians need less

question is too simplistic

Rent

same

Someone to explain how much the library needs - no guessing!

Tax northern suburbs

Transfer 25% of funds allocated to the Ralph Wilson Bills back into the library budget

United Way \$40.00

Unknown (2)

unsure on limited income

We all pay enough taxes already!

we are outrageously taxed now. Higher income households need to pay their appropriate share.

what it takes to keep libraries open and politicians restricted access/ prevent ability to cut budget for knowledge for all

what the elected officials deem appropriate

Whatever is necessary

whatever is needed

whatever it takes

whatever it takes to keep it going

would consider annual membership to specific library from \$35 - \$50 per year as I do for other organizations

Zero

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