 

**Mason City Public Library District on the spring 2017 Ballot**

On April 4th, those voters in the Illini Central School District going to the polls will see a question on the ballot about library service. The question is:

Shall the Mason City Public Library District annex certain territories in the Illini Central School District without current tax-supported library services.

What does this mean?

Both the majority of voters living in the library district and the majority of voters outside the library district must agree to the annexation before the annexation can take place. If the majority of either group says no, then the annexation will not happen.

**For those currently living in the library district:**

Simply put, you are being asked if you would like the rest of the school district to join the library district if they as voters decide they would like to join. This vote for you is not about paying more tax dollars to the library. There is **no change** from what you currently pay.

**For those not living in the library district but being asked to join:**

You are being asked if you would like to be a part of the library district. In voting yes, you are saying you want to join the library district and receive library service. Is there a cost for this library service? Yes, and it appears on your property tax bill. Currently the library tax rate is 23 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation so the table below gives a sample of home values and the impact the referendum would have to a property owner’s tax bill.

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| **Home’s Fair Market Value1** | **Home Assessed –Value (EAV)2** | **Estimated Yearly Tax Impact3** |
| $ 50,000\* | 16,666.67 | $ 38.33 ($24.53 with homestead exemption) |
| **$ 60,000\*** | **20,000.00** | **$ 46.00 ($32.20 with homestead exemption)** |
| $ 75,000\* | 25,000.00 | $ 57.50 ($43.70 with homestead exemption) |
| $100,000 | 33,333.33 | $ 76.67 ($62.87 with homestead exemption) |
| $125,000 | 41,666.67 | $ 95.83 ($82.03 with homestead exemption) |

**The average property value of $60,878 in Mason County’s Allen’s Grove Township and $58,615 in Sherman Township was obtained from the Mason County Assessor’s Office.**

**For more information go to the library website** [**www.masoncitylibrary.org**](http://www.masoncitylibrary.org) **and click on the Library Referendum link or call the library at 217-482-3799.**