

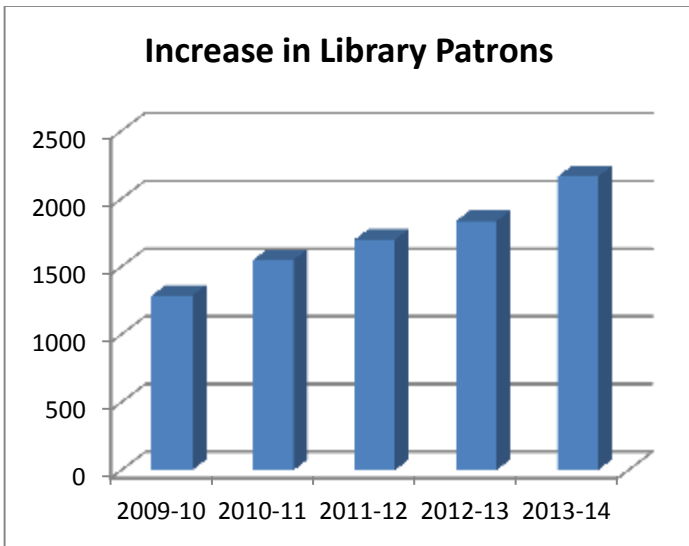


## Darby Community Public Library: September 15, 2015

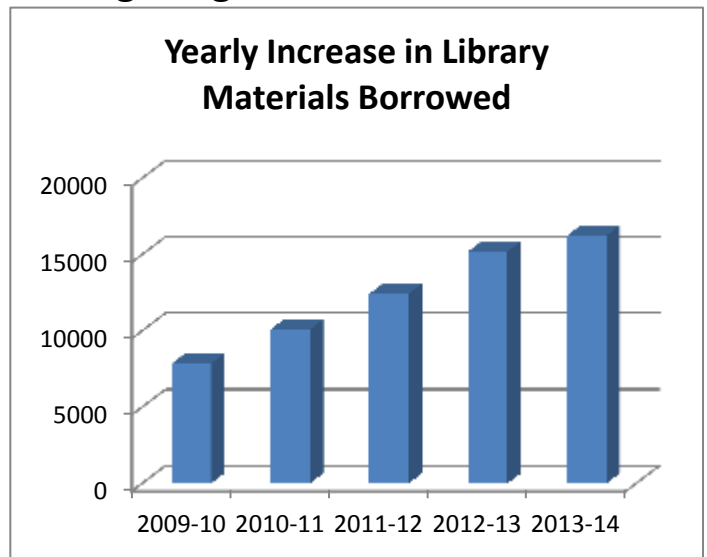
A mill levy increase is being sought for dedicated funds to maintain building and sustain library operations that support children's services, education and job resources, free community gathering space, public computers, and free online access.

The Darby Community Public Library seeks a 3 mill levy increase of \$30,000 to maintain the facility and sustain library services at the current level of use with stable funding. Use of the library has grown by over 200% since the library opened in 2004.

### Indicators of Increasing Usage

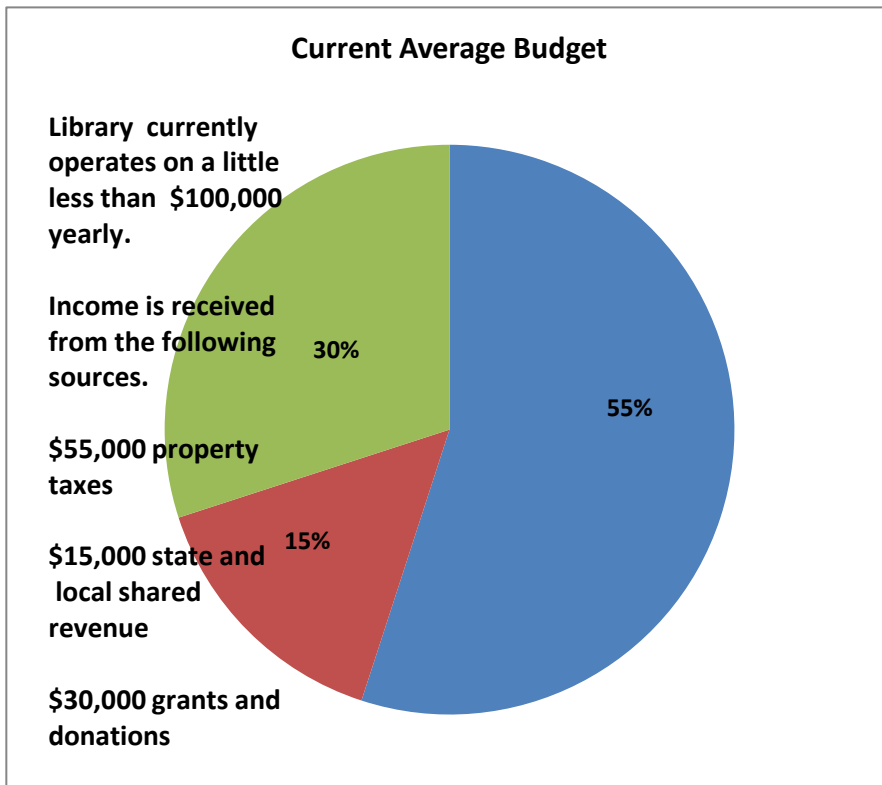


<u>Year</u>	<u>Patron Count</u>
2013-2014	2,163
2012-2013	1,836
2011-2012	1,700
2010-2011	1,550
2009-2010	1,287



<u>Year</u>	<u>Materials Borrowed</u>
2013-2014	16,243
2012-2013	15,204
2011-2012	12,429
2010-2011	10,093

## Current Average Budget and Request for Dedicated Tax Funding



The library seeks a stable funding model to support basic operations, building maintenance, and increasing cost of library services.

Donations do not replace the need for dedicated funds for basic operations.

Donations cannot produce the revenue needed to meet the current level of use.

This is the first and only increase requested since opening in 2004.

Current support from the library district equals 5 mills or \$55,000. Three additional mills will provide \$30,000 in tax funding to stabilize the basic library budget.

### If Mill Levy Passes

Building components and structure will be repaired and maintained with dedicated funds.

Books, periodicals, audiobooks will be purchased with a dedicated Book Budget that is not based on donations.

Library will remain open five days a week for community access and a safe after school environment for children.

Staffing will be available to support patrons, services for children, computer assistance, and other valued library services.

## **If Mill Levy Does Not Pass**

Building will be maintained if funding is available.

Library materials will not be purchased until funding is available.

Open hours will be cut significantly as the Library moves forward.

Staff time will be decreased and unable to support current level of service as the Library moves forward.

## **How much will property taxes increase if I vote yes?**

The impact of the mill levy increase on a home valued at \$100,000.00 would be \$3.93 per year

The impact of the mill levy increase on a home valued at \$200,000.00 would be \$7.86 per year

The impact of the mill levy increase on a home valued at \$300,000.00 would be \$11.79 per year

## **Where do I vote?**

The Ravalli County Election Office will mail ballots to library district voters on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Send your completed ballot by mail or hand deliver to the Ravalli County Election Office, 215 South 4<sup>th</sup> St., Suite C; Hamilton, MT 59840. In order to be counted, ballots must be received at the election office by 8:00 PM on Election Day, September 15, 2015