



# Renewal Levy Facts

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

## History

- The original levy replaced a 25% funding cut to the Public Library Fund by the State of Ohio in 2008.
- This is a renewal of the .5 mil levy passed by voters in 2009 and renewed in 2013 and 2018.
- Our levy has passed with over 70% approval rating each time.

## Cost

- A home valued at \$100,000 would cost approximately \$14 per year or \$1.17 per month.
- The renewal levy is projected to raise \$317,000 per year.
- The projected annual budget for the District Library System in 2023 was \$1.6 million.

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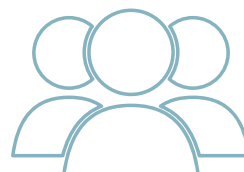
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Celina, Ohio 45822

## Information

- The Mercer Co District Library serves the Celina, Marion Local, and St. Henry school districts within Mercer County. It also includes Union Township, including Mendon Village, as well as small portions of the Minster and New Bremen school districts within Mercer County.
- The service population of the library district is roughly 29,134 or about 67.2 % of Mercer County.
- The libraries of Coldwater, Ft. Recovery, and Rockford are all independent libraries and are governed by their own boards. Coldwater also has a levy this year.
- The district library is administered by a seven-member Board of Library Trustees – four appointed by the Mercer County Commissioners and three appointed by the Common Pleas Judge. The library board is made up of citizens representing the library district.

## 2022 Statistics



- 295,849 items were checked out.
- Our 44 public computers were used over 26,000 times.
- 42,718 items were downloaded through our eBook collection.
- 1,194 programs were held in our libraries, with over 34,757 patrons in attendance.
- 462 free notarizations.
- 213,386 copies and prints made.
- The online catalog has access to materials from over 277 libraries.