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June 2022 Newsletter

Athens Township will request a 0.7 mill rate to levy on behalf of the Library at the August 2, 2022 election.

Millage Proposal FAQs

- 1. How does this affect my current tax assessment?** The Township currently levels a .70 mill special assessment on real property for library service. This .70 mill millage is intended to replace that special assessment. However, there will be a tax increase assessed on business-personal property on all commercial, utility and industrial businesses that have a business-personal property true cash value above \$80,000. Currently, the 0.7 special assessment rate is not levied to business-personal property.
- 2. How will the library use these funds?** The current 0.7 special assessment is 77 percent of the library's operating budget. We have supplemented with grants to fund new programs (grab and go bags, summer reading, reading counts, VOX audio books for kids, etc.). This millage will provide the library with a base-level of funding to operate and offer various programs.
- 3. Why is it currently a special assessment rather than a millage?** When the library was first established, a special assessment was implemented. However, the library is required under state law to reestablish, which requires a voted millage rather than a special assessment.
- 4. What will happen with the library if this millage does not pass?** The library has reserve funds to operate for approximately one year. Without a voted millage, the library's operating budget will be reduced by 77%.

THE PROPOSAL WILL APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BALLOT.

What does the library offer our community?

- Over 10,000 titles available
 - Fiction
 - Nonfiction
 - Audio
 - Large Print
 - VOX audio books for children
 - Extensive children and juvenile selection
- Overdrive (free downloads of books)
- MeL (interlibrary borrowing)
- Tutor.com
- Ancestry.com
- Adult Reading Counts Program
- Children's Reading Counts Program
- Children's Summer Library Camp
- Grab and Go Activity Bags
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- Myriad community resources
- Free Internet and WiFi
- Four computer stations for patrons
- Services for a nominal fee such as, faxing, copies, scanning, etc. (not available at other businesses in Athens)
- Pivotal partner in the Senior Meal Coupon Program
- In-person and virtual story time for youngsters



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Saturday Morning Story Time Returns

Children's story time returns in person at the library Saturday mornings at 11:30 with Miss Cindy and Miss Rosie in the children's corner of the library. Children will also have an opportunity to complete a small craft activity that correlates to the story.

June's Theme: Oceans of Possibilities

July's Theme: Oceans of Possibilities

August's Theme: Outdoor/Nature

MI Library Quest for Teens

Teens are invited to participate in MiLibraryQuest, Summer 2022: *Treasures of the Deep*. Pirates, shipwrecks, and monsters have inhabited our oceans for millennia. *Treasures of the Deep* will challenge teen explorers to complete a crossword puzzle by finding clues on the websites of Michigan libraries. Answers to the puzzle will include famous pirates, real shipwrecks, and mythological monsters. The Quest begins on June 15. Solve the puzzle by July 31 and enter to win a prize from your library. For more information, visit the library website or the official MiLibraryQuest website.



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Athens Community Library Board:

President, Jeannie Goodrich

Treasurer, Amy Heath

Secretary, Hannah Klein

Trustee, Shirley Damrow

We are seeking volunteer board members to assist with making decisions for the library, if you are interested, please contact Missy Irons at athens_library@sbcglobal.net.

Library Staff:

Library Director, Missy Irons

Assistant Director, Nathaniel Mottinger

Librarians, Cindy, Rosie, and Myra

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life."

~ Sidney Sheldon ~

NEW Hours of Operation

Beginning July 1

Mondays	9 am – 6 pm
Tuesdays	12 pm – 8 pm
Wednesdays	12 pm – 6 pm
Thursdays	12 pm – 8 pm
Fridays	12 pm – 6 pm
Saturdays	9 am – 1 pm

Athens Community Library Annual Used Book Sale

JULY 18 – 30

Open July 23rd from 9 am – 4 pm

Summer Homecoming

July 22-23

- July 22- 5:00 pm–dusk Annual Greenfield House Hog Roast, Queen Crowned, County Line Band
- July 23- 7-10 am Athens Township Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
- July 23- 11 am Grand Parade
- July 23- 12-5 pm Car Show
- July 23- Athens Township Fire Department Chicken Dinner immediately following the parade until 1 pm or sold out
- July 23- Stage opens at 12:30 pm – 6:30pm
 - Vendors in the park
 - Honor Citizens
 - Kids' games
 - Queens
 - County Line Band
 - Car Show awards
 - Children's Drawing
- July 23- 7 pm Athens Follies at the Quonset Hut Theater

Book Drop Reminder

You may return your books in person during open hours or via the drop box by the main entrance. When using the drop box, please place your books in a plastic bag to prevent water damage. Also, please do not leave books on the ramp or on the stair entrances; even if they are in plastic bags, they will incur damage.

Coronavirus Policy

- If you are sick, have a fever or cough, please stay home.
- Masks and gloves are optional but strongly recommended.
- We have a limited supply of masks and gloves available to patrons upon request
- Maintain a distance of 3 - 6 feet between you and others to avoid human contact.
- Please use hand sanitizer and/or disinfecting wipes when you enter the library, use technology, or touch surfaces.

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