



### **What does the library offer me?**

Books, yes, including latest bestsellers, inspirational, large print, mysteries, westerns, non-fiction, Young Adult, children's, etc., but also...

- Digital books, books on CD, & DVDs
- 90 magazine and 4 newspaper subscriptions
- Color copier/printer/fax/scanner
- 13 public computers, 3 iPads, 1 children's early literacy computer, even a typewriter
- WiFi & tabletop electrical outlets to charge devices
- Access to extensive collection of online databases
- New Teen Area: café tables and relaxed seating
- Children's Area: puppets, games, puzzles
- Local history resources: Morenci yearbooks, Observer bound & on microfilm, cemetery records
- Tax forms and Notary Public services

### **What else does the library offer?**

■ Programs for all ages: Baby/Toddler & Pre-School storytimes, book discussions for adults & teens, Tech Time one-on-one classes, Summer Reading & VolunTeens, grant-funded programs (e.g. Smithsonian Institution's "Barn Again!" exhibit, Prime Time, Michigan Notable Book author visits), Money Smart Week, "Fantasy Village," International Games Day, art shows, and more.



Stair District Library  
 228 W. Main St.  
 Morenci, MI 49256



For more information,  
 visit [www.stairlib.org](http://www.stairlib.org) or call 517-458-6510



# **Q&A about the Stair District Library Millage Proposal**



**August 4, 2015**

## What should you know about Stair District Library?

■ It is an independent library governed by the citizens of the library district (through a board appointed by the City of Morenci and the Morenci school board).

■ The Library district consists of the City of Morenci and the parts of Seneca and Medina townships in the Morenci School District: *See pink area of map.*

■ The district was created when Stair Public Library, the City of Morenci and the Morenci Area School District entered into a District Library Agreement.

■ The school district does NOT contribute any funds to the library; it just appoints four library board members, and its boundaries define the library district. *See pink area of map.*

■ A district library board can put a millage proposal on the ballot to fund the library.

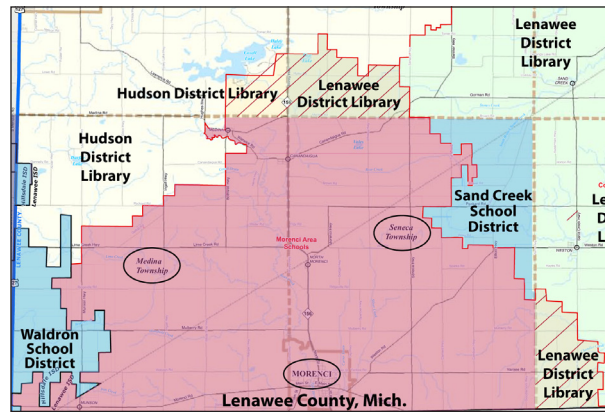
## Why is the library board asking for a millage?

■ **Lack of City funding:** Currently, only the City of Morenci allocates funds directly to the library. Property taxes and revenue sharing funds have decreased steadily over the past several years causing the City to cut library funding.

■ **Decline in other significant income sources:** "Penal fines" (funds allocated by the county on a per capita basis from infractions such as speeding tickets and overweight trucks) dropped by 30% this fiscal year.

■ **Bleak funding future:** There is no prospect that City funding or penal fines will increase in the future.

■ **Financial stability:** A millage will provide more stable and secure funding.



## What is the library asking for?

■ The library board is requesting a 10-year millage at 1.25 mills.

## How much is this going to cost me?

■ The cost is \$1.25 for every \$1,000 of taxable value. See chart below.

Assessed Value	Taxable Value	Yearly Cost	Monthly Cost
\$40,000	\$20,000	\$ 25.00	\$2.08
\$60,000	\$30,000	\$ 37.50	\$3.12
\$80,000	\$40,000	\$ 50.00	\$4.16
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$ 62.50	\$5.20

## When is the election and where do I vote?

■ Election Day is Tuesday, August 4, 2015

■ Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

■ All library district voters including Seneca and Medina residents vote at City Hall, 118 Orchard St. in Morenci.

## What if I'm not registered to vote?

■ The last day to register is July 6, 2015. For more information, call 517-458-6828. (Voter registration applications are available at the library.)

## What if I can't make it to the polls?

■ You can also vote by absentee ballot. Call City Hall at 517-458-6828 for more information. (Absentee ballot applications are available at the library.)



## Award winning and nationally recognized:

- 2009 State Librarian's Excellence Award
- Michigan Notable Book award winning authors for 7 years
- Smithsonian exhibit, "Hometown Teams," in Fall 2016
- Smithsonian Institution "Barn Again!" exhibit, 2004
- First Living Library in Michigan and east of the Mississippi
- "Picturing New York...in a tiny Midwest town" program highlighted at American Library Association conference
- National Science Foundation Pushing the Limits pilot program
- Director selected to serve on the AARP/ALA National Advisory Group, 2015

## Did you know?

Last year:

- Patrons made 17,600 visits to the library
- More than 5,000 attended programs
- Patrons checked out 22,000 items and used public computers more than 5,000 times
- Nearly 200 children and teens participated in the Summer Reading Program
- The library hosted 215 programs