

Bitterroot Public Library

Three-mill levy for June 2020 ballot information

- ❑ A petition with over 800 verified signatures of registered voters within the library district (Victor, Corvallis, Hamilton) was successful and placed the three-mill levy on the June 2020 ballot.
- ❑ This permanent three-mill levy equates to a tax impact of \$4.05 per \$100,000 home valuation in the library district. This would provide the library with approximately \$143,900 annually for building maintenance, staffing, and operating costs.
- ❑ Hamilton and surrounding areas have grown by over 20% since the library's last levy in 1998 and use of the library and operational expenses have had to increase to keep up with demand for materials and services.
- ❑ Revenue from current 8.9 mill levy has not kept pace with increased library operating costs.
- ❑ Donations built up over time have supplemented library operations and are expected to run out by 2022. Without additional funding, the library would have to reduce its operations.
- ❑ A three-mill levy would ensure sustainable funding, allow it to continue providing current services, maintain its 104-year-old facility, and expand services in the future.



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