

Southeast Steuben County Library

Questions and Answers

Library Vote 2014

Q. What is a 259 Vote?

New York State Education Law Section 259 provides public libraries in New York State with the ability to place a funding proposition on a school district ballot. The Southeast Steuben County Library made that request to the Corning Painted Post School District in June 2014 and the vote has been scheduled for **October 21, 2014**.

Q. When and where will I vote?

The **October 21, 2014** will be held in all 8 Corning- Painted Post School District polling locations. **If you need to confirm your polling location call, Karen Dutcher at 936-3704 ext. 1001.**

Q. What is the proposition that will be on the ballot?

The proposition that appears on the ballot will ask for a “yes” or “no” vote and reads as follows: “Shall the sum of Seven Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand dollars (\$786,000) be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable property within C-PP Area School District for the purpose of funding the Southeast Steuben County Library?”

Q. How much will I pay if this proposition passes?

Homeowners in the Corning-Painted Post School District will pay about \$0.41 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This would mean that the owner of a home valued at \$85,000 would pay less than \$35 a year, and the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 would pay about \$41 a year. This equates to approximately \$0.67 to \$0.78 per week per household.

Q. Who is eligible to vote?

All registered voters who reside in the Corning-Painted Post Area School District may vote; this includes property and non-property owners.

Q. What will happen if the vote fails?

The Library Board will be faced with very difficult decisions. Current levels of programs and services would be further jeopardized. If the October 2014 vote does not pass, then the Library Board would do a thorough public debriefing. It would be

important to garner public feedback in regard to next steps at finding a sustainable funding model for the library.

Q. How can those who want additional information about the proposition, or the services provided by the Library, find out more?

The Library will have a table set up near the front entrance, staffed with volunteers, who will have more detailed information. Those who would like a tour of the Library can arrange to have one at their convenience by asking at the Circulation Desk.

Groups that would like to have a presentation about the proposition made at their meetings may arrange that by contacting Mary Ann Thomas (607) 654-8576.

Q. How can supporters of the proposition help it to pass?

The Friends of the Library is organizing teams of supporters to help with a variety of tasks designed to help get out the vote. Anyone who would like to help is welcome to join this effort. To find out more, contact Mary Ann Thomas (607) 654-8576.