

# Seymour Library

## 2025 Budget Referendum & Trustee Election – Facts for Voters

**When:** From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at the library, 176-178 Genesee St., Auburn.

**Who is eligible to vote:** All registered voters in the library district are eligible to vote on the budget. The library district consists of the city of Auburn, the town of Owasco, and the portion of the towns of Sennett and Fleming that are within the Auburn Enlarged City School District. Voting will be by paper ballot, and names will be checked against voter registration lists.

Voters will be asked to vote on the following question:

Do you approve of the 2025 budget of the Seymour Public Library District in the amount of \$1,100,310 of which \$1,043,250 will be raised by a property tax levied against real property within the district?

Registered voters in the City of Auburn are eligible to vote for the Auburn trustee. One candidate, Russell Harkins has submitted a petition to represent the City of Auburn and will be on the ballot.

Registered voters in the Town of Owasco are eligible to vote for the Owasco trustee. No valid nominating petitions were submitted for the Town of Owasco.

Registered voters in the portion of the Town of Fleming that is in the Auburn Enlarged City School District are eligible to vote for the Fleming trustee. One candidate, Kimberly Schulze has submitted a petition to represent the Town of Fleming and will be on the ballot.

**The budget in brief:** The library currently collects \$975,000 of its revenue in property taxes. Under the proposed 2025 operating budget, the district would collect \$1,043,250 in property taxes.

The library tax is apportioned among each of the 4 municipalities in the district. Each municipality's share is then converted to a tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed value. Tax rates vary by municipality because each municipality assesses property at a different percentage of full market value.



**For a house with a market value of \$100,000, the estimated library tax will be \$40.73.**

### **Absentee Ballots are available.**

To receive an absentee ballot:

1. You must be a registered voter in the library district.
2. You must complete an Absentee Ballot Application. Absentee Ballot Applications can be found online at [www.seymourlibrary.org](http://www.seymourlibrary.org) or at the library's main desk.
  - **If requesting an absentee ballot by mail**, the absentee ballot application must be received by Wednesday, October 16 by 5 p.m., at least (7) days before the election/budget referendum.
  - **If picking up an absentee ballot at the library**, the absentee ballot application must be received the day before the election, Tuesday, October 22 by 5 p.m.
3. The completed ballot must be returned to the library no later than 5 p.m. on the day of the vote (Wednesday, October 23, 2024).