

## **LIBRARIAN REPORT**

**September 10, 2024**

### **Budget – reference only**

Due to the Indiana Legislature passing HEA 1499; which caps the MLGQ at 4% for 2024 and 2025, our MLGQ will be 4%. This cap is being done to help taxpayers with increasing property tax bills. The MLGQ is the percentage we are allowed to increase our budget total and Maximum Levy. Your budget still must be fully funded no matter what the MLGQ is. The meeting with our DLGF rep went well. The Budget Committee, Deb (Chair), Dustin and John were provided the suggested budget for 2025 last month, which was adopted. After the public hearing this month, we will adopt the 2025 budget during our October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. I have attached the Department of Local Government and Finance budget calendar to the agenda. The dates that mostly pertain to us are:

June 30-Maximum Levy Growth Quotient (MLGQ) is provided-4%

July 15-Receive maximum allowable budget

July 15-Receive our estimate of the miscellaneous revenue

July 18-Department Budget Workshops

July 28-Circuit Breaker estimates

August 1-Receive Net Assessed values

August 13-Board meeting:

-Approve Salary Resolution and Proposed 2025 Budget

August 16-Deadline for release of 2025 LIT estimates

**September 10-Board meeting:**

**Public Hearing on Proposed Budget**

October 1-Deadline for second 2025 LIT estimates

October 8- Board Meeting:

Adopt 2025 budget

### **Policy and By-laws-review only**

The policies/information for review this month are Internal Control, Fixed Asset and Hotspot Policies.

### **Public Awareness/Outreach**

Attached to the agenda are the Summer Reading stats for 2024.

### **Board Committees and Calendar-voting item**

You will find the Board Calendar and new Board contact information in the Board information section of the board site. I have also attached them to the agenda. Please let me know if any of your personal information needs updated. Board committees will also be assigned at this meeting. We will need a vote on the board calendar and the Director Evaluation committee.

**Library Closed:**

Main: Closed to the Public 5 pm September 16-22

Ossian: Closed to the Public September 18-19

**Director Updates**

Community Meetings/Activities attended outside the library:

Bluffton NOW! Board Meeting

Chamber Board meeting

Chamber Executive Meeting

Rotary Meetings

Wells County Foundation Board

Purdue Extension Health Advisory Board

**Meeting Updates inside the library:**

**Department Head meeting** – Fall in-service, OCLC changes, potential internet changes, NICHE trainings, Policy reviews for Internal Controls, Fixed Assets, and Hotspot Policies

**Current Projects/Big Programs/News:****-Friends of the Library Book sales**

Next Book Sales will be:

October 23-26, 2024 with Friends Only Sale on October 22nd