

Q9: What is the most important reason you would vote that way?
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1) A city this size needs a good library
7 operating days are mandatory
A 21st Century Public Library Anchors the City & is Inspirational.
A a well funded library is crucial to a city like Troy.
A City library provides a very important role in a thriving community.
A city our size needs a library with well stocked shelves and robust programs.
A city without a library is not a city; It would be embarrassing to not have the resource.
A civil city, a civil society, needs to provide access to a library for its citizens.
A community library is the hub of an educated society
A community needs a strong library!
A good library is a must... a basic service
A good library is a top-notch indicator of an educated, well-maintained community.
A good library is essential for our city
A good library is essential to a community.
A good library means I don't have to spend so much on books.
A good library supports all educated communities.
A Library is a safe place for people to expand their minds!
A library is a source of information, a way to encourage reading skills
A library is a valuable asset for all ages.
A library is crucial to a quality community.
A library is necessary for the city.
A library is vital for a vibrant community to attract residents.
A modern library is a valuable community asset.
A public library is essential to the life of a thriving & growing community
A quiet place to obtain information with help available.
A robust library adds to the community and one of the reasons Troy is a desirable place to live
A strong and active community is identified by a strong and active public library. I have always felt that if one wants to know what a community is like, check out their library.
a strong community should have a public library
A strong library is a necessity to keep a community thriving and well educated.
A strong library is an important component of a strong community
A strong library is consistent with a strong community.
A strong library is of foundational importance to a community.
A strong library makes the city a more desirable place to live.
A strong library reps take the values of the community. It's important that even as access to reading material. A library is like a bookstore with no cash registers.
A strong library system is essential to the well being of the community and is a sound investment in our future.
A strong,viable library is lifeblood of a City. It attracts and keeps residents and business thereby keeping the entire community prosperous,educated and entertained. Quality begets quality.
A thriving and up to date library is a VERY important/critical part of any town or community.
A thriving community needs a robust and modernized library. Especially one that is the city of tomorrow today.
A thriving library is essential to the health of a city and enhances property values.
a very busy valued community resource
A vibrant intelligent community demands a library.
A vibrant library is so important for a city's image.

Ability to deliver services and programs that Troy residents value
Access to a good library is important, and Troy needs one.
Access to all kinds of literature, types of media enhances a community and broadens citizen awareness of the world.
Access to information is critical for all ages; online services area luxury not everyone can afford; libraries are a staple of a community that values education and residents of all ages
Access to libraries are crucial to the community. It provides services that may not be available in a home such as computer access. It holds a wealth of diverse information and availability at times easier than using a computer. Perhaps I am old fashioned, but I prefer reading from a book. TPL is a valuable part of our community and we would be poorer for its closing.
Access to reading, writing. doing both in all available modalities are essential!
Adequately funds library without substantial increase.
Adults have everything that they need via the internet including books. Students have their school library that they can access as well.
After residing in Troy for 52 years I feel it is important to support the needs of the community. And a top notch library is necessary.
all about a great library in town!
All communities need smarter citizens. Libraries promote literacy.
All communities need their public library
All the extra tax dollars were not managed responsibly
Also to expand virtual programs and curb-side pickups in this COVID-era
Although I do not use the library often, I do think a public library is essential for the community.
Always want to use library but it is not as nice as Bloomfield.
An active library system adds to quality of life for a community and enhances reputation.
An asset to the city
Any library is the Cultural Icon of the community. I wish people should sit in library than go to the bar to get drunk.
Anything to keep our amazing library going, renovate and increase hours.
Are millage proposals ongoing options for aging building?
Are use the library all the time. When the Covid shut the library's I started using eBooks.
As a parent and a teacher, I highly value the services available at the library. It is important to a community!
As my children get older we will use the library more.
At a time when we needed the library the most it was not available. I tried connecting with staff to no avail about questions with accessing books online. What use is a library full of materials when we can't use it. Plus having people drop off materials only during the weekend then pick up materials
Attract more families to the community. Library's are a great resource!
Attracts families to the city
Available reading material is the best help to educate people.
Based on what I've learned, the operating expenses of the library far exceed the value return to the community
Because i love the library and i want it to stay open
Because it is a gathering place of sorts.
Because it is already included in my property taxes
Because libraries are as American as the flag.
Because library needs to be open and provide necessary modern technologies.
Because our library is outdated and is such an important part of the community
Believe a library is an important and necessary part of any city
Believe libraries are important to families and to seniors for social and development opportunities
believe library is an important resource. You only realize importance when it is closed

Better funding for the library provides services and attracts families to Troy.
Better library means better community and more value to our homes
Can not afford
Can't afford higher taxes
Can't imagine life without a library
Children should learn to love to read
Children with special ed needs are accepted here and the library tries to help
City of Troy's budget should cover library funding without need for special library millage.
City services like the library, our community center, and excellent schools help to make Troy a desirable community for housing and business investment
City should fund out of base funding the way they did prior to there being any library millage. Residential property values/taxes are up and it appears the tax base is larger with all the development still occurring.
Civilization is built on books.
Communities as large and successful as Troy need good libraries.
Communities NEED a good library!!
Communities should support the educational needs of the residents and Troy needs a good library to do that.
community continuity
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Community improvement
Community must have library
Community resource needed for residences.
Compared to Clinton Macomb and Bham our library is serviceable but tired. Libraries should be the core of communities
Concern about library and its impact on our community
Concern on the shift in funding over the years.
Continue outstanding services
Continuously reading keeps our minds sharp. We make it a family even daily.
Cost of the library is higher than the value provided to my family.
COVID-19
Covid-19 caused so many headache for the people and so many many lost their job. In this type of crises, the government must help its fellow residents not to add more burden on their life. Too much property taxes people pay. I just don't understand why the property tax should be increased this year when the property value has gone down more than 15% this year. It is a shame.
Cultural Jewel of our Community
Current economic situation
Current economy due to COVID 19.
Definitely support the millage - library services are very important to the community.
Depends on what services/changes would be made for continued vs increased funding
Depends on what the final proposal is. Bad timing for increase.
Desirable communities need libraries to attract younger families.
Do not want a millage increase
Do not want library to close
Do not want library to close
Do not want tax increase
Do not want to increase my taxes. Our assessments increased every year with inflation. Being a senior in the community, it's hard to keep up with additional tax increases.
Do not want to pay higher taxes. Where is the money from taxes. This screams poorly managed accountability.

Do we really need to check out books, when they are audible online? Not COVID-19 friendly.
Doesn't matter you're going to do whatever the hell you want to do. We voted it down last time multiple times until you just ass whipped us by just holding the vote over and over. Close it down
Don't want higher taxes.
Don't raise taxes
Don't use if you use pay an annual fee
Don't use, all material can be obtained online
Don't want taxes to increase
Economy is UNSTABLE. People unemployed or wages cut or not getting raises
Educated people make good choices.
Education and a safe place to do so out of school is essential
Education and Community Services are important for the societal fabric of a city. More marketing needs to be done for these services so all residents can use them, especially low income families
Education is extremely important for all. Ignorance is more expensive for all than access to education.
Education is the most powerful tool we have for our future generations
Educational importance
Enhances ability to use library
Enough with raising taxes. Reduce expenses like everybody else. With everything going on (i.e. Covid-19, and the economy, people out of work) Troy citizens cannot be asked to raise their taxes.
Equal educational opportunities for our residents leads to more prosperous city.
Especially in the job climate caused by COVID 19, the library - with its learning resources, computers and printers - is an important community resource for job seekers
Even if I don't use - know the importance of education for all ages.
Even in this electronic age, it's still nice to hold a book in my hands sometimes. Also, it's presence is an indicator of the fact that we are a community.
Every city needs a library to expand mental growth of its residents.
Every city should have a great library
Every community needs a dedicated library
every community needs a great library
Every community needs a library for all ages.
Every community needs a public library for people who don't have access to computers to use the library and a safe place to go.
Every educated community Needs a library!
Every productive asset in the city needs attention and modernization. I will go to a first class facility rather than somewhere that is kept going by bandaging a problem. Do it right the first time and you won't need to do it again for a very long time.
Every well balanced community needs a library!! Would not live in one that does not have.
Everyone in America in a city such as Troy has a right to a great Library. Being poor is not an excuse not to self-educate. Disliked smelly section of people only interested in Popular Trashy Magazines. Go Home. Be there to study/learn. Provides free internet to the poor.
Everything is online.
Expanded days open
Expanded hours/days
Expanded library days and hours
Expanding operation to 7 days with ability to make necessary repairs at lowest cost.
Family uses the library almost weekly...
Feel that it is important to have the facility open and available
Fixed income
For an increase in library hours, as well as increase and renew library collection

For increased hours and library open 7 days a wekk
For the books to borrow and read, and for community
For the educational value
For the future of community, ensure public has access to free books.
For the greater good
Gain knowledge.
Gov't needs to cut back. Unemployment is higher now than in 2009. There's no need for this libray in today's world. Close it.
Great library
Have young kids, value this community resource.
Having a library in our community is a necessity.
Having a library is foundational for any community.
Having a quality library makes Troy a more marketable place to live.
Healthy, progressive communities pass millages (ask the real estate experts)
Helped by family for several years - pay it forward!
Higher taxes
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Higher value the services of TPL
Hours and days of operation are fine. maintain status quo
House values are higher in communities with libraries.
I already pay enough City of Troy taxes. Not interested in paying for these babysitting programs for families with children.
I always want to go on friday and it's closed. Library services are incredibly valuable to the community.
I am a regular library user and strongly believe it adds value to the community.
I am a user of the library, and value its services. I think libraries are a necessary part of a functioning community
I am an ardent supporter of libraries and think that a world-class Troy Public Library would increase the value of living in Troy.
I am not 18 yet to vote
I am not sure
I am retired and love to read. I need the library for my books.
I am strongly opposed to higher taxes. Michigan property taxes are too high already.
I appreciate the services and those services benefit the entire community, so I should support with tax \$.
I believe a highly functioning library is necessary for overall education of the children as well as adults. I do not need the library to be a business center (unless self supported) or entertainment center (unless self supported).
I believe a library can be restructured within current budget by modernizing offerings
I believe a library is important for a community even if I don't personally use it very often. It supports and enhances our investment in education!
I believe a library is one of the key services a city should provide.
I believe a lip is an essential service for a city.
I believe having a library is important for a city to thrive. It provides necessary resources for residents of all ages.
I believe in libraries and feel that they are an essential part of a community, providing so many services to so many.
I believe in supporting the community. We all need to chip in to make the world a better place.
I believe in the importance of an excellent library for a communities growth.
I believe in the importance of libraries and value to the community.
I believe it is time move away from a traditional "brick & mortar" library and toward a virtual library.

I believe libraries and their services will only be MORE in demand going forward. The library is the oldest structure (1984 reno) in the area. We need lots of services to bring our community together to meet and learn from one another.
I believe libraries are a huge asset to any community from an educational standpoint and an enjoyable family friendly place.
I believe libraries are valuable asset to communities and all age groups!
I believe our library could be better/more attractive. Rochester library is awesome.
I believe that the library is adequate for the community. Provide data to change my opinion.
I believe the library is essential to every community. It provides everyone with free access to grow and learn.
I believe the library is important...but I feel we may need to start charging for services. If you use the library infrequently, no, you don't pay....but if you are there often or are a renter who doesn't pay property taxes.....a subscription fee.
I can't imagine a decent educated citizenry without a great library.
I consider libraries key community spaces.
I consider the library to be a critical community service. My children participated in virtually every available library program when they were young and other young families deserve that opportunity as well.
I do not use the library
I do not use the library
I do not want the library to close.
I don't like that the price you pay is based on house value. I am happy to pay the same amount everyone else does. Just because I have a more expensive house doesn't mean I use the library any more than anyone else. In fact I probably use it less.
I don't understand. I am in total support of keeping the same current mileage amount for the library. If that provides the same or more I am 100% in favor.
I don't use the library, and even when I did when I was younger I found the staff rude, the books damaged, and the building severely outdated. Clearly the past millage amounts have been used incorrectly, so providing more money would just be a waste to taxpayers. Also we haven't been able to use the library at all during quarantine, which should have saved the library significant amounts on heating/cooling, electricity, and staff. Yet instead of seeing the library use those saved funds for changes you're just asking for more? Especially when a very significant portion of Michigan was laid off?
I don't understand why the millage needs to increase in order to get the same level of service
I dont want higher taxes . Cut wages for staff
I don't want to pay any more taxes - should look at ways to better spend the money the city already collects.
I enjoy browsing the library more than anything!!
I feel a library is an important community resource
I feel a library is important in a community. It needs to be supported. In increases the value of homes in the city.
I feel communities need libraries
I feel that all cities need libraries, books, and knowledge are as important as the air we breathe.
I feel that having an relevant, up-to-date library that provides services to the people of this community is a priority. I am happy to support the millage.
I feel the library is doing a good job now.
I find value on what a brick and mortar library brings to a community such as Troy.
I firmly believe libraries are important and I am willing to support my belief with an increase in taxes.
I generally support our millage for school and library even though my kids are grown.
I have a child in my house
I have grandchildren in the area so we use its services.

I have greatly benefited from using the library and think that paper books are even more important in this time of increased technology. I've also discovered so many different types of books that I would not have even thought I might be interested in if I would have had to buy them from a bookstore to read them.
I have seen no information on what specifically is being asked for in a new millage. Additionally, a library millage was recently voted on, why do we need another one? Third, wasn't the millage originally asked for as a temporary measure due to the Great Recession?
I highly value the importance of this fine institution and I am willing to pay to maintain that.
I highly value the library.
I like books
I like libraries
I like to read - library saves me money on books
I like using the library resources
I love libraries!
I love our library and use it.
I love our library and use its services often, as so many others do.
I love public libraries and believe they are a rich part of America. Every community should have a strong library.
I love the library
I love the library and believe it is an invaluable asset to our community.
I love the library and believe it serves an important purpose in our community
I love the Library and feel it is an important part of our community.
I love the library and think it's great for the community
I love the Library and TPL is in desperate need of updates. A library so many services to the community that many people are not aware of.
I love the library and use it often. A library is critical to a community
I love the library for reasons too numerous to mention. I not only want it to stay open, but I want it protected for the future, as well as able to maintain a safe building and be able to continue to offer all the amenities and programs we have always been fortunate to have.
I love the library!
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I love the library.
I love the library. Can't imagine life without it. During the stay at home it was a blessing.
I love the library. It's important for development of communities so that they may continue to draw families to live in Troy
I love the library. My kids and I check out many books and DVDs.
I love the library.. I purposely have overdue fees to support the library
I love the TPL, the support it provides the TSD DESPITE being underfunded, and bc it provides a valuable service and community space to the city.
I love the Troy Library and hope it can maintain its level of excellence.
I love to read
I love to read and I appreciate having an excellent local library.
I love to read so I want a library.
I love TPL and resources it offers. I would hate for it to close.
I love TPL. It would be shameful for a first class city to not have a library.
I noticed during the time that I was using the library more often, that non Troy residents were spending a lot of time and using TPL services regularly. Why should I pay for non Troy residents when they should be using their local libraries.
I place a high value on library services not only for myself, but for the community.

I really like having the library services. My kids LOVE it. Very disappointed that they are being so ridiculously scared about COVID and remaining curbside for so long, when grocery stores have been open throughout the pandemic as well as other essential services. This is just showing the community the longer this goes on, that library services are non essential to the community, which is really too bad. I don't even currently get the library benefits I already pay with my taxes due to the poor phasing of library services during COVID. Curbside should have been when most businesses were shut. Reopening should mean reopening the physical building.
I regularly use the library and I think it's important to have access to books.
I regularly use the library.
I still appreciate libraries and believe books are invaluable for teaching toddlers to seniors.
I strongly support the library.
I support and want the library to flourish.
I support libraries and what they offer to the public. Not everyone uses it the same way all the time. It needs to be available and functional
I support the TPL for its invaluable resources, safe environment, and amazing Friends bookstore.
I take my grandson and myself often. We enjoy the time.
I think a library on our community is important.
I think it's a good idea to keep the library open for kids and adults. Plus the library needs updates.
I think keeping the library open is very important, yet at the same time I do not want higher taxes especially at this time.
I think libraries are important and while I would for any of the millages, I would be in favor of the greatest of the 3 millages for maximum improvements and accessibility
I think libraries are important social components of a progressive community.
I think libraries are needed in the community and ours needs updates and better hours.
I think six days a week is fine but would favor expenses for improvements and renovations.
I think the library is an asset to the community
I think the library is an essential service offered by the city just above police, fire dept, road maintenance and trash collection
I think the library is important
I think the library is important to the community and should have better hours than it does now.
I think the library offers great programs and services for the community. Even though my kids don't use it for everything yet, I know they'll need to use it more when they get older
I think the library is an important asset to the city and helps property value
I think we were misled a couple of years ago when the threat was made to close the library. Money was previously provided through city budget.
I thought a roughly 30% increase in mills (to 0.9 mills) was fair to keep library opened and maintained at this time.
I understand the importance of libraries.
I use
I use Library ALL THE TIME! Would be lost without it!
I use library services often.
I use many resources from the library: books, videos and online resources
I use my library a lot.
I use the library
I use the Library
I use the library
I use the library and it is important
I use the library and it is not as nice as Bloomfield.
I use the library and it's important to me.

I use the library and want it to be kept up to date
I use the library frequently and would like to see it expand to have more features like study rooms. These are common in other libraries in Oakland county.
I use the library frequently.
I use the library often.
I USE THE LIBRARY OFTEN.
I use the library on a regular basis.
I use the library regularly
I use the library regularly and it is an important asset to our community.
I use the library with my family - I would like to improve it.
I use the library.
I use the library. It allows me to research products, read and learn without having to buy a book or purchase such knowledge elsewhere. \$200-300/year is far less that such a wide range of options would cost to access anywhere else!
I use the online services of TPL and also the physical services
I use the resources of the library & it's interaction with other local librарys
I utilize library services.
I value a good, advanced, state of the art library in the city
I value access to electronic reading materials.
I value an excellent city library
I value libraries and really miss not having one now!
I value our library. I want access to books/tv/movies.
I value public libraries for the services they provide and the community connection
I value the library and its services
I value the library and the benefit it offers the city.
I value the library and used to volunteer there.
I value the library and what it offers our community.
I value the library as a resource that's there if I need it, even though I usually only go a few times a year
I value the library as a safe, educational and treading place.
I value the services that the library provides and want to see them improved
I value the services the library provides and its presence enhances they quality of my life.
I value the Troy Public Library. My kids and I use regularly.
i vote to support the library
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I want hours and days extended for the library
I want my library to reflect the entire community meaning more "state of the art" for ALL age groups-residents in Troy
I want the library open 7 days a week!
I want the library to stay open, not sure yet what yet what we would support yet
I want to see the TPL stay open
I want to support the library and feel it is important.
I will vote for the library regardless because it is an integral reason why I moved and remain in Troy!
I wonder why the library is not open now to allow patrons to browse and check out books? What is stopping this from happening? If the library leadership is opposed to opening the doors then I don't want to pay for the terrible Covid check out and drop off currently in place.
I would like a modern library open 7 days a week
I would like the library to be open all 7 days including Friday

I would like the Library to remain open and consider it a valuable city resource, but do not consider it necessary to waste money on a survey like this. City council should be able to lead and make the right decisions.
I would like to have more electronic book choices for download. The waiting time for books is also too long sometimes.
I would like to know the trend over the last 10 years of books being read and checked out. I used the digital all the time and do not physically check out a book anymore. How are people using the library? I would like the statistics on that.
I would like to see statistics on library usage to help decide.
I would like to see the library open on Friday and some renovations.
I would like to see the library thrive and would love to go more.
I would need more information
I would not support an increase in mileage but would vote to continue current mileage.
I would support continuing the current millage but not increasing it
I'd like to see the library open 7 days a week
I'm a reader, my family are readers. All towns should have active, vital libraries.
I'm on limited fixed income
I'd rather vote to exceed the basic needs in order to provide world-class programs, technology, study space, hours, etc for such a diverse, educated, and thriving community
If my taxes are significantly affected or I feel funding is wasted
If Troy is to remain an outstanding community it must have an outstanding Library.
I'm happy the way the library is now!
I'm satisfied library meets my needs. I don't use programs. Child is an adult.
Importance of community involvement in the library.
Important for our community to have a good library
Important that city has a library that meets the need of its citizens.
important to continue to maintain or improve high quality community and education
improve home values
Improved economic health with services to local entrepreneurs and businesses.
In 2011 it was to be a temporary tax. City needs to put the library back in their budget.
In a professional community such as Troy, Library is critical to education, our excellent schools, and community needs!
In short, the library is important for many reasons.
In support of keeping library
In today's world, a city is NO city without a fully functioning library and all the services it provides, especially a city like Troy - the city of tomorrow, today....it is no such thing without a library running at its best!!
Increase to taxes on library I do not use
Increased property values
Information needs to be available to all regardless of income.
internet and Kindle replace the library and are more up-to-date
It is a valuable community asset.
It is a vital service I use frequently
It is absurd that a community as large and wealthy as Troy has such an old, deteriorating library that still has to be fought for. Libraries are a public utility and should not be something left to rot or to have their right to funding questioned as thoroughly as here. We need to treat our library just like Rochester and Birmingham treat theirs. A funding increase is absolutely necessary to have a library that matches the standards and needs of the community and area.
It is important that our community has a modern library that serves our community.
It is more than important for Troy to have a library.

It my duty as a citizen
It promote literacy in our community.
It serves residents of all ages.
It's a valuable part of the Troy community
It's important for our community to have a library
It's a vital support of the community for education, business research, and entertainment.
It's important to support all city services and programs.
It's important for Troy to maintain a 1st class library.
It's important to have a library that's open every day of the week. It provides an outlet for all ages to get together and study
It's important to have a resource like a library to bring people together and have a safe space for learning, study as well as resources for many working class people who may not have the luxury of their own personal devices. It's not about what's best for the individual but for the collective community.
It's simply the right thing to do!
It's VITAL we keep our WONDERFUL library a great asset to Troy!
Keep education in the community is key and libraries are the centerpoint for this resource
Keep it at .68 mils and not increase to .9
Keep library open
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Keep library open and allows extended hours.
Keep library open valuable resource and safe place to be
Keep library viable
Keep my taxes down
Keep the library open. It's well used by our residents.
Keep TPL open
Keeping the library open
Keeps Troy as an attractive residential option for intelligent people who appropriately value community services
Kids need to have a library for education.
Knowledge is power
Libraries allow physical (and digital) resources for kids to foster growth and enrichment
Libraries and other buildings/activities keep communities thriving
Libraries and the services they provide are CRITICAL to successful communities, it's residents, and it's businesses. It's been proven over and over again around the world. Especially in the current environment, we need more educated and diverse thinking individuals and the critical public services that the library provides our community. It's all our responsibilities as citizens to support each other and the social programs that make us all a better community.
Libraries are a cornerstone in communities - we NEED the TPL
Libraries are a critical component of American life. They provide a valuable service to our community, and they are open and available to everyone.
Libraries are a critical part of any community.
Libraries are a fundamental resource to a community's well being.
Libraries are a necessity to a thriving and modern City
Libraries are a necessity.
Libraries are a tangible resource that provides community in itself in our ever increasing electronically distanced world.
Libraries are a vital part of our community. They are a grand value for the money.

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Libraries are an essential resource/amenity for any community.
Libraries are an important hub to the community
Libraries are an important part of a community.
Libraries are an important part of a healthy community.
Libraries are an important part of a well educated community
Libraries are an important part of an educated community.
Libraries are an important part of the community.
Libraries are awesome.
Libraries are backbone of community.
Libraries are community portals for knowledge, growth and connection. They are an essential community resource.
Libraries are critical to a community, especially for people who can't afford to buy books.
Libraries are crucial for a vibrant community
Libraries are essential community resources! Troy's library needs better funding.
Libraries are essential services and need to meet consumer demand through hours open, programs offered, technology and as a community space.
Libraries are essential to good citizenship and the health of a community.
Libraries are essential to un/underemployed people and their families. And who isn't underemployed in this economy? Free WiFi, air conditioning, access to newspapers, magazines, and computers. Printers and copiers. Ways to keep kids entertained for free. Safe spaces for school work, and help with paperwork and homework. Libraries are good all over and should be considered essential.
Libraries are essential!
Libraries are extremely important to a vital community.
Libraries are extremely important to the community and the TPL is a great recourse
Libraries are fundamental part of the education of the public outside of schools.
Libraries are fundamental to all residents for many reasons.
Libraries are great equalizers within a community
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Libraries are important and essential to desirable communities.
Libraries are important assets to a vibrant community.
Libraries are important assets to communities.
Libraries are important contributors to community life.
Libraries are important for all citizens in local communities.
Libraries are important for the education, health, and well-being of ALL of us in the community and is an important part of what makes us a community.
Libraries are important for today's environment
Libraries are important resources for our children. We have access to hundreds of books for them to read saving parents money. Investing in our community is worth it.
Libraries are important to a community
Libraries are important to a thriving community, to attract new residents and keep home values up.
Libraries are important to any community. It has been due for a major update for a long time. It is not a major cost relative to the financial capability of Troy.
Libraries are important to communities. Everyone should have free access to libraries that encourage learning and literacy.

Libraries are important to community
Libraries are important to fostering a healthy community
Libraries are important to have strong communities
Libraries are important to keep the population educated and entertained
Libraries are important to our communities and need our support - period. Of course, I'm a librarian at another library, so I'm biased.
Libraries are important to our community and for education purposes
Libraries are important to the communities
Libraries are important to the health of any city
Libraries are important to vibrant, intelligent communities
Libraries are important!!
Libraries are important!!!
Libraries are important, and TPL could stand some modernization.
Libraries are important. Troy has not prioritized this library.
Libraries are important. For those who don't have easily accessible online access, community members have the right to gather information often readily available for all members of the community.
Libraries are important. Without their services our community will suffer.
libraries are key infrastructure
Libraries are one of the most important things in any community.
Libraries are outdated with most items easily obtained on electronically.
Libraries are safe places for kids. A strong community must have a library.
Libraries are so important to any community, education system & quality of life.
Libraries are so important, but I need more information to know which option I would vote for. I would definitely vote for one of the increases to keep it open.
Libraries are sources of knowledge not readily available anywhere else.
Libraries are the core of a city. Entire families depend on them for educational needs, relaxation, time together or away, and the programs we have attended were phenomenal
Libraries are the cornerstone of our communities. They protect democracy, foster equity and inclusion, and provide a vital third space for everyone.
Libraries are the heart of a community.
Libraries are the soul of the city.
Libraries are valuable!!! I love my library!
Libraries are very important for communities
Libraries are very important to families and residents for access to books and media.
Libraries are vital to communities!
Libraries are vital to communities. Strong libraries=strong communities
Libraries are vital to community! It is madness that they lack funding. Personally, I want to live in a community that is well-educated and where people have access to the resources they need to be educated and enjoy their life.
Libraries are vital to the community
Libraries are vital to the community.
Libraries attract families and TLP needs to stay open.
Libraries give people opportunities to find jobs, explore and experience new ideas, education. They are cornerstones if a healthy community.
Libraries have been and should always be part of a city. Access to books and technology is what our families need and I will gladly pay a little extra for these services, regardless if I used them or not.
Libraries have economic benefits in addition to educational benefits
Libraries make communities healthier and are needed resource
Libraries offer access to materials and resources that our family does not have access to individually

Libraries promote learning and support the community. They are important for our society
Libraries provide a platform for learning.
Libraries provide critical resources and opening additional days/hours would provide greater access to those resources, particularly for school children
Libraries provide essential services to the community
Libraries provide in person/human connection for all
Libraries provide resources - education, etc. - to the community
Libraries provides common good, something we all need.
Libraries reflect the values of their communities
Libraries support literacy and public education.
libraru is necessary
Library and its services, with some modification to control costs and critically evaluate programs , is a valuable resource for the community
Library are a very important part of Troy.
Library benefits the community
Library facilitates education and enhances community
Library has to run more efficiently and should meet the changing need of residents.
Library importance
Library is a community resource and asset for both people and property.....without it we become a 2nd class city.
Library is a critical resource that is well utilized by a large percentage of the community
Library is a door way to adventure and all of us can benefit
Library is a great asset to the community and necessary for the future of this city. We need to invest in the future of our community and continue to invest in the library.
Library is a necessity to our communities continued education! For all children and adults.
Library is a valuable community resource
Library is an asset we should take care of
Library is an essential part of our Troy community
Library is an important community resource. Millage is minimal fee.
Library is an important community space and we need to protect it and invest in it
Library is an important institution for community. We need libraries.
Library is critical and focus on books not on computers and gaming
Library is critical to community image.
Library is essential
library is essential for quality life A place for all people
Library is essential to any community. Children and adult programs!
Library is essential to children and adults
Library is essential to the community
Library is fine the way it is.
Library is important
Library is important for the community
Library is important for the community.
Library is important institution!
Library is important to ALL
library is important to the community
Library is important to the community.
Library is one of the key civic institutions of a community
Library is the best amenity in Troy .
Library is the center of a city.

Library is valuable community asset and needs our support
Library is very important to me
Library is very important!
Library is vital
Library is vital service to our community
Library is vital to a good community
Library is vital to the community
Library is well run, heavily used, and last renovations were over 39 years ago.
Library meets many of the community needs.
Library needs improvement
Library needs to remain open for city. It attracts families when moving and promotes reading, which is a backbone to learning.
Library provides an important function to the community
Library provides excellent services for business, learning and customize to roll days
Library provides vital community services.
Library service is valuable to our community
Library services are essential for enhancing the Troy community.
Library services are essential to education
Library services are essential to the City of Troy!
Library services are highly valued and utilized by our community.
Library services are necessary for a community and I believe it would decrease the value of my property if the library were closed or services were reduced.
Library should be treated as a core/value in an educated community.
Library should focus of core services and not constantly increase services
Library should go back to being a regular line item in the city budget. Mileage with increasing property values leads to excess revenue and spending beyond needs. Last renovation, the computer area was outfitted with poor quality furniture.
Library should NOT be supported with special mileage. Should be part of normal city budget. Enough is enough on taxes.
Library supports community, especially the disadvantaged.
Library supports PROPERTY VALUES, Troy GREAT PLACE for families
Library usage does not warrant the cost
Library used to be covered without a dedicated millage out of the general fund.
Library was already given money last time. Reduce salaries. Open on Fridays.
Library was previously funded through City budget; it should revert to being funded in this manner
Library will keep normal hours.
Libraries are the intellectual heart of a city.
Life long user
Life would be boring without a library.
Like any business, peak times should be evaluated to reduce hours or staffing levels before any increase is considered.
Literacy and supporting our diverse community members is a vital component of Troys DNA
Literacy is an important skill to grow.
Literacy is important
Literacy is one of the most important things in the world!
Literacy is vital to a well functioning society.
Literacy is vital to Troy and the world. Our diverse community needs it.
Lockdown has hurt to many people financially asking for more money while the lockdown continues is putting an undue burden on many in the community

Love and need our library
Love having access to a great library
Love libraries :) Children are still avid library goers as adults.
Love the ability to get books from other libraries.
Love the library
Love the library
Love the library and being able to get what I want from it!
Love the library and use it frequently!
Love the library services; investment in education and libraries are indicators of a healthy and growing community
Love the library! We need it in our community.
Love to read
Maintain current millage rate
Makes Troy a better community for families with youths
Meet future needs and programs.
Millage increase is enough
Minimum to keep library open
Modernize TPL to meet the needs of residents.
Money is tight, especially since the coronavirus
more modern library
Must see how economy is
My family and I love the library. It's a great place for the kids to hang out and we use lots of the materials and services provided by the library. The money saved by not having to buy those things more than out weighs the little bit of taxes I have to pay. I would gladly pay more taxes for an even better facility.
My family loves the library. I see the modest monthly expense like I do my subscription to the newspaper or NPR. It keeps our community strong and informed. It keeps our property values high and makes Troy a great place to raise a family.
My family uses the library every week - if TPL not available a costly loss.
My house stays clutter free because I don't have to buy books
My kids check out books
My kids like renting books. We like reading from a actual book instead of online. I just wish they were open on Friday's. Close a slower day. If I was to pay monthly for the library than it should be only for troy residents. It's not fair for other to use if their not paying the same amount as us.
My rights
My son loves to study at the library!
my taxes are too high
My wife and I both use the Library facilities frequently and enjoy it!
Necessary spot for the strong community
Need a lot of updating(piecemeal) or build a new larger modern library(ideal)
Need additional information
Need expanded days of service.
Need more hours and services.
need more info
Need more info
Need more info on tax hike and exactly how millage would be used.
Need more info to support.
Need more info: expenditures, salaries...bid process.
Need more information
Need more information to make best choice.

Need more information where monies would be used
Need note info. 10/mth for 130k house value = we dont use the library enough
Need the library
Need to be open 7 days a week!
Need to know how many years will the new millage last? Also the average millage passed for over 300 public libraries in MI from 2011 to recently is about 0.75, so we need to justify why we need to go up to 1.1 millage? What are our alternatives if voters do not pass the required millage, for example, can we set millage at 0.9 but the benefits of 1.1, with the funding short provided by the city? Or other ideas?
Need to stick to lending books
Need to understand specific plan first
Need to understand value getting for the increased taxes
Needed to aid in educating our children
No additional taxes. Go virtual
no more taxes
No more taxes enough is enough
No need for the library
Not enough Troy residents utilize the library. The library gave a figure for the number of people who use the library. How many in that count are the same people? I use the library, but of everyone else I've asked, none have been to the library in the last 6 months. And these are people who are not going to take the time to answer your survey. The idea of a library is a good thing, but in reality it's mostly children and older people are the only ones that use it. Teenagers use it as a gathering spot. We have a community center for that. The internet is making libraries obsolete. Put the money towards something that more residents will use.
Not much of a cost increase
Only Circulation does a good job, all others have been disappointing.
Open 7 days
Open 7 days a week
Open 7 days a week.
Open 7 days. Typically, I think to go to the library on Friday, but it's closed.
Our family loves attending library events and checking out materials.
Our family loves the library and values all of the services it provides.
Our family loves the library and we are regular patrons who would like the library to improve even more.
Our family LOVES the library and would really like to see it open 7 days/week
Our family values this resource and we are accustomed to visiting the library weekly (before a global pandemic). Young learners in our home now use the online services. A library is vital in our community, especially in these times where some in the community need access to computers, warming/cooling centers. We have benefited from this service in our community and will support it.
Our libraries are important to each of us, regardless of age, in our community.
Our library is dangerously out of date and needs to be brought into the 21st century - or at least the 90's.
Our library is super outdated compared to other communities nearby. It is used by many residents and is a valuable resource
Our library is wonderful and is a necessary part of the Troy community.
Our library needs support to continue.
Our library provides books and services that are irreplaceable.
Our Library System is excellent and love to see it kept that way

Our property tax bill keeps increasing every year so more tax increases are not supported. We are now paying over \$6,000 per year in property taxes and we would like to see that amount reduced. The Troy Library needs to closely review annual operating expenses and search for items to reduce cost instead of passing onto Troy tax payers. With all of the virtual technology, physical building structural space should be reduced, redirect staff to building total virtual library services, and reallocate real estate to other city offices or sell property. Budgets should be totally directed to build a State of Michigan virtual library service for all Michigan residents. The municipalities really need to make use of technology to its fullest to help reduce taxes on Michigan tax payers. Please redirect funds to repair roads especially Rochester Rd. from Barclay to South Blvd. It is a disaster considering this is an affluent community.
Our wonderful library must remain a backbone in our community structure.
PAPER BOOKS AND STORAGE OF THOSE BOOKS IS PASSE. A VIRTUAL LIBRARY IS MORE ECONOMICAL AND MORE ACCESSIBLE
Pleased with current services.
Poor economy so many people have lost jobs due to COVID
Poor stewardship of existing funds
Prefer Online / Virtual. TPL needs to self sufficient and not depend on our Mills
Pride in your library translates to pride in your community.
Prior to 2011, revenue for library taken from general funds - all additional millages were temporary
Prior to the millage, the library was funded from the general fund - what happened to that? The argument makes it sound like the additional millage is the only alternative - taxes weren't reduced when the millage passed.
professional meeting place that is not Starbucks or Community Center
Property value
Property values in community without a public library go down.
Protect home values in Troy by maintaining city services like the library
Public education services such as the library are indispensable resources for the community. They are worth the tax dollars.
Public libraries are a critical service to improve access to information
Public Libraries are an outdated public entity. Any community benefits should be consolidated with other city functions like school, civic center and others. Absolutely will reject millage increases
Public libraries are crucial to the national intelligence.
Public libraries are fundamental to maintaining a thriving community
Public Library is necessary for a healthy community
Public programs matter. I would be interested in statistics over who uses the library, what days have most use, etc.
Questionable governance of the library--not community spirited nor wise.
Reading is fundamental.
Reading is one of the most important activities any person should do.
Reasonable increase of millage over present.
Reopening After COVID has taken way too long and is the measures are excessive. I'm not sure I have confidence that the library will return to a usable option for me
Research more efficient on-line/pleasure reading on Kindle
Right now the economy is in a bad place so its hard to offer up money
Right thing to do.
Same mileage amount has less impact in this environment
See # 7
See answer #7; also money is there just needs to be re-prioritized
See answers to #6
Seven day library is unnecessary.

Should be part of our city taxes not in addition to, especially when we had a surplus.
Small amount to pay for such an important community resource
Smart communities have and use libraries. Libraries and schools maintain my home's value.
So I still have TPL to use.
So many services are offered that are essential in a city of our size.
Strong communities need a good library
strong communities need a robust library
Strong libraries make strong communities
Strong library attracts community of lifelong learners!
Strong library equals strong community!
Strong library supports strong community education and outreach.
Strongly support open 7 days per week
Support current and oppose additional. I see other library in the area say for example Royal oak providing more services than Troy. I can say that I have used ROPL services more than Troy. TPL did not support many for virtual programs during quarantine time. Whenever I tried to register for a program it was too late. I don't think this library is providing services for current millage.
Supports optimal functioning of the library
Survival of Library
Taxes are high enough. Also since school were closed this year there should be a funding windfall, city \$s, which should be reallocated. May take a special session to decide what to do with funds.
Taxes in Troy are high enough to fund the library without an extra millage.
Taxes too high
Taxes, also info is online.
Taxes/ Millage keeps increasing, our wages are not able to catch up
That the library continues to keep asking for more money; need to stay within budgeted amount. We don't need to renovate at this time if it means more taxes.
The aging library building is antiquated and needs to be replaced completely with a new, modern one that is designed for today's tech-savvy users. The Troy community needs to stop penny-pinching and provide significantly more funds so that facilities can be meaningfully improved, staff wages significantly increased, and hours expanded. Only the 1.1 millage proposal meets these needs. Closure would be an absolute tragedy, and the other lower cost millage proposals are inadequate because they don't raise enough revenue to make the TPL the award-winning gem of a library it was before the Great Recession of 2008. Frankly, even the 1.1 millage proposal is inadequate because it doesn't raise enough money, but it is the best of the bunch by far.
The benefits from using the TPL far out weigh the cost.
The better services and learning opportunities a community provides the more it is set for success.
The better the library, the better the community.
The citizens of Troy need an excellent public library.
The city needs a library.
The city needs a library. Retired living on a fixed income.
The city of Troy is a top notch community. We should have a library that is top notch, as well!
The city of Troy is a wonderful town to live in with excellent schools. The public library is an important part of this community.
The city said the millage was needed because of the recession but when the economy improved they refused to start funding it again.
The current millage was sold to residents fraudulently.
The head of the library is paid too much. The library is a club for some residents.
The level of education of Troy residents is high and they use the library!!

The libraries in the area are the greatest resources for free entertainment. I don't understand why everybody does not use them.
The library (TPL) is the place that fostered my daughter's love for reading.
The library and schools are the foundation of our community
The library can be an important community resource for adults and especially students and schools.
The library desperately needs an update and MAKER SPACE!
the library gives us shelter & computer services in the worst of times; it sustains us mentally in the best of times
The library helps people improve their lives, and it spreads knowledge to all. Really, it's a tool of justice. As the saying goes, "Shut not thy heart, nor thy library."
The library is a center for free lifelong learning and entertainment for everyone. It holds value as a community resource that we cannot afford to lose.
the library is a community asset and should be supported
The library is a cornerstone for the community and it used a lot.
The Library is a critical resource for Troy. Having a great Library enhances our property values
The Library is a crucial and necessary part of our community.
The library is a fundamental part of a community.
The library is a gift to the community and it's people.
The library is a great place which has been a community asset for many years. If we could improve it I'd support
The library is a hub, one we otherwise lack in Troy. But mostly I LOVE to read.
The library is a key part of my life, that makes life worth living.
The library is a most valuable resource providing many functions and available to all our citizens
The library is a necessary resource for our community.
The Library is a socio-economic equalizer, a quality of life enhancer, and the single best way for our residents to experience and contribute to CULTURE
The library is a valuable community resource. I would vote to keep it open or even expand some services. I would hesitate on the biggest increase because I feel the library is poorly run. It should feel like things are designed to be convenient for library staff and not the public. Patrons are treated as if they are the only ones who make mistakes and that the staff are infallible. It's not the community center focus that a library should have.
The library is a valuable resource.
The library is a very important resource for everyone
The library is a vital part of the community.
The library is a vital resource for our community
The library is a vital resource for the community, especially students and children.
The library is a vital service in the community.
The library is absolutely essential for education, culture, and networking in the city.
The library is an essential service
The Library is an essential service for a city of our size.
The library is an important and valuable community resource
The library is an important community resource and is in need of an update.
The library is an important part of our community. I want it to be so in the future
The library is an important part of the community
The library is an important part of the community and should be protected
The library is an important part of Troy life.
The library is an important place we visit weekly.
The library is an important resource for our community

The library is an important service to residents. We would be the only city in the area without a library if this was not passed which would result in decrease home values.
The library is critical to our family. We use it every week. It supports learning and leisure for us. The price of the mill is so minor compared to what we get it off it. I also think it's critical to provide resources to those who cannot afford it. I think TPL does an admirable job of this and I want to see it continue.
The library is essential for the health, growth and support of any community.
The library is important and services a lot of residents and promotes inclusion of diverse groups within Troy.
The library is important for our community and provides many valuable services.
The library is important to me. We check out a lot of items every year.
The library is important to our community. Helps with property values.
The library is important to our family and the community. It needs updating.
the library is important to residents. plus we need to move with the changing times and what everyone needs .
The library is important to the community
The library is important to the community and promotes literacy.
The library is important to the community on many levels.
The library is integral to a healthy, educated community
The library is necessary, but needs have changed.
The library is one of the most valuable resources our community has
The library is one of the only community spaces we have it and we need to invest in building a stronger community in Troy.
The library is one of Troy's true gems and needs to be open 7 days a week with appropriate updates to best serve our community.
The library is only open size days a week and I pay the mileage. If they want more funding open the library on Friday.
The library is so important to people and community and don't understand why residents would not vote for at least minimum needed.
The library is the bedrock of our community and brings our diverse residents together!
The library is the most important service in any community
The library is very important for the city and we use it a lot!
The library is very important to the Troy community.
The library is very important.
The library is very popular with the community. It is in critical need of updates. "Basic maintenance is no longer enough.
The library provides "free" resources and programs.
The Library provides a very useful service
The Library provides access to services that many people need (some who can't afford to buy computers or have access to Wi-Fi)
The library provides critical services to all members of the community and provides pathways for academic and social equity.
The library provides important services and is an asset to the city.
the library provides important services. the structure is out of date and should be updated to be a better gem of the community. it could be larger and should be open 7 days/wk and more hours to serve all residents. It could be several stories high and have more meeting rooms. have a floor for kids activities, floor with meeting rooms, adult floor and main floor for checking out materials and computer room.
The library provides relavent services to the entire community.
The library should be kept open
The library supports our community education

The library was a huge part of my childhood, and remains so for my younger sister. My entire family checks out books, movies and ebooks on a regular basis. We love the library!
The library was a pinnacle part of my growth into adulthood. I was lucky enough to use the Ann Arbor system, and seeing how tiny TPL is in comparison is depressing. The community deserves a space like TPL to be at the forefront of bringing us together.
The library was funded out of our city taxes before the recession in 2011. The economy has rebounded and the need for this additional tax is no longer needed.
The main reason I would vote this way is that the library is such a fantastic place to be in. The materials and services they offer are incredible. TPL is a perfect example of what a great library can do for the community.
The more money we give for the library, the more money you divert and waste.
The pandemic has resulted in a wage decrease for me
The TPL is a critical part of the community. I would not want to live in a community without a library. It is well utilized and offers outstanding services.
The TPL is a valuable resource for our city. I am an avid reader (books), have borrowed movies, and have attended several programs throughout the years. My daughter studies there - both with classmates and her tutor. We both like to shop at the Friends' used book store.
The TPL is an asset and essential service to Troy.
The TPL is an invaluable resource
The TPL is one of the most valuable resources in Troy!!!!!!!!!!!!
The Troy Library is a vital community asset and we should support it.
The troy library is horrible and needs help!
The Troy Library is important to the community but will become obsolete if updates are not made.
The Troy Library is much more than a place to get books. It provides many services that you can even access from home— to mention a few online books and audiobooks, magazines on line, language learning Mango and a lot more
the troy public library is a place of resources and community in troy for people who cannot get that elsewhere, and it is important to keep it thriving
The Troy Public Library provides excellent services to the community.
The value of a library is invaluable .
the village should go away and the library budget should be rolled back into the Troy general budget as it was before.
There are no good arguments against the millage
There is a need for a Library, and while our is great as is, it's not the best in the area.
There is plenty of money in the city budget to support a 7 day a week Library without raising taxes.
There was NO mileage or extra tax prior to 2007-08. Now the economy has improved, taxes have risen yet the add on tax continues. NOT as promised... poor mgt/expectations (just like the DIA tax)
They promote liberal views.
This is a place for adults/children can meet, study and learn
This is already part of city budget and taxes live within your means
Time to close it
Tired of more and more taxes. I'm living on SS and small saving acct.
To attract families to Troy.
To be a complete community, Troy needs a fully functioning library.
To be sure money is spent wisely.
to ensure the library stays open
To help improve the community
To help Troy keep attracting young families who want to live in Troy because of its safety, good schools and community services including a great library
to hire more full time library staff . Their turnover seems horrible.

To improve the facilities and programming to match surrounding communities.
To improve the facility and keep it running at the level it is
To keep library open.
To keep the library as the asset it is to the City
to keep the library open
To keep the library open
To keep the library open and healthy! Love it!
To keep the library open and to help the library to get its needed renovations
To keep the library open for the kids.
To keep the library open. I would like that TPL assures good ventilation so Covid does not spread.
To maintain and improve library services
To maintain library operations and expand hours/days of operation.
to maintain the best possible level of city services for our community
To maintain the library
To maintain the operation of the library.
To open the library on Friday and expand hours
to support the library
too many taxes already
TPL delivers services important to the community.
TPL got the millage in 2011-then you cut a day from opening. A city w/ the size & clientele of Troy needs to be open 7 days. CUT your SPENDING!
TPL has moved the materials I want in ways that make them difficult to access.
TPL is a crucial part of the city and what makes Troy great
TPL is a great asset for all ages in the community.
TPL is a valuable asset.
TPL is an important community fixture whose services I enjoy and would like more of.
TPL is an important part of our community.
TPL is critical to all ages, communities in Troy.
TPL is important.
TPL is very outdated compared to the residents that live in Troy. It is an embarrassment and has the same poor service as the Troy Post Office.
TPL is well funded. More employees seen behind desks not assisting any customers.
TPL rocks!
TPL staff provide many critical services to Troy. Access to knowledge is vital to grow.
Troy cannot attract new residents without a vibrant library
Troy Community values the Troy Library
Troy doesn't need to match or out do others.
Troy has an excellent library, despite the dilapidated building. Fund the library to make it what it should be - for both the patrons and the employees! Patrons can't see employee areas, but they are in dire need of improvement in every way. Also better bathrooms, HVAC, patron furniture is beyond worn out. TPL needs your support!
Troy has one of the best libraries in the area, used by many people in surrounding communities. My taxes should benefit Troy.
Troy library is a jewel that must be protected.
Troy library is an essential asset for our community.
Troy library is an important part of the community and the city.
Troy Library is heavily used, the community depends upon reliable service
Troy needs a better library
Troy needs a library

Troy needs a library, but I don't want higher taxes
Troy needs a public library, always.
Troy needs its Library's key services now more than ever
Troy public library is very important to many troy residents it is a resource troy needs
Troy taxes a third higher than they should be
Troy taxes are too high, too much indiscriminate spending
Troy taxes are very high, need to see info specific with costs
Troy would become a much less desirable place to live if there was no library.
Troy's library is the community's biggest asset. It brings everyone in the community and beyond together for learning and enlightening and entertaining experiences.
Troy's library millage is lower than most other communities. Even a modest increase allows for a top tier library, as should be the case in Troy
undecided at this time
Unemployed and money is tight
Unknown financial needs with COVID pandemic
Unsure
Updates would allow us to go more often with young children.
Use existing budget to develop library and its programs
Use library often
Use library once or twice a week! Great library!
Use library very frequently
use library year round to check out 20 plus books. Hold system is excellent
Use the library weekly. Music events are great.
Use what is already allotted better managed.
Used frequently
Valuable community resource. I may not take advantage of it, but I know many residents do.
value education and safe options for places where kids can spend time
Value of library to the community.
Value the library
Value the role of the library to the community.
Value to the city of Troy
Vast numbers of people patronize the library from every age group, ethnic background, educational level and economic status.
Vibrant communities need a vibrant library to support the educational and entertainment needs of residents
vote to keep the library, improvements nice, hours fine the way they are
Want the library open 7 days a week
Want to keep library open and renovated
Want to keep TPL open
Want to live in a prestigious community that helps itself
Want to see financial impact on homeowners so need to see total cost of project, especially if we need to build a new library.
Want to support our library!
We are a large and diverse city which have a comparable library to Novi, MI.
We believe in investing in our community and increasing learning resources for all.
We do not need anything more at the library
We do not use it that much anymore.
We don't fund our library the way other communities do, and we should.
We frequently use the library. The library needs expanding, it feels too w
We have had a giant wage cut during this pandemic!

We have pay too high tax
We like borrowing books - e-books. Dues need to be updated.
We love our library! It is an important part of our community
We love the library and it is a minimal amount of money for the services that the library provides
We love the library and it is an important asset to the Troy community!
We love the library and use it all the time. We would get so much more out of it if it were updated, like the Canton library, and was open 7 days
We love the library and use it often
We love the library and value the services they provide.
We love the library! We don't feel that 7 day access is necessary but DO feel modernization and maintenance is important.
We love the library. It is a wonderful community service.
We love to read and appreciate our beautiful library, the services it provides to Troy, and the great staff.
We must have a library
We need to establish and maintain a strong library facility in Troy
We need a good library
We need a hood library!
We need a literate society.
we need libraries
We need our library to remain accessible and relevant for the community.
We need our library!
We need public libraries!
We need relatively free access to information .
We need to keep TPL the best in Oakland County as it is important for our property value.
We need well informed citizens present and future
We pay more than enough taxes and expenses at Troy City, so we can't have additional ones!
We should have a larger, better library than Waverly, Iowa - Population around 10,000, Rural people value libraries more than supposedly sophisticated Troy.
We use it a lot.
We use the library
We use the library (did, pre-COVID) a lot and plan to more in future
We use the library a lot.
We use the library a lot. I wish we could use it more.
We use the library all the time.
We use the library on a somewhat regular basis and feel that it is important for a city to have a library.
We use the library regularly and appreciate it greatly. We love that we can use MelCat as well to request materials TPL might not have.
We use the library!
We used the library frequently when our kids were school age. We want every family to keep enjoying their local library.
We value the services a library provides and would like to have them increased.
We voted for an increase previously and were told the library would be open 7 days a week, then we were told that there wasn't enough money and the library will not be open 7 days a week. I think the City of Troy hangs the library out like a carrot for more money and then doesn't follow through on its promise to utilize the money for the library. And what happened to all the money that the library had when it was shut down years ago? Did the City of Troy restore the money to the library when the library reopened?
We want TROY to continue to be the AWESOME city that it is.
We were forced into a library.
We would like you have a little auditorium With piano.

We've been through this. Just keep it as is or close it
Weak economy/didn't need this tax to begin with!
We're retired, never had children but we still have supported schools via taxes.
We've enjoyed the library's services for 50+ years. Yea for the library!!
What do I use it for now it is still important to the community and the education of our children
What is being done to raise funds independently of taxes? Independent financial support needs to be explored.
What is huge balance in Troy Foundation used for?
What is the most important reason you would vote that way?
What kind of an educated city doesn't need and deserve a library for residents and their children!
what millages above - none listed. Being a senior i can't afford higher taxes and don't use the library
What's a city without a good library for families .
While I do not personally utilize TPL, it is essential to the vitality of our community.
While I do use the library and find value in it by itself, I do not believe we should force everyone in the city to pay. I would be willing to pay a private subscription fee that would also subsidize lower income families.
Why do students study after school in library?Not in school?
Willing to pay a lot more to increase to 7 days and open earlier. We are a strong community with excellent schools, and the enhanced hours would help support the schools and other community events.
with covid-19 alot of us aren't working; i'm a senior can't afford the tax increase
With sufficient funding, the library can modernize and provide essential opportunities for children (and people in general).
With the availability of information online, libraries are becoming obsolete.
With the current restrictions more programs and 7 days would not be utilized enough to justify the cost
Without a library the City of Troy would have a hole in its heart.
Without good libraries communities stagnate and eventually die.
would be best for all the people in Troy
Would depend on how high the taxes were raised.
Would like library open 7 days week.
Would like the library open 7 days
Would like to see options to reduce millage and still keep library open
Would like to see where money being spent and how before raising taxes.
Would support renewal not increase
Yep
You only gave one option above
Young and old people need a place to go
Your strategy to hold the library hostage unless we give you more money is apparrent to any intelligent resident/voter. You have done this in the past, and we will have to organize the citezens to prevent this in the future. You can figure out how to operate the library with high level of service to residents without additional millage. Or we will have to find someone else who can get that job done.

Q10: Share comments to guide City leaders as they consider library improvements and funding.
#7 irritates me. I believe we could do better with city funds. Does it need to be completely funded by library fund?
1st priority - building maintenance 2nd - services most in demand
6 days is plenty. Reduce it to five days. Internet access is making libraries obsolete.
A first class city should have a first class library
a good library adds value to the city
A good library attracts business as well as real estate
A great city like Troy with great schools needs a great library.
A great library supports the underlying value of the community and property values.
A HUGE thing I would support is a smarter parking to entrance. Patrons mostly have to park a mile away. So far to walk, especially with little ones.
A library is a landmark as important as any development or tower to our city. It is a gathering space (when that will again be possible) and a mark of who we are, and how we welcome all people to come and improve their lives. With proper investment, the TPL staff can also extend that knowledge even deeper in the community with their increasing virtual programs.
A library is an invaluable community resource. I hope our city leaders always view it as such and work to protect it.
A library is part of basic community services and should be funded via the general budget, especially with the wealth and growth of Troy.
A library service is necessary for the community, but taxes in Troy have risen and DTE utility costs are out of control
A library that provides both a physical space for the community to gather for knowledge, business, and entertainment is very important to community health, especially if digital access and programs are abundant and of quality to support, and on occasion substitute for, in-person services.
a lot of my favorite staff have left for full time positions, elsewhere.
A modern library is a vital community service.
A physical library is very costly to maintain due to current pandemic. Consider transforming into a library online to be safe and economical..
A respected public library is the hallmark of an educated & prospering city
A strong library program is critical to our city and schools.
A successful community is one that has access to all educational needs. Support the troy public library.
A thriving city should help to provide a place to supplement a variety of learning opportunities for its citizens. The TPL has been doing a very good job, but with more support, it could be providing more services and I help to increase community awareness and support programs beneficial to the entire community. Kudos to all the staff of TPL for their dedication.
A vibrant library is an inspirational oasis.
A well managed library is important to a community
A well run Public Library is the foundation of any city that wants to improve the mental health and education of its residents.
Additional millage is not favored. Use existing tax collections to improve library services.
Advertise. Additional coffee/beverage/food selection
Again the city should look to consolidate services with other city services like school, civic center and others. Why should the library have technology classes when the school can offer them with after school programs. Let us prioritize tax payer dollars instead of asking for more money for duplicative programs
All children and adults who want to learn should have a safe place to do so
All members of a household can find something to enjoy at the TPL
All the best during this Pandemic.

Allow the library to operate virtually and provide curb side pick-up of books and materials like a restaurant would for food.
Along with fine schools a library makes a town a desirable place to live and work.
Although not all residents use the library many do. Libraries are an important part of communities as parks and services.
Angry that you closed the library and held it hostage for higher taxes. Troy has never been too poor to support a library before, and with all the expensive homes paying high taxes, there is NO reason Troy cannot operate a library with the funding it receives. Those 2 drop boxes were NOT worth the money you paid, NO reason patrons could not return books as before. Millions of dollars for carpeting? Throwing out books that tell the truth about Islam and its history of terrorism? Next you will be throwing out books about Christopher Columbus and George Washington. And why is the Troy Library now apologizing for contributing to racism? What exactly does that mean???
Anticipate many families leaving public school for homeschool. The library will be an important resource to many families!
Any and all improvements allows people to improve/educate themselves which is what this world needs.
Any desirable city has a strong sense of community and requires a modern library to facilitate community gatherings and emphasize the support of a strong education and school system.
Any effort in the US that reduces the number of dumb people is good.
Any good community has and needs a library.
Apart from Circulation, I've found most Troy library employees complacent.
As a senior citizen I use online services - building is unimportant
As in any institution, the goal is to allow different people to do different activities the city provides. This is a place for people to relax and is a learning institution.
As more libraries are going digital, perhaps more access to library resources through digital means for those who do not need to physically access the library.
As taxable value increases - so does library funding increase. Enough.
As was proven during the initial response to Covid-19 pandemic, not everyone had access to WiFi or other electronic technology. Even though it gets more challenging to ensure the resident's safety, I hope we don't simply throw our hands up in the air in defeat.
At a minimum we must keep the library open!
at least keep what we currently have
At most do a renewal of current funding
Be detailed. Be transparent. Keep residents updated.
Be frugal not excessive.
Be mindful of the cost to tax payers
Be sure to show the huge numbers of people who use the library and the various reasons they do.
Be very transparent
Become part of the library network so more people can use full service of library
Before asking for additional funding, the city needs to share a clearly articulated vision of what the library could become with a better level of support. You need to make sure residents who currently don't use the library very much can imagine a facility they will use in the future.
Better communications and promotions for the Library
Beware of low bids! Attempt to support local companies!
Build an entire new library or expand existing library
Can we keep the library open 6 days but use the millage to provide critical maintenance and renovate where vulnerable.
Career finding assistance for high school students going to college and IB enrichments at TPL would be a great addition
Carpet has been renewed. Facility is fine!

Charge the people who use it and see what happens
Check out Blmfld Twp library (I'm sure you already have) for updating space/adding on space.
City government has turned into a a bunch of lying liberals who only want to raise taxes in order to advance themselves and their priorities. I am not in favor of their actions.
City leader must me honest and truthful to fellow Troy resident not just thinking for their own pockets .
City leaders, "Please explain why the library cannot be fully funded with Troy's current tax revenue?" It seems incomprehensible a very wealthy city like Troy would be begging for more money from residents to fund such an important city function like the library?"
City needs to get library information out to Community already overburdened with virus, economy & getting kids back to schools
City should be funding more from general funds
City Taxes too high, cannot afford
Close it and put it on line, it's 2020
Close it down
close it. internet learn how to use it.
Close or what we have today is sufficient
Closing libraries can have an enormously poor impact on the community.
community enrichment
Community needs
Compare cost of repairs vs new build and how each will impact homeowners.
Compare our libraries physical assets to those of a Rochester and Bloomfield Hills; we are definitely behind.
Compared to many of the surrounding communities, our Library is very dated and feels too small for the amount of activity at that building. Please consider new facilities.
Comparison with surrounding community libraries
Consider best use of public funds - ex. How much did this survey cost?
Consider more online options or reduce hours to maintain budget.
Consider the future of your children, not mine but yours.
Continuation of library services is essential to attracting business and new residents to Troy.
Continue supporting the library
Continue to improve the online services.
Continue with the six days per week hours of operation
Critical part of the quality of life in Troy!
Curbside was a good idea because I read a lot and instead of in person
Current funding continue - NO increase (i.e.. 0.6805 mills). Support current millage of 0.6805 mills.
Current library should be open 7 days per week and be upgraded (new building). Libraries make communities healthier and preserve truth. They also boost the economy providing areas for individuals to look for jobs on line,etc.
Cut salaries. Open on Fridays. Don't raise my taxes!
Develop a drive thru to minimize covid exposure. If not during a pandemic - libraries are wonderful places.
Diversify programming hours for childrens events, some households have working parents who'd still love to come to programs but the library (and community center, nature center) events for kids are often weekday mornings. Later afternoon, early evening, weekend option s for working families!!
Do as much as possible to support the library through current available funds.
Do away with dedicated millage
Do it!
Do look for things to improve (make fancier) . Keep the library and staff available as much as possible.
Do not allow Troy to become a second rate city.
Do not cut support or budget for TPL. It is essential to the city.
Do not raise funding

Do not raise taxes
Do not think the library is a luxury or an option - it is vital to a community. It provides all types of educational materials from the youngest Troy resident to its eldest. It can become the core of the city of Troy because of the services it provides.
Do the right thing, the library is a great investment
Do whatever it takes to keep and improve our library.
Do what's best for the city. Look at the budget, understand what aspects of the library are overutilized and those that are underutilized. Put more money towards parts of the library and critical and advertise parts of the library that may not be well communicated to the public. Tax increases are tough compromises but the key is to think long term and collectively. Most important is ensuring that the millage increase will show tangible results and not just be extra money that went nowhere.
Do zero based budgeting and align with economic trends. Tighten the belt and don't fatten government.
Don't even think about floating a Library Millage that's over 1 mil !
Don't make it political, needs of community first!
Don't try to do too much but do enough to keep library current with the times. Be transparent with the voters. Ask for user input to make sure improvements will get used and what voters want.
Don't be afraid of the nay-sayers. This community loves its library, and a better building is useful for more than just reading
Don't ever close the library it is a city treasure.
don't lie about finances; money was found 1 week after first millage; stop the fear mongering about the library, do your job, provide services and cut taxes
Don't lie to the Troy residents (like you did for the last millage).
Don't waste money on unnecessary renovations.
During this pandemic, two things that I have missed the most are kickboxing and the Troy Public Library. Access to unlimited books is a treasure.
Easy access to Books read on line (in a car) as newer cars do not have CD players.
Economic instability, unemployed, wages are cut and raises are not being given
Economic times will have to be considered
Educate citizens on current state of library and why we need changes.
Education on value and purpose of the library will be key
Enhance the book collection and have hard to find books which are of value. Not focus on computer use, gaming, or other not literacy. Provide reading services to dyslexic people via Barton reading method to really help the town.
Enjoy the Friends of the Library books and speakers.
Ensure that TPL library is as nice or better than surrounding communities.
Ensure the feasibility study is conforming with the budget
Even if it means the library is limiting its hours, the library should be open 7 days a week.
Even if you don't use the library, the fact that Troy has a good library helps your property value.
Every 3-4 years you ask for new millages
Every bit of info on the shelves of the library is available on the internet
Everyone can benefit by more knowledge to be found at the library.
fancy doesn't mean better
Feel like you've taken advantage of taxpayer money- can recapped but not be open on Friday for the students that need it. Also very few employees ever get full time! Time to relook at the leadership and real reasons for this!
Fix the roads
Focus more on the needs of the community and people who use the library instead of making things easier for staff. Also encourage the staff to smile and seem friendlier. My kids are nervous to ask for help but have no problem asking staff at other libraries

Focus on families, not so much on having computers & WiFi
Focus on virtual services. Reduce overall space or redesign to offer business room rental at nominal prices. Reduce programs and costs.
For many, the library is a hub of the community.
For six day operation move the closed date from Friday to Monday. Reconfigure the parking lot for angled parking with one way aisles. Thanks!
Free access to information is a cornerstone of a community and democracy.
Fund the asset or it will become a liability
FUND THE LIBRARY! WTF IS WRONG WITH YOU! FUND THE LIBRARY!!!
Fund the library! If Troy wants to stay a leader in education the library must be fully funded.
Fund the library; or use some rainy day funds and build a new one! Also, handicap parking needs re-evaluation. Parking is used either by folks who say "I'll just be a minute..." or is blocked by people picking up or dropping off library patrons. Thank you.
Fund then library, either by a dedicated millage or from the city's operating budget!
Funding increases should focus on providing greater access (days/hours) and on maintaining infrastructure as opposed to significant modifications/improvements to the building
Get out of the current group of reciprocal libraries--sell a NEW plan not weak redo.
Get rid of the DIA tax and I would support put that money to TPL, but not in addition to.
Get that road work out of the way
Give them the support to continue and expand the great service they provide.
Given the availability of online information, I would see the library as a place to check out and return rather than spend hours within it. We seem to be surviving during this Covid Situation. Maybe even have a modest fee for special programs and services to offset the costs for pay as you go programs
Good schools and community services promote prosperity/higher property values.
Great libraries can create great future citizens.
Great library helps community and strengthens it and increases valuations - always.
Great resources for students . Improves desire to read and educate oneself.Also great benefits for all ages with the wonderful programes
Have more activity for adults.
Having a city library is something that most residents look for in selecting a city in which they want to live.
Highlight how library is our city center. Even in virtual times it's where we connect, learn and grow
Hold off on improvements & extending time open. Everyone has been affected by business closures - government needs to watch their spending too
Honestly I don't think TPL is providing services like other neighborhood library such as TPL. We are attending several virtual programs, book clubs, art crafts through ROPL. They are not even open on Fridays, the days that i am off from work to go to library. I slowly started to drive longer to Royal oak and love it. So it's sad to say as a Troy resident I like Royal oak library more than my own. Thanks for listening.
Honestly we don't spend any time there. To us it is more important to have access to the materials or picking them up. Open up on Fridays.
Housing values are now recovered
How about a proposal of 6 day operation with service/ building improvements
How about a starbucks at the library
How we take care of our community reflects our priorities. Supporting the library is a wise investment in opportunities for all members of our community.
https://youtu.be/nw3zNNO5gX0
I am done with the library being open 6 days. I would like to see some technology updates and renovations done to modernize the library. We enjoy utilizing the library and the programs offered for children and families.

I am grateful for our library and the stellar staff and services. I would love to see building updates and improvements, more open hours
I am looking forward to using the library more in the near future as I retire
I am on a fixed income an have to be very, very carefully about what I use it for & higher taxes is a no no!!
I am very disgusted w/ library's insensitivity to our desires. Open the library NOW!
I appreciate very much the fact taht I can borrow books and movies on line in a cost-effective manner. Thank you Troy Library staff!
I believe in improving the library will be beneficial to Troy residents.
I believe my number one priority is getting to library open 7 days a week again. It is sad that a destination city like Troy has not provided the funds to do so. I am more than willing to pay additional taxes for this purpose. I also believe that our library should be maintained properly and updated/renovated.
I believe that our library is one of the best parts of our community. It provides so many necessary functions and is one of the best things about being a Troy resident. It would only help to give our library the renovations that it needs and deserves to keep serving the community.
I can live with the current millage, but additional millage or even support needs to be looked to for outside independent fundraising.
I can't help but compare our library to others in the area. TPL does an incredible job with what they have to work with. I have learned so much from the friendly staff, expert presenters and fellow patrons, it could only be enhanced with a generous bump in the millage. I am a proud Friend of TPL but I am also an employee at RHPL. Troy has the talent we just need the money.
I consider TPL as an important part of Troy as it services the youth and adults alike in expanding literacy, education and knowledge that help communities thrive internally and in the broader world environment.
I consider TPL one of Troy's best assets!
I didn't see anything on this survey asking about digitally offering. As well as providing books in a way to vulnerable populations that aren't comfortable coming in.
I do not believe the management of the library is the best it could be. I don't believe the director is capable of managing a library of that size. We should be able to restore the library to pre-recession operation levels now that more tax money is coming in.. Others manage to do it, but perhaps they have smarter directors. Still, I support the library as an important community resource, and I'm willing to pay for it.
I do not think it's necessary to be open 7 days a week. I am fine with the library open 6 days/week but wish the closed day was NOT Friday. Choose a Tuesday or Wednesday to be the closed day.
I do not think that you hit the nail on the head as to why people should vote for the mileage. No one does anything unless there is something in it for them. None of your ideas are really WOW ideas that draw people to your battle cry. Create a future of possibilities around the library, not the this same old past based messaging.
I don't use the aquatic center or library, but the provide value to the community and I am willing to pay my fair share to keep them open.
I drive 20 minutes to the Bloomfield Township library to study. The facilities are far nicer than Troy's library, has many more study areas and, crucially, electrical outlets.
I favor temporary closure till the Covid-19 is over
I feel 6 days/week is fine, but I would like the library to not be vulnerable when next millage expires.
I feel that the operating expenses of the library far exceed the value return to the overall community. Perhaps a pay to use annual fee to offset this to the tax payer who doesn't use the library often or ever should be considered. I DO NOT support higher taxes. Troy has become a very expensive community to live in, and as a long time older resident, I am considering moving to find a less expensive place to live. Thank you for considering this in your decision.
I feel the library is important but many services are now available elsewhere online. It probably needs to adjust to the changes in our technology and culture.

I fought for the library millage a decade ago and found the Szerlag Administration a dishonest abomination. The city manager used the library as a bargaining chip in its larger plan to recoup revenue losses due to the precipitous decline in real estate values. The library is the LAST thing that should go in a budget crunch, and the last thing that should suffer reduced funding in the present day..
I found the estimated difference in monthly spending per household helpful in considering the differences between millage options
I fully support all of the millages options presented (especially the most comprehensive one)
I grew up in a community outside of Chicago with a library and used it frequently. This has been true of every community I have lived in for the past 40 years (7 different places, 4 different states) And we raised our two children here in Troy for the last 22 years and feel blessed to have this Library.
I grew up with libraries and believe that I am the successful person I am today because of them.
I have been going to libraries from well before I could read. A place without a library could never be home. Access to a well designed, well equipped, well resourced library is not only vital but the signature of a thriving, growing community.a
I have used the library a lot on the past (grade, middle, high school), and believe it is a good community resource, but with the internet not quite as important now. There are many pressing issues that need funding and with current time situation being what it is, many people are in financial distress.
I hope to see the library open 7 days/week and will happily support a mileage, preferably the option which will give the library the most money so that improvements can be achieved.
I just use online service. I don't use the building
I love the library. I always have. Long may she live!
I personally do not use the library. I've been to one Excel class and one presentation on skunks. For me, there is nothing at the library I can't find online.
I read the Troy times and see how much you spent on this stupid survey. What a waste of money. The last time we voted a millage it failed many times until you ass whipped us until it passed. I'm sure you will do the same thing
I really like the services offered digitally, like: Morningstar, Consumers Research, Kanopy, Hoopla, Libby/Overdrive, etc.
I see no need spending money for the library
I see the library as a place to get away from this technological world. Please preserve a place within the library that is not overrun with new-fangled things. I enjoy the older atmosphere. (I'm also in my mid-20s)
I strongly support additional funding for our!
I strongly support the library.
I support a library for access to learning resources, not another community center.
I support a small millage. I am okay with keeping days open to six, and NOT spending to open seven days
I support all!
I support base library services/hours, but no library mileage. Historically there was no library Milage until the housing crisis about 10 years ago. That mileage should have been temporary and ended by now.
I support raising taxes to improve library and keep it open all seven days, that too for longer hours
I sure wish the library was open Friday, too
I think a 4th proposal is missing. As a resident of the city since 2007, I was saddened that we lost a day of but over time I've ok with it (I wish Saturday was an open day). I think there can and should be some improvements to the library but not necessarily packaged with the opening more days a week.
I think keeping the library open is very important, yet at the same time I do not want higher taxes especially at this time.
I think one of the biggest failures of the library is it's inability to keep staff members long term due to the lack of full time positions. The library programming suffers because of staff turnover. Also, it's ethically and morally wrong to not provide living wages to our librarians.

I think the library should be funded by the city using taxes paid by residents so a mileage is not required. The library mileage was supposed to be temporary. Take tax money away from less valuable services and fund the library without another mileage.
I think the offers are very good with the current situation.
I trust city counsel to weigh the considerations and pick the best option.
I used to be a huge fan of the library bringing my kids over the past 20 years but after the pandemic I changed my mind. Other stars made it so much easier to get books. I don't see myself supporting the mileage
I value the library and think it's of vital importance to the community.
I will support a millage of .7 mills only
I wish the library was open on Fridays, even for limited hours
I wish they would help me more in finding things on the computer
I would back any improvements but I'm happy with it now.
I would be ok with it being 0.7 mills, not 0.9 mills.
I would close the community center before the library, too important in today's anti intellectual climate
I would hope that all of our leaders support the millage.
I would like additional materials to be available online
I would like expanded hours more than any other change
I would like the mandatory use of masks, social distance and effective ventilation. Strict bathrooms protocols. Senior exclusive time!
I would like to see a detailed study on how the library is used and if attendance for the programs justifies the expense.
I would like to see the friendly, hard-working staff rewarded with pay increases and promotions. I would like to see the unfriendly, unproductive workers called out. Documenting good and poor productivity seems simple using the library's own computer system. Holding bad workers accountable, offering them retraining, and then terminating them if they don't achieve appropriate performance metrics is an ethical use of tax payers' dollars.
I would like to see wider opening off troy center drive and wider entrance/ exit drive
I would LOVE for the TPL to have a makerspace like other libraries.
I would love to have our library be a point of pride and offer programs that support residents across age and economic spans.
I would not support a candidate that opposed library funding.
I would support the millage but because this is a difficult year, not all can afford.
I would vote against any politician (from whatever political party) who chose not to support improvements and expansion of the library and funding for the library.
I'm really surprised more people don't vote additional money because it is always so busy.
I'd rather support a millage than pay high cable and internet bills when I can borrow so much from the library -
If city leaders want to keep Troy a desirable location, then making the Troy public library a world class library is absolutely necessary to maintain Trice well deserved reputation and to keep our excellent schools strong.
If I recall there is a law that a library has to be open a certain number of hours a week. Consider reorganizing the high needs area such as the computer lab, meeting rooms and Wi-Fi and call them something else that can be open extended hours when rest of library and staffing and electricity can be reduced in rest of library.
If it can't run as is, close it down
If the city can afford frivolities like a dog park they can fund the library.
If the library hours cannot be expanded to 7 days, then I would like to see Fridays open and Sundays closed..
If the library isn't well funded, you are dooming it to failure.
If Troy is going to keep moving forward any discussion of reducing the library in any way finished the whole community. Troy is not as hard hit as other areas in SE Michigan and needs to have a longer range view than a five year plan.
If Troy library closes I will leave the city.

If troy residents have to pay over \$100 a year than non residents should pay the same for the same service.
If we want funding for the library and local municipalities we need to stop the lockdowns and get this state moving again.
If we want to actually be the 'City of Tomorrow Today,' we need to Stop cutting down all our Green Spaces, increase transparency in City Government (ie No more 'Secret Planning Commission Decisions,' AND make the Troy Library the most affirming, unique, interactive and multi-cultural one in Oakland County; THIS is what 'Tomorrow's' Families and citizens want!
If you are going to ask more than continuing existing millage, show people a plan or rendering of what is proposed in the way of improvements.
If you enhance it, they will come. A low featured library with limited hours will not Serve the community.
If you have stopped in the our library any time you will see how many people use and enjoy it!
If you want to be a top shelf city, then you need a modern library.
If you're going to invest, make it a safe space without a politically biased staff that censors conservative thought.
I'm not sure why the property taxes collected are not used to fund the library.
I'm willing to go as high as 2.5 mils.
Important to keep improving our educational facilities.
In a progressive city, a well-funded library is a necessity.
In favor!!!
In many ways, the library is the center of our city, bringing residents together. A broader, modernized, creative, responsive vision and support of this invaluable resource must be achieved.
In the future. The library's funding absolutely needs to be prioritized and treated just like any other essential city service. It is ridiculous that the voters are being presented a vote on the ballot for the obvious and simple task of budget management for essential services. City leaders need to stop treating the library as if it were some frivolous extra service. Our library director won best librarian in Michigan last year and the library is always full of people. This is a pillar of the community and the people care deeply about it and it's quality and future. Our library budget needs to be put first, not last, and city council needs to stop questioning whether essential services are really essential. People need a library, public spaces. A robust and healthy society needs a public library.
Increase hours of operation
Increase reserve fund for lean days / emergency use
Increased taxes are a burden to retirees on a fixed income.
Increasing taxes might not be the best idea this time.
Instead of hiring more city employees, the city should chip in and help fund the library.
Interesting that you say we either support a millage or close the library. So are you saying that the library cannot stay open at the current budget or a reduced budget? Is it either support or close? Businesses cut budget and services and stay open all the time until when then can increase spending. Households also do it. These all or nothing choices are unintelligent. I say close if that is the way you think and operate.
Interesting to see if there is any data to show just how much the library is used.
isn't the library under the city mission and s/b under reg. prop.tax?
It has been a wonderful part of a wonderful city.
It is an important resource for families for critical learning resources and information.
It is awful that the city does not support the library in their budget.
It is important to have a safe, clean and neat library to meet the needs of the community.
It seems as if the library never has enough money we need to focus on the core value
It took me 6 weeks to get an ebook during COVID19. Please make more electronic resources available. We are using Hoopla and RB digital etc but the choices are still so limited.
It would be nice to have hours 7 days per week like our nearby cities.
It's not the time to increase taxes. If anything it's time to lower our residents taxes. Every dollar counts.

It'd be great to have a bigger selection of children's books, both fiction and non fiction.
It's a difficult economy.
It's just fine like it is today. Changes not needed.
keep doing such a good job
Keep Expenses As-Is, if not reduce the hours and increase online content
Keep it the way it is. No New Taxes
Keep it up !
Keep open on Sunday
Keep the lib open/pickup curbside is important for kid education
Keep the library "as is" and open up a centrally located "satellite" facility like we had 30 years ago to serve people how live at 18 mile and north
Keep the library open as a vital community resource.
Keep the library open but keep cost down
Keep the library open.
Keep the library strong and the entire community benefits whether or not one utilizes the direct benefits provided and created within its walls.
Keep to the basics.
Keep Troy a desirable and upwardly mobile place to live.
keep troy michigan strong and make it better
Keep up the good work.
Keep up the good work. Safe water. Clean air. Good books. - For the kids!
Keeping modern appearances and amenities is important for future use.
Keeping the library open, even as it is currently, must happen
Kids can't get on computers. Older kids playing games. No time limit enforced.
Lack of support for your community's library reveals a city leader's character and whether they should be trusted with community interests.
Last time I was at the library, all the PCs were being used by men. Probably viewing porn. Gross.
Learning resources, access to technology in recovery from this pandemic / economic downturn will be vital to our community.
Leave millage at current rate.
Let people know if other libraries are better supported and there are no other monies from the tax base to use on the library.
Let's support knowledge and progress
Let's sell the golf courses, and fund the library. We need a similar survey on the golf courses, and the aquatic center. Our priorities are messed up
Libraries and the services they provide are CRITICAL to successful communities, it's residents, and it's businesses. It's been proven over and over again around the world. Especially in the current environment, we need more educated and diverse thinking individuals and the critical public services that the library provides our community. It's all our responsibilities as citizens to support each other and the social programs that make us all a better community.
Libraries are a great way to introduce children (and adults) to the joy of reading. The ability to read - and read well - affects a person throughout their life. A good library benefits not only individuals, but the whole community and is often a draw when people are making decisions on where to live. A Library should be considered a community asset and not a political tool.
Libraries are a worthy and critical investment in this community because they're for *everyone.* It would be stupid not to fund it properly and position it for growth. I would not want to live in a community without a well-run library.
Libraries are an essential service.
Libraries are assets to communities and a wise investment.

Libraries are critical and important pillars of the community. They are essential.
Libraries are dinosaurs and funds would be better used elsewhere. Property taxes are already high in Troy, we do not need to be paying even more.
Libraries are important
Libraries are not a luxury; they are a key community resource; support ours!
Libraries are obsolete and inefficient compared to the internet. They are a terrible use of resources and enviromentally harmful compared to the internet.
Libraries are part of the foundational basis of a good City.
Libraries are used in many ways now and Troy should keep current
Libraries are vital to any community. A place that offers books, DVDs, music, etc is wonderful. Getting to browse through all the materials is something that cannot be replaced. The library is incredibly important to our city and seeing it closed would be devastating.
Libraries are vital to communities. Strong libraries=strong communities. Many studies show increased educational results, increased incomes, & safer communities in communities with strong libraries. For centuries.
Libraries are vital to maintain an educated and healthy community.
Libraries can be true hubs of the community. Please don't sell Troy short by doing the minimum when we have a great opportunity to create a place that will provide value to everyone in our community.
Libraries do not have to be looked at as antiquated. With enough funding and modernization, they can help a community and its following generatiосn flourish (computer clasees, for example).
Libraries do not provide the specialized information that I need and use in my professional and personal life.
Libraries, reading programs are sound. Keep improving - love you all
library and resources make the city attractive. make the lib look nicer
Library books were missed during COVID
Library is a safe place for kids to study after school.
Library is a safe place for young adults to hang out in. Plus, it boosts our intellect.
Library is always so busy and population has increased in size so need larger facility.
Library is an important asset to the city and the continual investment to modernize it will attract new families to the area. Especially non native english speaking families who are dominating the city and need somewhere to learn.
Library is great - a valuable asset to the Troy community.
Library is history. Media center with electronic access is available throughout the world now.
Library is important to the community.
Library is one of the most important city assets.
Library mileage was originally a line item. Transparency for the mileage is lacking. Provide yearly revenue for the past 10 years. It is disingenuous to say the library would close if the mileage is not increased. The other option of returning the TPL to a Troy city budget line item should be included.
Library must be kept open and renovated, but any tax should be reasonable to taxpayers and the cost should be stated up front
Library needs to adapt to how the world is today. internet based info and pick up/drop off option as opposed to dumping money into an aging building and excess staff. staffing can be at a minimum only to pull an book or put away materials. Not to mention the citys thought of selling the property in which money would be wasted improving a building that is old
Library page is hiring right now. Library should be reopen.
Library page is hiring right now. Library will return normal hours.
Library seems fine as it is honestly, need to understand more info
Library serves many needs for the entire family

Library services benefit everyone. Just because some are wealthy enough not to feel the gap they fill does not mean that libraries are not essential. Their services are so important that it almost feels silly to list them. But I've personally used the Troy library to get books for school, to print off important paperwork, to keep my entertainment budget under control, to have somewhere with free WiFi and/or air conditioning when we lost power, to charge my phone, to rent movies for Troy's summer camps to provide value with no increased budget, etc. That number at the bottom of your receipt that says how much the library has helped you save since you got the account? I've saved well over \$1,000 thanks to the library.
Library services would be much more attractive to residents if the library was open 7 days a week and if scratched DVDs/BluRays were replaced and more copies of popular books were available for patrons
Library should be open 7 days a week.
Library should be open on Fridays
Library should be supported by city budget and not an additional millage. Tax payers should have millage option of keeping same rate. How about charging non residents for using library. nts
Library should remain open.
Library should stay open, increase digital services
Library, Nature Center and THV are Cultural Gems
Literacy and education are fundamental staples of Troy - the library is a critical assets that help the city align to the value it places on education
Literacy is our best chance to better ourselves - everyone should support reading.
Look at current economics - can the avg. person afford higher taxes.
Look for adorable ways to keep the TPL open
Look into privatization
Look some people do not have internet access and supports building our reading scores. Everyone needs the gift of books
Maintain awareness of ongoing changes in technology and customer needs.
maintain status quo. future unsure with \$2T plus covid outpouring
MAINTAINING A LARGE BUILDING AND STAFF IS NO LONGER NECESSARY. IT IS TIME TO RETHINK WHAT A LIBRARY MEANS TO COMMUNITY. IF NECESSARY, RESIDENTS COULD USE SCHOOL LIBRARIES (SEPARATE ENTRANCE) AND THEY WOULD BE MORE LOCAL.
Make balance sheets available to public.
Make clear the physical deficiencies of the existing building to show why the next millage really NEEDS to go beyond just existing maintenance.
Make everyone pay the same amount
Make it a more updated space for all!
Make screw-ups like the \$36 mill plus bus terminals
Make sure the numbers of patrons who use the library is well known
Make sure the residents know how important it is to have a library in Troy
Make sure these are fully transparent and communicated, communicated, communicated to the community
Make sure to engage a community advisory group.
Make the colors more kid friendly.
Make the library a voluntary donation like the zoo or the Henry Ford. Lower income families can get discounts or be offered limited free services.
Makerspace should be a top priority! Not only will it bring more people to the library it will enrich many citizens lives!!!
Many families move to Troy for the outstanding school system. We need a state of the art library to support out schools and ensure the best possible education for our children.
Maybe consider spacing out the renovations to not do the highest amount of mill age.
Meeting room can bring more people and business to library.
Millages become oppressive: DIA/zoo/mass transit/library, etc.

Minimum would be to expand the hours of the library to 7 days
Modernize TPL
Monetization of facilities are key to keep attractiveness for all ages within the community
More ADA, idea funding initiatives, i.e. dyslexia support group
More community events or Spanish/French/etc. classes
More technology/stem focused stuff
More tween programming. Open on Fridays (close on Mondays instead if necessary).
More weekend hours Fri, Sat, Sun
Mostly I read ebooks and do not physically go to the library so I would like to see that expanded.
Move the Library funding back to City budget
My answer to #1 would be "both" online & physical library. At least keep it open, need more info on what improvements. Increase the e-book collection to reduce the long wait-times on hold.
My question as stated before is what is the library being used for mostly? Are people checking out books? We are living in a digital age now so how much do we use books in print? Is it more of a place to gather? Are people using it for classes? If it is mostly a place for social gathering than I really do not want to spend extra money on the library. I would rather money be spent at the community center and it be made a place for studying, using computers, or guest lectures. For me the library is a place to check out books and maybe story hour for children.
N/A
Need to consider a 4th option..open 6 days but renovate
Need to look within and cut expenses. A few years back the library spent \$200,000 on new signage which was a gross expenditure to make. No signs are worth \$200,000. Need to cut back.
Need to promote what a modern library provides a community. (Not an old-fashioned book museum)
Need to update library! We have new police dept. & court bldgs,& stopped at the library! Look at surrounding cities & their buildings.
Needs areas where students can study in groups and have quiet tutoring area.
Nice things cost money - our taxes are not high!
No
No more additional tax, use general fund.
No longer need, everything is online
No more taxes
No new taxes
no new taxes. How about cut your pay instead?
Nothing else at this time, thank you.
Obtain funds from other areas in the budget to fund the library.
Obviously we need a library. We tried to get rid of it before and instead of listening Troy leaders kept putting it on the ballot over and over again. If you're going to make taxpayers pay for a crappy library then I want to see stats. How many people actually use the library? What percentage of Troy residents actually have a library card, and how many have used it in the last year? What value does this building provide beyond being a drain on Troy's financing?
Offer tours and orientation so new residents and unfamiliar current ones can see what is available.
Online checkout and curb side pick up with minimal staff to run library. Similar to during covid 19 operations.
online experience can be improved - especially borrowing and reading books
Open 7 days a week but can reduce daily hours. Have the city subsidize the library.
Open the library Friday morning
Open the library on Fridays.
Open the library!!! I will take my chances with COVID. It is easy to social distance in library.
Open up on Friday
Option for keep current days/ hours but provide the improvements.

Order more physical books. Spend more on books than millage will cost.
Our children are our future. We need to invest in them and their education and love for reading and learning!!
Our city prides itself on education and while public safety is important, the library has taken a back seat to all other city departments, to the point of being defunded and forced to seek a millage every few years. This is no way to run a library in a city with the stature of Troy. I am embarrassed by the state of our library. Services and staff are great but they are working in a building designed in a different century and it makes everything more difficult. Leaky roof, leaky foundation, windows are old, furnishings are falling apart. It is sad that the city leadership puts so little value into our library, It should be a crown jewel yet is treated like the poor step child. A seven day operation is great, but it also taxes the structure and facilities that much more. We need a new building.
Our community relies so heavily on TPL to provide safe, respectful educational opportunities for our kids and adults.
Our library desperately needs funding. It is constantly put together with bandaids. It should better reflect Troy and the vibrant city and hope for the future
Our library helps make Troy a valuable community for everyone.
Our library is a fabulous City resource but I do not need it open 7 days a week
Our library is a good one, the millage amounts are all reasonable
Our library is a precious gem, let's keep it that way!
Our library is an important benefit of living in Troy
Our library is so important. Anyone with children in our schools, or who have had children in our schools, would agree.
Our taxes in Troy are very high already. With Covid-19 many families are struggling. So the safest way to keep the library open without too much added expense would have the best chance of passing. Too large of an ask will get a no vote at this time.
Outdoor reading areas would be very nice to have. And in general, a more accessible infrastructure for planning public events. Troy desperately lacks public spaces.
Past history of why library was dropped from general city budget and had to be funded by a separate dedicated millage has faded from my memory. Similarly with Nature Center and Historic Village that have to scrape along as nonprofits partially underwritten by the city
Perhaps a partnership with the school district
Personally I have been using more digital offerings.
Place less emphasis on "modernizing" and more on "continuing to provide/offer...", "increasing resources/offerings"
Please briefly share any comments to guide City leaders a...
Please consider more funding for the library.
Please continue to provide the free books section at the front and add more classes like advanced excel and improve ventilation and sanitary practices to protect from COVID. Also, more book clubs and zoom groups.
Please do not close the library to save money. There are other expenditures to avoid first.
Please do not increase taxes
Please don't expand the library or create a new one. Keep costs as low as possible.
Please expand online selection of books and movies
Please find this, libraries are important
Please have bike racks and outside places to sit.
Please increase online books accessibility
Please keep in mind those who don't have stable wifi or any internet connectivity. Also, as a teacher this is no greater outside resource than the gift of a public library. Absolutely essential as a basic right of access.
Please keep our library open and updated.
Please keep the library open. Without a library, I would strongly consider moving out of Troy.

Please leave politics and ideology aside, and fund the library even more than it is funded now. It is essential.
Please open Friday morning. Perhaps close Sunday or only be open in morning on Saturday.
Please read my previous comments. We must have a library. TPL cannot be in risk of closing every few years—it's absurd!
Please reopen the library fully, make people wear masks. Let us browse and check out books again in person.
Please see my comments about voting for library services. I LOVE Troy Public Library, I hope it never closes. However, it is so difficult to get materials with the COVID phasing, that I wouldn't be surprised if most patrons dropped massively in interest. My kids thrive on the excellent access to literary materials. However, it seems that there are literally no plans currently as of July to resume physical library services. I can't see how grocery stores, hair dressers, public transport and the like can be open throughout the entire pandemic, and library services after being given the green light from the governor to reopen chose to make the reopening so restrictive (curbside) that it is like we are in March not July. Curbside should have been in the thick of it. A library could very easily be open similar to a grocery store. I know precautions are being made, but CDC says that COVID is basically not transmissible on surfaces, but here we have the library terrified that someone should touch a book and leaving the items for 72 hours without touching them. Very excessive. I don't find my tax dollars are at work currently and it's too bad to drive up and get my 10 allowed holds for my avid reader kids. They can't understand what is holding the Library back so much. Even public pools are open.
Please spend the needed monies to maintain and improve TPL
Please support our library's continued operation as well as the building's dire need for capital improvements. The library is a great asset to our community
Please support the library. It is essential to support our children and to give all residents access to a wide range of resources without respect to ability to pay on their own.
Please, please market the services the library provides to more families.
Please, the library is so important to this community. I think expanding the collection and programs available to the community would greatly benefit all of us. I, and my household, fully support a better funded library.
Police FIRST and foremost ALWAYS, Library second but at least keep it well maintained
prices paid by homeowners for taxes
Priority of library should be a top/high priority if they want my vote.
Progressive communities support superior libraries!
Property taxes are automatically increasing every year with our taxes over \$6,000 per year. Please review budgets and see where we can better use technology to help reduce cost before renewing and increasing library millage tax rate.
Propose the funding that will get the needed improvements done properly so we aren't going back for additional improvement funding in the next few years.
Protect public access to resources and programs.
Prove to me that you can justify the need for a millage increase.
Provide clarification about huge Library fund at Troy Foundation
Provide funding to maintain and enhance this important resource to the residents of the City of Troy!
Provide more online services
Provide more online supports
Put money into programs for families
Put the money towards something else that more Troy residents will use. That's not the library.
Raise the taxes to fund a library that is superior to the libraries in Southfield and Rochester.
Read my lips. No new taxes.
Reading and socialization is very important
Reduce days or hours and operate with current or lower millage
Reduce Spending, Go Digital / Online and be self sufficient and not increase Mills
Reduce the number of days the library is open is not an option and it should be.
Refocus what the library is supposed to be used for.

Remember, the library is for the people of Troy. Funding is important, but you cannot put a fiscal value on learning and education. Many problems we face today are due to those who fail to accept or recognize another parties opinions or beliefs. Reading literature and news creates a more open-minded and personal outlook on World events. Just because I do not use the library regularly does not mean it should be less funded. It is an important part of education and should match what the city of Troy has provided to its K-12 students: an excellent education.
Reopening measures are too strict - 72 hour hold on returned materials is excessive and not science based
Research the options thoroughly and maximize financial resources without putting an excessive burden on the residents.
Residents cannot be productive, engaged citizens without literacy. Troy needs to continue to be an informed, educated community. A vibrant, well-funded library is essential to a thriving community.
Retired - "senior"
Return to full service hours, expand and modernize the building.
RFQ and priority list...summarized and sent out for competitive bids.
Same as above
Same as above
Same as upkeep of schools- overall support to the maximum supports strong property values and a strong community base.
See previous comment.
See previous page, 1) will millage increase, increase our overall tax? 2)if you are asking for higher monetary investment into the library, at least you need to have a clear picture of where might Troy library be standing in the next 5 years?
Senior citizens do not have the money to pay out to the library.
Seniors shouldn't have to pay to support the library! i'm sure you have a data base that can weed out seniors. they should be able to use the library free of charge. with covid 19 everyone is on a stricter budget!
Shift some of city budget to library. Taxes are too high.
Shoot for the moon!
Show what other libraries look like vs ours
Shut down day should be Monday and not Friday. Library is mediocre when it comes to availability of books.
So many other communities have amazing spaces for gathering - why don't we?
Some new books would be great
Some staff are not friendly and need to be more personable.
Spaces for reading, comfortable spaces.
Spend more on virtual resources than physical books.
Status quo
Stay out of partisan politics. Serve the Citizens in Troy!!!
Stop asking for more taxes; learn to work within budgets given. We originally selected Troy because of reasonable taxes, I would rather see the money go towards education, so look for ways to lower costs of the library.
Stop increasing our taxes across the board. USERS of library can pay a special fee.
Stop spending money on evaluations
Stress the importance of literacy advocation in communities. We also need improvements in the building to continue keeping the library safe for patrons, visitors and staff members.
Stress the importance of the library & its resources, and its value to the community!
Strong libraries keep communities strong
Sundays are my worst days for attending the library. Maybe consider 1/2 day Friday 1/2 day Sunday
Support for the library is essential. I can not fathom losing support for or closing our library. I have not visited in awhile but my spouse is there regularly and barrows books.
Support the library

Support the library
Survey a wide range of residents, to build support across the city.
Take time to visit and see users. Much valued and constantly used.
Taking my hard earned dollars to support someone else's reading/study habits is theft by gov't. Unjust. Cut this along with community center and everything else that caters to the upper middle class at the expense of the working man.
Taxable values have increased >2% per year since 2013 on average, including 4% in 2019. Asking for higher millage rates on top of that would be poor management and poor leadership, to put it mildly.
Technology - technology - technology
Technology improvements to bring up to date. I love the TPL.
Teen and adult areas need to be renovated. The teens need an area that isn't located right in the middle of the adult area like an afterthought. They need their own dedicated space even if it is just one side or one corner of the adult area
Thank you for developing and maintaining this wonderful asset!
Thank you for the hard work governing our City. I strongly support TPL and its mission.
Thanks for being a part of Libby!! I am back to reading a ton and LOVE "borrowing" the digital books!!!!
That building is so old that the Library should relocate to a new (more modern) building some place near by
That parking lot is packed most of the time indicating our interest!
The better library resources we have available to the residents of Troy, the better our community will thrive
The building is a mess. The furniture is a mess
The building is beautiful - please don't tear it down and build a new one.
The building meets the current needs of the city without increasing costs
The city needs a library but it doesn't need to be fancy.
The city needs an updated library to compete with other cities in the area
The City of Troy residents value our Library which provides a valuable service making this a premier community in which to live and raise a family.
The collection determines that quality of the lib service (though MeL has a role for that). I found sadly many good materials that my young daughters had enjoyed have been removed.
The community needs the library, but shouldn't be over-taxed for the benefit
the cost to homwowners is so minimal in relation to the value TPL brings to the city and the community. Troy would not be troy without it.
The digital content offerings are helpful, and would like to see continued enhancement in the future of content and features
The economy does seem to be facing some problems at the moment, but libraries should still be an important part of communities and in order to meet the needs of the public they do need occasional updating. I am not sure why being closed one day a week should be considered a sacrifice if it allows money to go towards updating the building and materials used by patrons. I have not seen the new carpeting but our little library has seen better days and perhaps needs some refreshing. I believe research needs to be done regarding what really makes libraries stand out in a community. What are the things unique to libraries as opposed to general community centers? Access to knowledge has to be a top priority.
The economy is going to be the hard one for many people.
The facilities need to be updated
The idea that we can have a mobile command unit, hummers, etc for police and fire but cannot have a library that is open every day is a disgrace. The fact it is always schools and community services that get cut to earn political points or reducing the budget instead of things which don't add any tangible benefit besides giving people big boy toys is a disgrace to the city.
The internet has more resources and information then the library will ever have - however, nothing is better than the face to face interaction that occurs in a public library. Building personal relationships is critical.

The library director and staff do an excellent job. They have had to work within the difficult political structure of the city and all the upheaval that has caused. Until we feel there is better transparency and follow through by the city as far as how funding is and will be spent we will not be voting for an increase...don't tell us if you vote yes the library will be open 7 days a week and then renege and then come to us asking for more money.
The library funding was only supposed to be for a few years during the 2009 economy crisis. why am I still paying to support the library..??
The library increases the value of Troy.
The library is a critical community service. The programming and educational enhancements made available to families of any income level is vital to the schooling of our children.
The library is a critical component of our community.
The library is a gem for the city of Troy. At a minimum, it needs to continue as is.
The library is a great resource.
The library is a support resource for the great Troy schools
The library is absolutely crucial to the community. Please keep the library open and running. Please make sure that tax dollars promised to the library renovations and improvements are used for those exact purposes. Thank you.
The library is amazing, and I am 100% ok with paying more taxes for it.
The library is an amazing resource for any and everyone; from students to business owners, to kids to grandparents. Please keep the doors open and lights on.
The library is an essential part of the city of Troy, for children of all ages as well as their parents.
The library is an important amenity to Troy. Don't know why anyone would not support it!
The library is an important and valuable service, it needs to be a priority.
The Library is an important component of fundamental City Services
The library is an important part of the community and should be a comfortable place to visit with outstanding resources.
The Library is an important resource for the Troy community. I cannot imagine a city where the school district is a top performer, and yet the city itself not have a library. Troy continues to attract people who value education amd safety, both of which the library is a prime example.
The library is an important service for Troy.
The library is essetntial to a community. Will do all we can to support it staying open. Six days a week seems fine but think we need to have money set aside for renovations and maybe some sort of funding to keep things running in difficult economic times.
The library is invaluable to so many residents, but especially those who are economically disadvantaged. As a teacher, I constantly promote the library as a way to keep students reading all year long.
The library is key to helping all families access to computer/internet/books and important programs.
The library is looking shabby. Troy is not an impoverished community, and the library should reflect that.
The library is one of the most important cornerstones in our community. It provides a resrouce that is enjoyed by all age groups.
The library is out of date compared to Sterling Heights and Clinton-Macomb. More residents would come.
The library is part of the reason that Troy schools are so good and why families want to live in Troy
The library is started with the rudest and most impatient staff for over 30 years. Please help the image.
The library is the backbone of our community and connects us with the rest of the world.
The library is the best deal in town and provides many varied services. Our library should be on par with the communities around us.
The library is the heart of a community. It serves everyone, all ages, and also local businesses. TPL should be open 7 days a week. That's a no brainer for a community our size. It's also very important that the library always keep up with all technological changes.
The library is the most important service the city provides. The library makes it possible to keep on growing and enjoying life more and more fully.

The library makes our city attractive to buyers.
The library must be open 7 days a week. So sad that such a rich and highly educated community can't support their library better.
The Library needs better security and more conference rooms available.
The library needs to facilitate a community. Our lives are so connected by the internet now that it is easy to forget about the library. My guess is that many people don't see value because they see it as a building. The library has done an amazing job at offering online resources, but I think a greater emphasis may need to be placed on that to see a higher level of community involvement
The library provides a city center for our community to meet and learn. As a parent, I see how the library enhances a TSD education.
The library should be independent of the city so that funding is not in jeopardy
The library should be open 7 days per week.
The library should stay open but extending days/hours isn't important for us
The library was built in 2 different sections at two different times. There is considerable water leakage in the basement that needs to be fixed. I worry that there is black mold and if found by the county, they might close the building for health reasons.
The looks dated and somewhat soiled.
The many TPL on-line offerings available during this Pandemic show how needed and helpful the library is for the community. Thank you!
The need for this additional tax no longer exist. The economy is stronger. Cut wasteful spending and fund the library like it was before the last recession.
The physical building demands better funding. It is woefully inadequate given the use and popularity of the services we offer. We must update/replace that building, and we deserve the improved funding to do so.
The present library is comfortable and appealing.
The publi library is a great place for study and work. It provides a quiet atmosphere and contains a handful of knowledge on shelves as wells as films not found anywhere else, which I believe the library should stay.
The size and status of the city of Troy deserves a well funded library
The TPL is a cornerstone of the Troy community - the youth of the city benefits tremendously from the TPL!
The TPL is a wonderful resource!! We love every part of the library!!!
The TPL is important for residents of all ages. There are programs and activities for all age groups. Most of the council members support the TPL, based on the flyers I've been receiving in the mail lately. This is good. As our city grows, our library should grow and be improved at the same time.
The TPLis necessary for the community
The Troy Library deserves the funding they need in order to serve the community as best as they can.
The Troy Library has been for years one of the best in the state. That is not reason to raise the millage. Find someone who would be happy to maintain good service to residents without raising taxes.
The Troy Library is popular with residents as you could see any time of the day by the number of cars in the parking lot before the pandemic. The Troy Library is one of the features that make Troy a desirable place to live. The Youth Dept. does a wonderful job of providing providing programs for kids. The evening programs for adults offer a range of engaging subjects.
The Troy library should be as good or better than any of our surrounding communities.
The Troy Public Library has been underfunded for years, and it is incredible how much they have been able to do with so little. Imagine what Troy's library could be with sufficient funding! The staff are underpaid and undervalued for everything they do. The building is outdated and does not reflect the image of what Troy wants to be. Libraries are one of the few spaces where anyone can be welcome regardless of income or ability to spend. We need to invest in the library so that the community can invest in itself.

The Troy Public Library is inadequately funded. Staff has been working with a shoestring budget that pays staff insufficient wages and benefits. There is a staff retention problem because the budget is not large enough to have more than a few Full-Time Librarians, which is a disgrace and leading to poor service and brain drain. The library building itself is antiquated and needs to be completely replaced. The ceilings are too low and cramped, and would not be addressed by a gut remodel. The layout is terrible. The sight lines are awful, and there is insufficient private study rooms. The only way to fix this problem is have a larger, dedicated library millage of at least 1.5 mills, and an independent library board that doesn't have to worry about misguided City Council members allocating inadequate funds to it.

The very nature of libraries is now in question: Stacks of dvd's and tapes of tv programs. Why?

the village should go away and the library budget rolled back into the general Troy budget. This is how it was previously.

There are many improvements and services to choose from. A new generation to inspire and an older generation to honor. As a safe haven for some citizens, ultimate the goal is to keep the library open generating enough interest to keep it on everyones radar.

There are more important priorities to fund.

There is money in the budget to restore the library to pre-economic downturn status. If you have money to spend on City workers to develop the Dog Park and Trails program, there is money for the library.

The TPL is a huge asset to Troy, and is an integral part of our community. Services are provided to our citizens and businesses

They do whatever they don't listen to the people.

They need to add additional materials as I find it very hard to ever obtain the books I want to read, both in person and online.

They offer free educational resources to everyone. They are safe refuges for the homeless and underserved populations. They help boost local economies. They play an important role in language learning. Libraries make communities healthier. They help preserve history.

They should do all they can to at least maintain TPL as it is today.

They should prioritize adequate funding for our wonderful library.

Think about the aging population of Troy for change.

think how much you missed the library while it's been recently unavailable. You can make it even better.

This argument that libraries are obsolete is very short sided.

this has been a topic of discussion between myself and several of my neighbors and one of our concerns is that it seems like the library is spending a lot of money on things like useless TVs for advertising, play areas, there have been plenty of renovations done to the youth department. It is disheartening to hear that those are some of the options. The library survey should not even include options such as building an outdoor play area that's what parks are for and there has been so much money put into non literacy associated events such as a baby prom and things of that sort that it may be hard to get a millage pass. Many citizens feel that there has been a lot of money wasted, especially when I can't even get a hard copy of the books necessary for that my students required to read for school because there are not enough. I would rather see the money put into literacy focused events and purchases. While I value the library immensely, I am seriously reconsidering its effectiveness for all residents. As it stands I have had to purchase all of my son's books for school because they are not available at the library. When he was younger I felt that the library was a great addition to our lives, but if he were a young child today I wouldn't even want to go there with all of the other distractions besides reading. It's not a playground or should it be a place for children to run around screaming and playing.

This is a highly educated community. Library resources need to be available to all of our citizens.

This is an absolutely essential service during these times.

This is NOT the time to ask for increased funding for the library. Many families, mine included, are struggling with wage cuts and loss of businesses during this pandemic. It will be years before we get back to pre-COVID financial status

This is the wrong economic setting for a taz increase. Due to the pandemic my wife lost her business and my wages have been reduced, and I know many other Troy families in the same circumstances.
This provides important financial security appearance - attracts people.
This should be considered a jewel of the city and funded as such.
Those of us who use the library are happy and grateful to have one to use. We appreciate the beautiful facility that is available when we need a place to go away from home to study or need warm/cool/dry/ or quiet place for solice. The rescorces available are healthy both mentally and emotionally. Sometimes I go just to sit in a comfortable, quiet place.
Though there are areas for children and students the city leaders should seriously consider a quiet room or area for "adults only" that is well ventilated and comfortable.
Time to close the library since it has not really been open anyway due to Covid.
Times are tough. People have lost income. However, this service is one of the greatest of all community benefits. It helps our schools, our families, our businesses, even our homeless and disadvantaged population as they use library services to look for jobs, learn language from volunteers as well as expand general knowledge!
Today, more than ever, access to knowledge and information are the most important needs for making choices in life.
Too many reasons.
TPL is a good resource for all
TPL is a part of the desirable Troy services and supports TSD efforts.
TPL is one of the few non-religious social hubs in Troy (outside of the Civic Center, Starbucks, and the Malls).
TPL is vital to residents
TPL is wonderful library with excellent staff. Collection is decent. These things cost \$ to keep.
TPL needs to supplement the Troy School District STEM excellence by providing youths with a learning environment outside of normal school hours. This will attract families with similar values to Troy.
TPL provides great service yet it would better serve the many many talented TSD students by creating designated study rooms where discussion and talking is encouraged. Also more teen research help would be beneficial as well. These investments may be expensive but I am sure the Troy youth would rally behind it.
TPL should be the jewel of the City of Troy and therefore well-funded and appreciated for the services it provides to the community
Trim the fat out of our city budget.
Troy
Troy deserves a full time uptodate public library
Troy has a good reputation as a good community with good schools - having a public library is important
Troy has an excellent library, despite the dilapidated building. Fund the library to make it what it should be - for both the patrons and the employees! Patrons can't see employee areas, but they are in dire need of improvement in every way. Also better bathrooms, HVAC, patron furniture is beyond worn out. TPL needs your support!
Troy is a diverse, sophisticated, educated community that deserves a library that can meet its needs now and into the future.
Troy is a family community. The Library is an important part of that.
Troy is a first class city. Our library should reflect that.
Troy is a remarkable city. Currently I travel to Bloomfield Hills and West Bloomfield to enjoy superior environs. This is not acceptable. Troy deserves an equivalently impressive site and voters must understand this require a financial commitment.
Troy is a wealthy community and should be able to fund a library to help those residents who are on the lower income level.

Troy is an attractive city to raise a family because of coty services like the Library and Schools; I decided to move my family to Troy for the advantages this city has to offer. I am willing to pay to maintain important things like the Library.
Troy is considered one of the more well off community, to not have a decent library is a disgrace.
Troy is diverse city, if we make the library a place for people safe and welcome, and have reading material to suit different ethnicities
Troy is in a nice, ever growing city, and should have a library that reflects that.
Troy is the city of the future. The library should reflect that philosophy also.
Troy is unique! We are multi racial. We are multi ethnic. And we take pride in our unique, peaceful environment. The library, Like the community center, is a critical part of keeping our community linked together - Particularly in times of social crisis
Troy must have a library to attract and keep families and support our seniors!
Troy needs a capital campaign to build a 21st century library.
Troy needs its library!
Troy needs to keep its Library.
Troy Public Library and its employees truly make it the happiest place to be.....
Troy public library is vital to our residents here in troy. The director and staff offer many services and support we need. They do an amazing job supporting troy residents of all ages
Troy really needs a new library building.
Troy residents, in general, benefit from a local library.
Troy should always support a library.
Troy should have a new library and if that can't happen the current building should be updated and upgraded to serve the needs of the community.
Troy's amenities are important to drawing people to the community. The library is an important amenity.
Troy's library is a gem in the community that offers a ton of free programs and resources. Residents might need to be enlightened on all the offerings to take advantage of. We should place the same importance on the library as we do the Troy School District.
Try to think long term about any decisions.
Update cafe. Use Bloomfieldhills Lone Pine Library as your guide. Better ventilation. more comfortable colorful seating.
update the library. it is used by many citizens and looks/feels out of date. expand it and make it a real gem of the city. one large meeting room is insufficient. our book club group was crammed in the little room when the other room was being used. not sufficient for the number of residents. provide more copies of the current bestsellers, the waiting lists can be very long. provide more book kits for the book clubs. Don't ask residents for money other than the millage or why not put the library in the budget? the library fundraising was embarrassing to be asked for money besides how we already fund it. support
Upgrades and improvements where needed as long as we can maintain our great staff.
Use the already in The City Budget to support The Library.
We are going virtual. The need for physical space is reducing. Keep the library as it. It's not difficult to operate. People need content doesn't matter if the furniture is a bit old. Reduce expenses.
We cannot be a city without a library. It would be unthinkable. It is a refuge and resource of inestimable value for certain people in the community.
We cannot let the TPL to close! It is an asset to our community!
We feel that the library serves a very important community function.
We find the library to a level we're they can be open 7 days a week like the other communities around us. It makes us look cheap to not be open 7 days a week in a family focused city with excellent schools!
We have lived here for 30 years and the library is an important feature of the City of Troy. People of all ages use and enjoy it. We don't need another bank or a restaurant but every thriving community should have a public library.

We love our library!!! :)
We must keep our library open, it is vital to the community y. We need to provide access to latest information and technical assistance to our citizens. to our citizens.
We need a better library and better access to it. Expand services for all Troy residents
We need a new building!
We need a strong funded library to coincide with our schools which attract people to this city
We need a vibrant & functioning modern library
We need an all new building!!!!
We need more data to understand why money was never enough.
We need more space to add to the collections.
We need to constantly stay abreast of the latest technology and help deliver it to the community.
We need to improve and support our library.
We need to keep the library open and not just open, but improving at all times. If we don't, we fall behind other cities that do so and make Troy less appealing to all.
We need to keep up with what other libraries look like and have to offer. It will only improve our home values and Troy city.
We need to keep, and improve our library!!!!
We pay enough taxes already
We should have a library - just may have to change with the times.
We should not be your cattle, you should be public servents.
We use the library occasionally, but am NOT interested in paying more taxes. The money that is currently collected should be reallocated to pay for things such as the library. The people who use the library more than others should maybe pay for it.
We wish the used bookstore was more accessible and had more hours. We love the free book area.
Weigh all options carefully
What is there to consider? We need this library. With proper funding this can remain a first rate service and facility.
Whatever changes are made to the library should embrace the needs of all the citizens in our city.
Whatever you do, please improve the lighting. The physical library seems very dreary!
When buying my house in Troy the fact that it had community resources, specifically a library, was an important factor for me. My part of Troy is becoming uncomfortable with every tree and forest being knocked down to build large ugly buildings and monstrous houses. If the library is neglected and ignored it would just be another blow for my respect for this city.d
Where is the information on why and what would be funded by a new library millage? Support the library is not a good enough reason for me to throw money at the library every year. I believe libraries are important, but even with all the funding asked for and given to date, and only one facility to serve 80,000 people, the library still isn't open on a daily basis. I don't see a reason to increase funding to a facility that isn't even open for me to access.
Whether the city leaders themselves use the library is not as relevant as what the general public does/needs
While I would like the improvements I listed, they are not worth the higher taxes.
While it may not be necessary to expand services, it's vitally important that the library exist for families in our community.
While libraries are important to the older generation, I would suggest that they are fast becoming dinosaurs, not unlike printed newspapers and magazines. It is time to rethink some City services and prepare for the future.
While our library is sufficient to meet the needs of our community, it is below the standard of so many other amenities in our city.
Why isn't the library part of the city budget and why do we have to waste time and money on these,millages. Seems like the pool and trails and parksRe covered. Are they more essential to Avibr@nt city?!

Will vote for whatever options are available.
With COVID, more families have updated their home spaces to support internet, connectivity and educational needs. Without at least similar updates/advances done to the library, I envision there will be a significant decrease in usage by families.
With high levels of disinformation given prominence these days, resources like public library were more important than ever to combat ignorance.
Without a library the City of Troy would have a hole in its' Heart.
Work with the funds you have. Consider combing with another city.
Would be lost without it. Can't afford to buy books. We need the library!
Would like it to open at least one weekday morning at 9 AM.
Would like to see expanded kids offering/maker space
Would like to see library open on Friday, also noise level reduced. Sometimes it's the library workers talking too loud
Would like to see library open on Fridays. If that means raising the millage or switching to another day where it is closed.
Would like to see the city a new building to better provide the services the community needs.
Would love to see the library open on Fridays. I always forget and try to go on Fridays and then I am disappointed it is not open.
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You cannot consider yourself as the city of tomorrow today without providing those items that traditionally have been stalwarts of a community
You need to keep to the base and what people assume a library to be for. That is a place for primarily children and adults to educate themselves. You must sell it to citizens as necessary improvements not someone's wishlist. Education. Education. Education.