

Vote Yes Tuesday, Feb. 5!

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36,466:

Items borrowed

34,802

Visits to the Library

12,135

Computer uses,
a 20 percent increase over 2005

7,742

Library cardholders

3,355

Participants in Library programs

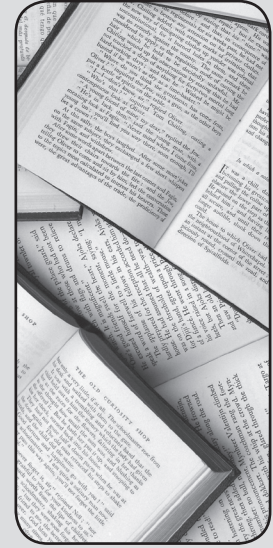
1,300

Questions answered by Library staff

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Harrison Community Library



Learn ■ Connect ■ Grow

About Harrison Community Library

The Harrison Community Library is the community's information center. Clare County's largest library serves residents of the City of Harrison and Franklin, Frost, Greenwood, Hamilton, Hatton and Hayes townships. In addition to loaning books, music and movies, the Library provides research assistance, Internet access, computer classes, and events and programs for all ages.

Why a District Library?

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What Will It Cost?

This proposal will assess property tax at 1.0 mills for the next 20 years. The owner of a \$100,000 home would pay \$100 a year in property tax to support the district library. Because this cost will be shared among all the residents served by the Library, it will create more revenue, allowing for the Library to grow and develop with the community.



We come here every week for story time and a puppet show. My kids love to hear the voices of all the different puppet characters, and they always crowd around the librarian because they want to be the first ones to see what's on the next page in the storybook. Coming here for story hour helps me, too, because I've met some other stay-at-home moms I can talk to, and the staff here has connected us with books on parenting and teaching our children to read.

— Ivy Campbell, mom to Brian, 11 months, and Katie, 3



My wife and I have made a lot of progress on our family history research by visiting the Library. We've found old death and marriage announcements using the newspapers on microfilm, which has helped us fill some holes in our genealogy. The library staff showed us how to request books from other libraries using MeLCat, so we don't have to travel all over to get the books we need for our research. We've also learned to use the Internet here, and now I use it to send e-mail and to track stock prices.

— Duane Johnson and wife Donna Johnson



I've always used the Library. My family has come here my whole life. I remember doing the Summer Reading Program every year and sometimes winning the prize for reading the most books. My brother and I used to come on Saturday afternoons to get our homework done and use the reference books. With my studies being even busier now, I'm so glad the Library has all the databases I can use anywhere there's an Internet connection. I find articles and other research sources while I'm at home in my pajamas.

— Adrian Wiseman, college student

What Does It Mean for Me?

The average library user saves \$650 a year by borrowing about 24 items. In addition to materials such as books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs and videos, Library services include computer classes, reference and instruction, and programs, such as guest speakers, story hours and discussion groups. Programs for children promote early literacy, which means children do better in school. Activities for teens help keep them interested in the Library and in learning. Adults use the Library for recreation and to research major decisions and purchases. In these ways and more, the Library is a community resource and information center.

Have Questions?

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