

STATE OF THE WHEATON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FACTS PROVIDED BY BOARD MEMBER KYLE
TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Don't Forget!!!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Come to the library Wednesday, February 10,
2010 and fill out our Snapshot Day Survey



THANK YOU



225 N. Cross St.

Wheaton, IL 60187

<http://wheatonlibrary.org>

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LIBRARY FUNDING (2009-2010)

Wheaton Taxes	\$3,400,000	*
Fines and Fees	\$200,000	
DuPage County	\$0	
State of Illinois	\$50,000	grant (est.)
Miscellaneous	\$70,000	

*Reduced from \$3,700,000 in 2008-2009
Proposed \$3,100,000 for 2010-2011

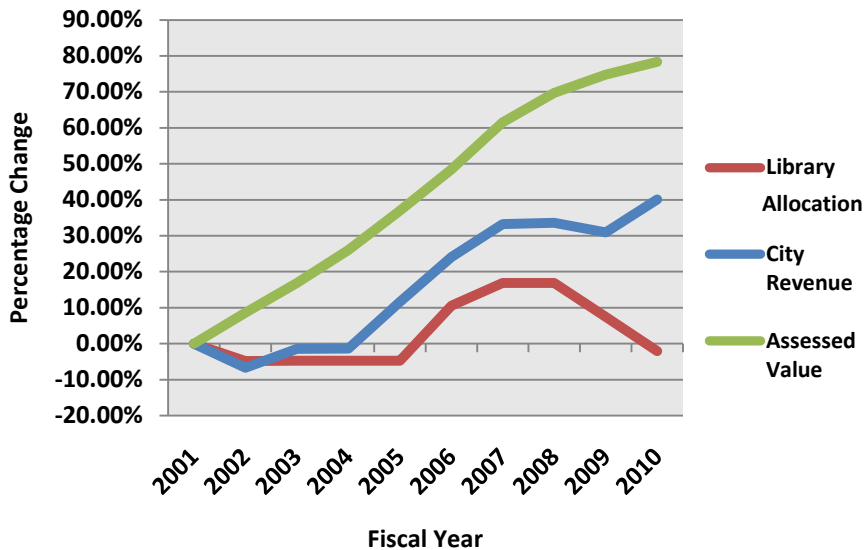
HISTORY OF FUNDING

- Early 1970s
 - City honored library's referendum-approved tax rate of \$0.23 per \$100 of assessed valuation
- 1970s Home Rule
 - Library budget added to city budget
 - City council determines funding

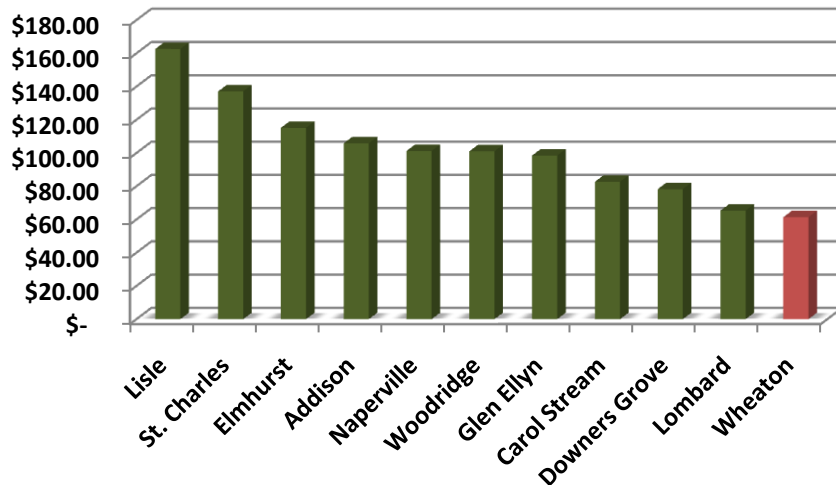
THE PROBLEM

- Most home rule cities continue to honor the voter-approved library rate
- Wheaton has continued to reduce library funding in favor of other city priorities

LIBRARY ALLOCATION, CITY REVENUE, AND ASSESSED VALUE: PERCENTAGE CHANGE SINCE 2001



LIBRARY TAXES PER CAPITA FOR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES



THE BOTTOM LINE

- Referendum-approved tax rate of \$0.23 per \$100 of assessed valuation would produce a Library Budget of \$5,400,000
- City plans a Library Budget of \$3,100,000 – just 57% of the referendum-approved rate

SO WHERE ARE WE?

- The library is facing possible
 - Service reductions
 - Additional closing dates
 - Fewer children's events
 - Fewer adult programs and computer classes
 - Fewer online databases
 - Fewer new
 - Books
 - DVDs
 - Audiobooks and Playaways
 - Music CDs



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE LIBRARY

- Library supporters must take an active role
 - Write to editors of local newspapers
 - Talk to friends and neighbors
 - Attend library budget hearings
 - Speak up at City Council Meetings
 - Join THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SPREAD THE WORD

- All library users need to be aware of the consequences of the budget shortfall and the long-term impact on library viability