
Lansing Community Says "Yes" to Local Library

Institution will now become chartered member of county system

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In a special election on Tuesday, Dec. 11 the Lansing Community Library Center was approved by voters to be a "library of the school district."

The designation passed by a margin of 65 votes, with 686 voting "yes" and 621 voting "no."

Members of the Friends of the

Lansing Community Library Center rejoiced as the vote was read, with many members embracing several times and bursting into applause.

"We did it," Marlaine Darflur, president of the friends of the LCLC, said. "I'm relieved. I'm ecstatic, my emotions are overflowing."

A second vote for the library was approved by the school board earlier this year. Darflur said the only reason

they attempted a second vote was because she felt many people were confused over what the funding was going towards.

Now that it is approved, 15 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value of real property will be added to the school tax bill and collected from residents of the school district.

Once collected, the school will pass the money directly on to the LCLC. Darflur said that, for their first year of operation, they will only need \$105,310 for operating costs and employment of a single librarian.

"Some of us were worried," Debby Clinton, a member of the friends of the LCLC and newly-elected library trustee, said. "Things like this really makes a difference what you think of a town."

The vote passed by a larger margin than it was defeated by earlier this year, though the number of total voters was lower.

Darflur said that the real possibility of the library closing over the winter likely motivated people to the polls.

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