

Question 1: What features would you like to see in legislation to bring full service throughout Indiana?

Mandating Library Service / Districts

- Mandate service |||
- Currently unserved to join a district logically (as determined locally) |||
- Take decision away from townships |||
- Go to county-wide systems |||
- Don't mandate county-wide library districts ||
- Library districts should be same as school districts ||
- Investigate other structure possibilities such as federations ||
- Establishing new libraries should not have a required population

Referendum |||

Taxes / Funding

- Sustainable Funding |||
- Autonomy |||
- Farms – tax only on homestead, not on ground / other ideas for discounts in taxes |||
- Businesses and rental property owners also pay library taxes / farmland should not receive special exemptions / equitable funding |||
- Funding from state, not local ||
- No free cards ||
- Farming community is changing – will become big business tax
- Adjust rates for outside of towns
- Contracts
- State dollars for libraries' e-gov services

Other

- Advocacy |||
- Libraries as a factor in economic development |||
- Location of branches or new libraries |||
- Value calculator |||
- Public good |||
- Standards ||
- Existing district should be responsible for debt, not new areas
- Local identity
- 6.5% unserved
- KISS
- Various services of libraries mentioned – e-books, newspapers, Internet, computer access

Possible impediments

- Farmers ||
- Low population areas
- Legislators