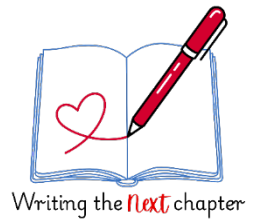




# Library's Dedicated Millage Continuation Proposition Frequently Asked Questions

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## The Library's 10-Year, Dedicated Tax Continuation is on the ballot on Saturday, June 27, 2026.

This 10-Year Tax comprises almost 100% of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library's funding for all operations, including staffing, books, supplies, utilities, maintenance, and contractual services. It also funds the Pay-As-You-Go Capital Improvements Plan.

The current tax expired in December 2025; it was not renewed on November 15, 2025. Unless the new Millage Continuation tax passes on June 27, 2026, the Library will receive ZERO revenue from the 2026 tax year.

### What is the Library Millage Continuation Proposition?

The Library's Millage Continuation proposition is a return to the same straight-forward funding approach that has been approved by the voters since 1986, aiming to ensure long-term stability for the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system. The Millage Continuation Proposition at 9.5 mills allows the Library to retain a **DEDICATED** millage and all of its Fund Balance, which preserves the Capital Improvements Plan.

It is important to note that this is **NOT** a **NEW TAX**. It is a **continuation** of the same dedicated millage, but at a **REDUCED** 9.5 mills tax rate. **Taxpayers will pay a LOWER millage rate for the Library than was previously approved by the voters in 1995, 2005, and 2015.**

### Is this a stand-alone tax?

**Yes!** The people spoke. They told us that they wanted the Library's millage to remain a simple, dedicated tax; not part of any package or plan. With the proposed Millage Continuation at 9.5 mills, together, we will "Write the Next Chapter" to secure the Library's future.

### Here's a breakdown of the key aspects of the Library Millage Continuation Proposition:

#### Library's Dedicated Annual Millage Continuation Proposition / Renewal:

The Library's **DEDICATED** millage rate of 9.5 mills is estimated to generate an annual budget of approximately \$ 59,573,265, including factoring in two rollbacks over the 10-year period.\* This equates to \$ 6,270,870 per mill level. (\*as per City-Parish Finance January 2026)

This revenue is sufficient to maintain Library hours of operation and services at all locations through the year 2035 and protects the public's previous investment. It preserves the Capital Improvements Plan, restores delayed projects, and supports future operational needs.

#### Library Fund Balance:

Under the Millage Continuation Proposition, by the end of the taxing decade, the Library will retain \$ 87.5 million in savings in its Fund Balance, which meets Best Practice for maintaining one year of operations, continues the next phase of the Capital Improvements Plan, and supports future operational and insurance needs.

### What was the Library's original millage renewal proposal in February 2025?

The Library's *original* proposal in 2025 was a 10-year dedicated property tax renewal at 10.5 mills, including factoring in rollbacks every four years. This was a lower rate than the Library has asked for in the last 30 years; we knew we could ask for a lower millage rate since our major capital projects had been achieved, following the opening of the new South Branch Library. The newly updated Capital Improvements Plan will not require as much capital funding as expended in previous decades to maintain and update existing facilities.

As required, the Library's proposition was brought before the Metro Council in the spring for approval, since the Metro Council must approve any proposal before the Library brings it to the voters.

However, NO action was taken at the Metro Council meeting on February 12, 2025, leading to the original proposal being deleted.

Subsequently, a compromise millage proposal at 11.1 mills was approved by the Metro Council. As part of the "Thrive" Plan, it went to the voters on November 15, 2025. That proposition failed.

### What is the Library's new Millage Continuation proposal?

The Library's new Continuation proposal for **9.5 mills** will go to the voters on June 27, 2026. It is a simple, stand-alone proposition.

The official ballot will list it as "**Parishwide Proposition No. \_\_ (Millage Continuation).**" Check for Proposition Number in April 2026.

**The word Library is not in the title.** Instead, "public library purposes" and "East Baton Rouge Parish Library" is part of the small text.

Once it passes, the Library will **receive approximately \$ 59,573,265 each year through 2035 for annual operations**, including staffing, supplies, books, subscriptions, digital platforms, collections, utilities, contractual services, and maintenance.

The Library will also set aside and designate funds\*\* into the Fund Balance each year beginning in 2027 for projects outlined in the updated Pay-As-You-Go Capital Improvements Plan.

\*\* Most of these savings will be applied towards renovations and updates to the Central Branch, Zachary Branch, Delmont Gardens Branch, Carver Branch, Bluebonnet Regional, and the Main Library, as outlined in the 2025 Capital Improvements Plan. Additionally, two new START Branches are planned; one for the North Point Development site (the old EKL hospital site) and another near Gardere (START = Strategically Targeted Access for Resources and Technology). Information and details regarding the Library's proposal is available to the public through our website at: <https://www.ebrpl.com/about/library-millage-proposals/>.

## Why this 9.5 mills number? Under the Thrive Plan, you said you could get by with just 8.3 mills. At 9.5 mills, this Millage Continuation Proposition seems like an INCREASE.

Under the Thrive Plan, the compromise of 8.3 mills was just that—a COMPROMISE. The Library sacrificed for the greater good. But that plan did not pass. So in crafting a new proposition, the Library's Pay-As-You-Go Capital Improvements Plan was a major consideration. The Library Board of Control arrived at 9.5 mills for the Continuation Proposition after careful study to determine the millage rate that supported the entire CIP, not just a reduced, scaled-back version of it as would have occurred at 8.3 mills. The Board also looked at the 72 currently frozen positions to see how they could be reinstated over time.

## Who else is on the ballot?

The EBR Council on Aging will be on the ballot for their own renewal. There may be run-off primaries for BESE and LA Supreme Court.

## Won't people get confused and think it's Thrive all over again?

Each proposition is stand-alone, with no partners, re-dedications or re-allocations. We will do our best to convey that message separately.

## The Thrive plan failed. How are you operating now?

We will receive revenues from the 2025 assessment in January and February 2026, based on our 9.89 millage that expired on December 31, 2025. That plus our savings in Fund Balance will be used to operate the Library in 2026.

The Library's operating budget for year 2026 is a reduced budget based on the previously proposed 8.3 mills of the Thrive plan, which failed at the polls.

In order to operate at 8.3 mills without cutting hours of operations or cutting services, the Library made a number of data-driven decisions. The current, reduced budget temporarily halted additions to the CIP and froze 72 vacant positions. It also trimmed back on certain budget lines, such as the budget categories for public programming, general supplies, the book & collections budget, which includes print copies of standing orders and online database subscriptions, advertising & outreach attendance at fairs and expos, and staff training & travel.

This is still sufficient to keep us at or above national standards. For example: We are cutting back on the number of copies ordered of less popular books like Scott's Postage Stamp Catalog. We kept the Mango Languages online learning platform but cut the second, less-used language database. ***Please be assured that we have not cut back on LIBBY! Nor are we cutting any hours of service at our 15 locations!***

The vacant frozen positions will not be deleted; they will be unfrozen in the future, as the operating budget allows.

## The Library operated on a rolled-back rate of 9.89 mills in 2025. If the Millage Continuation passes, what will the Library's patrons give up when the Library begins to operate at a reduced rate of 9.5 mills beginning in 2027?

Nothing! New budget projections indicate that due to increased growth, 9.5 mills will fund the library at a level that restores ALL services and programs to the same levels as in 2025.

## What about the Library's "Pay-As-You-Go" Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)?

The Library's "Pay-As-You-Go" Capital Improvements Plan has temporarily slowed down a bit during 2026, but it has remained intact.

**The proposed Millage Continuation of 9.5 completely restores it.** Funds for future or additional projects will be appropriated as savings are accrued in Fund Balance over the 10-year period of the millage. Planned projects include:

- Scotlandville Phase 2 – Renovation/Expansion of existing branch is underway (NOTE: Spring 2026 Completion Date)
- Baker – Renovation/Expansion of existing branch, adding access from Jefferson St. (NOTE: the Concept Design phase is underway in Spring 2026)
- Bluebonnet Phase 3 – Renovation of lighting, restrooms, circulation & adult areas, and large meeting rooms
- Central – Renovation/Expansion of existing branch (Scope of work is drafted)
- Zachary – Renovation/Expansion of existing branch (Scope of work is drafted)
- Delmont Gardens – Replace branch with new construction at another location, not yet sited (Site exploration in progress)
- Delmont Gardens Small Business Incubator / Workforce Development Center – Renovate existing building
- Carver – Renovation/Expansion of existing branch
- North Point Development START Branch – New construction at the North Point development, at the Earl K. Long Hospital site
  - START = Strategically Targeted Access for Resources and Technology branch
  - Envisioned as approximately 8,000 sf, open daily, full service with computers, Wi-Fi, collections, and conference rooms
- Main Library – Upgrades/anticipated repairs and replacements
- Juvenile Services Center Library and programming area (we currently maintain a deposit collection in the Juvenile Detention Center)
- Eden Park – Renovation/Expansion planned for next taxing decade
- Pride-Chaneyville – Upgrades/anticipated repairs and replacements planned for next taxing decade
- Fairwood – Upgrades/anticipated repairs and replacements planned for next taxing decade
- Gardere START Branch – New construction in South Baton Rouge area, potentially located in or west of Gardere
- Bookmobile to replace a vehicle that is no longer operational

<https://www.ebrpl.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/EBRPL-Facility-Master-Plan-Presentation-4.16.2025-FINAL-EDITS.pdf> &

<https://www.ebrpl.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/EBRPL-Branch-Assessment-Report.pdf>

## What is a “Pay-As-You-Go” Plan?

The Library operates on the “Pay-As-You-Go” Plan which means that it plans ahead and **does not borrow money to operate or to make capital improvements**. It saves money for approved projects in Fund Balance BEFORE spending it. The Library is required to maintain a balanced budget, and budget projections extend 10 years in the future.

## What are Capital Improvements?

Capital Improvements are construction updates to our buildings and include projects such as full building remodels, updating the HVAC systems, upgrading electrical wiring, plumbing and roofing repair, as well as any major repairs and updates to worn or damaged structures within the Library’s buildings.

Capital Improvements also include major updates to technology infrastructure throughout the Library system and Bookmobiles.

The Library’s Capital Improvements Plan was updated in 2025 based on citizen input and research and consultations with architects and engineers. It includes the ongoing remodel of the Scotlandville Branch and the upcoming renovation and expansion of the Baker Branch, as well as a detailed look at all existing facilities. <https://www.ebrpl.com/about/capital-improvements/>

The timeline for capital improvements is based on the age of the building since its last upgrade, as well as the current or projected conditions of major equipment and infrastructure in each facility. Currently, the Library is wrapping up the Scotlandville Branch Renovation/Expansion Project and is in Concept Design Phase for the Baker Branch Renovation/Expansion Project.

## Why doesn’t the Library bond out its Capital Projects?

The Library has operated on the “Pay-As-You-Go” Plan since 1986, when it first received dedicated funding.

Bonds are typically set for 20 to 30 years. Since the Library operates on a 10-year millage cycle, we don’t have any assurance of receiving funding beyond 10 years.

Library patrons and voters have consistently praised this policy.

## Has the Library kept its previous promises?

YES! The Library prides itself on being a good steward of the public’s trust, and has kept its promises to the voters since the first millage election passed in 1986. In the next taxing decade, the Library promises to: complete the Scotlandville and Baker Renovation/Expansion projects and update/renovate Bluebonnet, Carver, Central, Delmont Gardens, Zachary Branches, and the Main Library at Goodwood. The Library also plans to locate two small START Branches in areas which are not currently served.

## What happened since the Library’s 2025 Tax renewal, which was just one part of the Thrive Plan, FAILED?

The Library’s 10-Year Dedicated Property Tax **EXPIRED** in **December 2025**. This comprised almost 100% of the Library’s Funding.

**The Thrive Tax Renewal Proposal at 11.1 mills FAILED on November 15, 2025.**

Please be assured: the Library will be fully funded in 2026 from the 2025 tax year revenues.\*\*

The Library must begin to use funds from its savings in Fund Balance in order to continue to operate.

To be responsible and prudent, and not knowing when new revenues would be received, **we knew we would have to start cutting back.**

Therefore, **we have begun to operate in 2026 at a reduced expenditure rate**, until such time as new tax revenues are approved.

**For 2026, the Library has carefully evaluated and made strategic cuts to the book and AV budget, eBooks, the database subscription budget, periodicals, public programming, and training. There are NO reductions in hours of service throughout the system.**

The Library must go back to the voters with a new millage proposition. Revenues from a successful summer 2026 election would not be received until 2027; revenues from a successful fall 2026 election or 2027 election would not be received until 2028.

\*\*Related: Since the Thrive plan FAILED, the Library will NOT make a One-Time re-allocation of funds to pay down the parish-wide debt, and it will NOT re-allocate any funds to Stormwater or other Infrastructure projects within City-Parish. The Library will draw from its savings in Fund Balance for all operations until new funding is approved by the voters, collected, and then finally, received.

## Didn’t you give money to the City-Parish already?

No. The Thrive Plan failed; therefore, we did **not** re-dedicate any funds to the City-Parish. The Metro Council approved our 2026 operating budget which was calculated at a reduced level, including 72 frozen positions and a hiatus for the CIP. We will however, be prepared to fill some of our own currently vacant positions with City-Parish employees who must be “Reduced In Force” because of layoffs.

## What if the Millage Continuation renewal FAILS on June 27, 2026?

The Library’s CURRENT 10-Year Dedicated Property Tax **EXPIRED** in **December 2025**. This comprised almost 100% of the Library’s Funding.

So... **If the Millage Continuation Tax Proposal FAILS on June 27, 2026, the Library will receive ZERO new revenue from the 2026 tax year.**

The Library is fully funded in 2026 from the 2025 tax year revenues, which rolled into Fund Balance in January and February 2026. But if the Millage Continuation renewal fails on June 27, 2026, the Library will receive no new revenues. The Library would then have to go back to the voters with a new millage proposition in 2027. Funds from a successful 2027 election would not be received until the year 2028.

Without new revenues, the Library would have to live off of savings in Fund Balance. The funds designated for projects in the Capital Improvements Plan would instead be used to operate the library system. The Pay-As-You-Go CIP would be decimated.

**The Library’s Fund Balance could sustain operations for at least 12 months.** The longer the Library “lives off its savings,” the greater the impact on the Capital Improvements Plan and all future planning.

## Why does the Library need City-Parish approval on the Millage Continuation? Isn't the Library like BREC?

The Library is **NOT** an independent agency like BREC. The Library is a "Special Fund Agency" department **WITHIN** the EBR City-Parish government. Even though it is independently funded, **ALL** library operations must flow through regular City-Parish channels, and the Mayor-President and the Metro Council must approve its annual budget as well as all contracts and purchases over \$ 50,000.

## Is there a "Surplus"?

The Library does not have a "surplus." The Library has a Fund Balance that includes the next year's **anticipated** operating budget, insurance deductibles, as well as the funds in savings that have been set aside, over time, to pay for Capital Improvements that are already approved and in progress.

The Library has **no debt** because we use the taxpayers' money wisely.

We do not buy new technology, new equipment, or begin a renovation project until we have saved up enough funds to pay for it in full.

That is the Library's long-standing "**Pay-As-You-Go**" philosophy and practice.

## What is Fund Balance?

The Fund Balance contains the Library's entire **anticipated** operating budget for the **next** year, savings designated and dedicated for upcoming capital projects and major repairs, and insurance deductibles for major catastrophic events like hurricanes or floods.

Fund Balance is not a "fixed" savings account but rather, it is the amount of funds saved over time, PLUS the amount of **anticipated** funds we expect to receive for the **next** year.

Fund Balance is derived from this formula: **Beginning Balance + Anticipated Revenues for "Next Year" – Expenditures = Ending Fund Balance.**

It is a "Best Practice" for Special Fund agencies to keep at least one year's operating budget in Fund Balance.

Fund Balance is NOT accumulated money without purpose; it is, instead, a working fund that supports important needs and projects based on the Strategic Plan, research, and our data-driven, decision-making process. The Library's Fund Balance is essentially its bank account, both checking and savings. Fund Balance is also constantly being adjusted, as funds are drawn down OR returned when "under budget" projects are closed out.

**It's NOT a surplus.** What we collect from the millage goes into Fund Balance and as we receive bills from our vendors, construction companies, the City-Parish, and other operating costs, we pay 100% of what we owe, with NO bonds or indebtedness.

Any budgetary savings derived from salary savings from unfilled positions or other savings, such as when an approved expenditure comes in at a lower cost than projected, goes into Fund Balance and is designated to be expended later on approved items or projects.

[www.ebrpl.co/millage](http://www.ebrpl.co/millage)

*NOTE: The Library's Fund Balance as of spring 2026 is based on December 2025 reports from Finance; the Library's Fund Balance total fluctuates throughout the year as sums are drawn down for capital projects or funds are replaced when a capital project comes in under budget. Interest earnings and growth also contribute.*

## Why does the Library put money into Fund Balance?

The Library has operated on a "**Pay-As-You-Go**" plan since the passage of the first dedicated tax millage in 1986. The Library saves money over time to pay for things like new branches and renovations to older branches, as well as to cover insurance costs, since the Library is self-insured.

A healthy Fund Balance is necessary to accomplish the Library's Pay-As-You-Go plan, since we cannot even begin a project until we can show that we have saved up enough money to pay for it. Funds come from salary savings from the period before vacant positions are filled, as well as from cost savings accrued due to purchases coming in under budget, or when revenues exceed our budget projections.

## Why does the Library ask for a 10-year Dedicated Tax?

The Library calculates a projected budget for the entire 10 years of the millage so that the taxes collected fund only what is necessary for the Library to operate and provide the same vital services to our community, without having to borrow on credit and take on debt.

The Library's projections include accounting for millage rollbacks every 4 years, as property is re-assessed. This reduces the tax burden on homeowners.

## Is the Library audited?

Each year, the City-Parish's financials and expenditures are examined as part of its ANNUAL AUDIT, conducted by the Internal Auditing Division. <https://www.brla.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/793>

## Why does the Library need a DEDICATED tax via the Millage Continuation to remain a "Special Fund Agency"?

The Library is mandated to serve the entire parish (LA R.S. 25 Chapter 3 Section 218). Without the dedicated tax, the Library does not have any other stable funding and cannot plan for the future. Without remaining a Special Fund Agency with a dedicated tax, the Library could not keep its promises to the voters, since the Mayor's Office and the Metro Council can redirect funds in the General Fund to other agencies, which would leave the Library without the funds needed for its projected operational budget or Capital Improvements Plan.

Upgrades to facilities require planning beyond the arc of a year, and maintaining annual database subscriptions and standing orders for reference books and series also extends beyond a calendar year. Without stable funding, the Library would have to cut services and operating costs or risk having to accrue debt by borrowing or bonding like other agencies.

## How much will the Library's tax cost me? Here is what EBR households will pay at the CONTINUATION rate of 9.5 mills:

Tax Continuation @ Millage Rate of 9.5 mills	Property Tax @ 9.5 mills	9.5 mills Rate is Equivalent To ...	OR ...	2025 Rolled Back Rate @ 9.89 mills	Savings On Your Tax Bill
Home Valued at \$ 100,000	\$ 23.75	46 ¢ per week	Less than the cost of <u>one</u> hard back book per year	\$ 24.73	\$ 0.98 per year
Home Valued at \$ 125,000	\$ 47.50	\$ 0.91 per week	Approximately <u>two</u> hard back books per year	\$ 49.45	\$ 1.95 per year
Home Valued at \$ 150,000	\$ 71.25	\$ 1.37 per week	<u>Three</u> books per year	\$ 74.18	\$ 2.93 per year
Home Valued at \$ 165,900	\$ 86.36	\$ 1.66 per week	<u>Four</u> books from the discount bin per year	\$ 89.90	\$ 3.54 per year
Home Valued at \$ 175,000	\$ 95.00	\$ 1.83 per week	Four bestselling novels per year	\$ 98.90	\$ 3.90 per year
Home Valued at \$ 200,000	\$118.75	\$ 2.28 per week	Five bestselling novels per year	\$ 123.63	\$ 4.88 per year
Home Valued at \$ 225,000	\$142.50	\$ 2.74 per week	Six bestselling novels per year	\$ 148.35	\$ 5.85 per year
Home Valued at \$ 241,800	\$158.46	\$ 3.05 per week	Seven bestselling novels per year	\$ 164.97	\$ 6.51 per year
Home Valued at \$ 250,000	\$166.25	\$ 3.20 per week	Eight books from the bargain bin per year	\$ 173.08	\$ 6.83 per year
Home Valued at \$ 275,000	\$190.00	\$ 3.65 per week	Eight bestselling novels per year	\$ 197.80	\$ 7.80 per year
Home Valued at \$ 300,000	\$213.75	\$ 4.11 per week	Nine bestselling novels per year	\$ 222.53	\$ 8.78 per year
Home Valued at \$ 325,000	\$237.50	\$ 4.57 per week	Ten bestselling novels per year	\$ 247.25	\$ 9.75 per year
Home Valued at \$ 350,000	\$261.25	\$ 5.02 per week	Eleven bestselling novels per year	\$ 271.98	\$ 10.73 per year

Remember—the Library rolls back several times within each taxing decade to give homeowners a break as their property values increased ... the Library's projected budget for the next 10 years accounts for **two rollbacks**, with one adjustment taking place every four years.

## Does the Library matter anymore, now that we have the Internet? Who even goes to the Library?

Well ...with over 310,000 registered cardholders, 68% of the parish has a current library card, and library parking lots are FULL! Your East Baton Rouge Parish Library system is a Nationally Ranked Star Library System by Library Journal (10 Years of Stars) with a proven track record for more than 85 years. The Library operates 15 conveniently located Library locations and all locations are open 7 days a week for a total of 1,013 public service hours per week.

Over the past few years, the Library has welcomed millions of patrons, checked out millions of items (not just books), produced thousands of free programs, answered millions of questions, and assisted thousands upon thousands of patrons with computers, Wi-Fi, AND free access to the Internet. An active Outreach program with 4 bookmobiles extends library service into the community, making thousands of visits to preschools, retirement centers, and community centers each year. The Special Collections staff preserves our parish's history, the Career Center helps people get jobs, and the Small Business Service helps local Entrepreneurs flourish.

### Great Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and output measures show constant engagement and robust use by the public throughout the parish; our usage numbers remain high!

In 2025 alone, the value of items checked out exceeded **\$79.2 million**, plus over **\$ 10.5 million** for eBook downloads in Libby. That does not even BEGIN to count the value of programs, reference information, database usage, and access to technology.

2025 Statistical Overview: [2025-since-2010.Overall-Indicators-YTD-as-of-DEC2025.pdf](#)

Visit the VALUE PROPOSITION page: [ROI.Value-Proposition-regrouped-8.7.pdf](#)

## What is a Mill?

A mill is the rate of tax used to calculate local property taxes. A tax bill includes a number of technical terms, including millage rate, assessment rate, and assessed value. In Louisiana, millage or millage rate refers to the tax rate that applies in the calculation of a specific property tax levy. It's expressed as tenths of a penny, rather than as a regular percentage. In essence, a mill is equal to \$ 1 of tax for every \$ 1,000 of net assessed taxable value. <https://www.ebrpa.org/assessments-millages/> As of January 2026, one mill equates to roughly \$6,270,870.

## What is a Rollback?

Rollbacks are a reduction of the mills being collected from taxpayers after a reassessment of property values. Rollbacks are conducted **every four years** to account for the higher property values after property assessments are updated and as newly constructed buildings are assessed. Without rollbacks, the taxes collected from taxpayers would be higher than the amount needed to support Library operations and capital improvements. **The Library budgets for rollbacks to occur every four years.**

Properties in East Baton Rouge Parish are **re-assessed** every four years. In most cases, property value goes up, so the amount levied in taxes also goes up. Since the Library has chosen to **rollback** each time, this leveled the amount paid by property owners, and every four years homeowners received a “break” in what was owed.

If the Library had **not** rolled back, taxes *would have* increased every 4 years. **The Library had been rolled back to 9.89 mills for the 2025 tax assessment.** The proposed Millage Continuation rate of 9.5 mills is **LOWER** than the rollback rate of 9.89 which was assessed in 2025.

Therefore, homeowners’ tax bills will be **REDUCED** for the 2026 assessment with the new Millage Continuation. You will pay LESS.

The **difference** between the proposed 9.5 mills renewal rate and the 9.89 rollback rate assessed in year 2025 for property valued at **\$ 100,000** is a savings of **\$ 0.98** per year. The **difference** between the proposed 9.5 mills renewal rate and the 9.89 rollback rate assessed in year 2025 for a property valued at **\$ 200,000** is a savings to you of **\$ 4.88** per year. The **difference** between the proposed 9.5 mills renewal rate and the 9.89 rollback rate assessed in year 2025 for a property valued at **\$ 300,000** is a savings to you of **\$ 8.78** per year.

## When will the Library’s new Millage Continuation proposition go before the voters?

The election to vote for this tax Millage Continuation takes place on **Saturday, June 27, 2026**. Polls will be open from 7:00 am through 8:00 pm. Locate your polling place at the Louisiana Voter Portal: <https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/>

## What is the proposition language and where is the Library’s Millage Continuation Proposition listed on the ballot?

The Library is “**Parishwide Proposition No. \_\_** (Millage Continuation)” on the June 27 ballot. Propositions generally appear on the right side of the ballot, near the top. You will see the word “**Library**” several lines down in the text describing the Library’s item. The text is VERY small! Proposition language is approved by the Bond Commission and is very prescribed. The text of the actual proposition is dense, legalistic, and hard to read; hence the need for public meetings and Millage FAQs. <https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/PropositionText> (Check posting in April 2026)

## When is Early Voting?

**Early voting begins June 13, 2026**, and ends **June 20, 2026** (excluding Sunday) at several locations in East Baton Rouge Parish:

Baton Rouge City Hall, 222 St. Louis St., Baton Rouge, LA  
State Archives, 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA  
Fire Station, 11010 Coursey, Baton Rouge, LA

Central Branch Library, 11260 Joor Road, Central, LA  
Motor Vehicle Building, 2250 Main Street, Baker, LA

Hours for early voting at these locations are: 8:30 am through 6:00 pm.

## What about Rides to the Polls?

**The POWER COALITION provides rides to the Polls** on Election Day AND for Early Voting Days. Signup online at [pcej.org/PowerRides](http://pcej.org/PowerRides)

## When is Voter Registration?

**Deadline to register to vote** for the June 27 election, either in person or by mail, is **5/27/2026**. Voters may register at these locations:

Registrar of Voters Main Office  
City Hall  
222 Saint Louis St., Room 201  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
225-389-3940

Baker Office  
Department of Motor Vehicles Building  
2250 Main St.  
Baker, LA 70714  
225-389-5206

Coursey Office  
Fire Station Building  
11010 Coursey Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816  
225-389-7682

Deadline to register to vote for the June 27 election using **GEAUX VOTE online** is **06/06/2026**. [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com)

## What about Voting by Mail?

Deadline to request a Mail Ballot from the Registrar is 6/23/26.

Deadline for the Registrar to receive a completed Mail Ballot is 6/26/26.

## How can I contact my elected officials?

[comms@brla.gov](mailto:comms@brla.gov) - Mayor-President’s email address

[metro council@brla.gov](mailto:metro council@brla.gov) - Metro Council email address

<https://www.brla.gov/561/> - Metropolitan-Council homepage for the Metro Council



## When can I hear more about the 2026 Millage Continuation and the Writing the Next Chapter plan?

The Library will schedule a number of presentations throughout the Library system between April and June 2026. Visit the Library’s website [www.ebrpl.com](http://www.ebrpl.com) where times and locations will be listed on the online calendar, in the Source newsletter, and on the Millage Information page at [www.ebrpl.com/millage](http://www.ebrpl.com/millage). Additionally, library staff are available to speak to community homeowners’ groups and organizations.

**For more information about the Library’s current detailed plans and funds, please visit:** [www.ebrpl.com/millage](http://www.ebrpl.com/millage)