

**TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES  
ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

*Gunnison County Library District*  
Gunnison County, Colorado

**Election Date:** Tuesday, November 5, 2024  
**Election Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:**

Designated Election Official: Andrew J. Brookhart, Gunnison County Library District, 1 Quartz Street, Gunnison, Colorado, 81230, phone number (970) 641-3485.

Coordinated Election Official: Kathy Simillion, Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder, 221 N. Wisconsin Street, Gunnison, Colorado, 81230, phone number (970) 641-7927.

**Ballot Title and Text:**

SHALL GUNNISON COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT TAX REVENUE BE INCREASED \$1,250,000.00 ANNUALLY (59 CENTS PER MONTH FOR EACH \$100,000 OF ACTUAL RESIDENTIAL VALUE), FOR COLLECTION IN 2025, AND BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S MILL LEVY RATE BY 1.1 MILLS, TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND LIBRARY SERVICES AND FACILITIES WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, ADULTS, AND SENIORS PROVIDING ADDITIONAL LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY THRIVE;

DIGITAL CONTENT, BOOKS, MOVIES, TECHNOLOGY ACCESS, AND ADDITIONAL HOURS OF OPERATION TO MEET OUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS; AND

AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY IN CRESTED BUTTE SOUTH PROVIDING INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AMENITIES, FREE PUBLIC MEETING ROOMS, EVENT SPACES, ACTIVE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY AND TEEN SPACE POWERED BY ONSITE GEOTHERMAL AND SOLAR ENERGY

PROVIDED THAT THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL MILL LEVY MAY BE ADJUSTED TO OFFSET REVENUE LOSSES FROM CHANGES TO THE RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT RATE; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE MILL LEVY, AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE AND SPENDING CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO ANY STATUTORY LIMITS, INCLUDING SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S., SECTION 29-1-1702,

C.R.S., ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, AND ANY OTHER LIMITS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY IN ALL FUTURE YEARS?

**Total Entity Fiscal Year Spending**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2024 (estimated)	\$ 1,814,261
2023 (actual)	\$ 1,552,380
2022 (actual)	\$ 1,301,751
2021 (actual)	\$ 1,123,315
2020 (actual)	\$ 2,044,564

Overall percentage change from 2020 to 2024	- 11.9364 %
Overall dollar change from 2020 to 2024	(\$230,303)

**Proposed Tax Increase**

Entity Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount  
of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2025  
(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 6A: \$1,250,000

Entity Estimate of 2025 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase:	\$ 1,800,000
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**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 6A:**

Join me in voting Yes/For Gunnison County Library District’s ballot initiative 6A. Issue 6A will deliver additional programs and services at all existing library locations including a lot of additional electronic books, access to online newspapers, books, movies, and more events for seniors, adults, children, teens, and a new, modern public library located in Crested Butte South.

When I was growing up, the library was a place I visited several times a week. It became the place you could find me after school if I weren’t swimming at the YMCA in winter or playing tennis in the summer. Of course, I first went with my parents and then I graduated to being able to go on my own – with my own library card. The building was “downtown” but walkable from my house. And it was a block from the middle school. What a wonderful opportunity we have for all the youngsters in CB South to have that same experience! They can visit the new children’s library with their parents and go to story time as babies and toddlers. Once they ride the bus to school, they can go right to the library after school. To join an event, read, play, or even to wait for their ride home after the bus drops them off. The new library will be a place to go with friends to meet, to have social time or to take part in one of the many events or activities.

The new meeting rooms will be a boon to all! I’m guessing nonprofits will jump for joy to have more options for meetings. I know in Gunnison (my “home” library) the meeting rooms are

busy all the time. I personally attend a support group, meet consulting clients, meet my accountant and read with friends.

Having a new library in CB South will even out the way the library district serves the valley's population. A new library north of round mountain, in the area where almost a third of the Valley's population lives, gives all equal access to a "home" library. Issue 6A provides everyone with great benefits at a low cost. 6A will only cost \$35 dollars a year for every \$500,000 of actual residential value.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 6A:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.