

I do not want to live in a community without a public library and if the Capital Area District Library millage renewal doesn't pass on August 3, we will live in such a community. CADL is not asking the community for anything more than what they've already been paying for the last several years. As a concerned resident of <insert city of residence> I want to tell you how important the library is to my community.

Public libraries are perhaps the one remaining place where knowledge and opportunity are open to everyone, regardless of means. They are an excellent support resource at a time when our schools are stretched thin. They help narrow the gap between those that have access to computers and the Internet at home and those who don't. Public libraries provide educational and learning opportunities for a lifetime, from early literacy programs and summer reading to computer classes and adult literacy, with a wide range of opportunities in between.

The value of a public library can also be measured in terms of dollars saved. CADL's web site has a value calculator (cadl.org/calculator) which allows residents to determine their personal savings. I save approximately <insert the savings based on your usage or your family's usage> when I use the library. I encourage you to plug in your own family's numbers—I think you'll be amazed at the savings you'll see.

We need to support our public libraries now more than ever so I'm urging you to vote yes on CADL millage renewal. For more information about CADL and this proposal, please contact Support CADL at supportcadl.org. This group, comprised of Capital Area District Library patrons and supporters from communities in Ingham County, is urging residents to vote yes on this critical issue.