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I AM WRITING IN SUPPORT OF THE CUYAHOGA FALLS LIBRARY LEVY, WHICH WILL BE ON THE MAY 3 BALLOT. I HAVE LIBRARY CARDS TO SIX LOCAL LIBRARIES. NONETHELESS, MY FIRST CHOICE OF LIBRARIES IS THE CUYAHOGA FALLS LIBRARY.

One reason is the convenience of a close-by library. This library is accessible from anywhere in town in a few minutes. They have convenient evening and weekend hours. This is also a quality library. It has a wide range of books and other materials. The staff is friendly and helpful; if I can't find something on my own, they usually can. On those occasions when we can't find something, they make recommendations where I might find it elsewhere. The Falls Library is a pleasant setting, especially after the recent improvements. These improvements were the result of the library's good stewardship. They have made judicious use of donations and grants to finance these improvements, thus freeing up funds for operations.

Unfortunately, State of Ohio funding has been declining over the last several years. The proposed budget for the state in 2012-13 indicates more cuts in funding. This is the reason for replacing the current expiring 1.3-mill levy, with a 1.9-mill levy. This works out to \$1.12 per week on a home with an appraised value of \$100,000. You could not possibly get all the services the library provides in the private market at a cheaper cost! How much does it cost to buy a book or rent a video or DVD?

I urge the voters of Cuyahoga Falls to vote "For" Issue 16 in the May 3 primary!

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