

Hudson library, a sound investment

Hudson, like many communities, is experiencing a shift to even greater dependence on local tax support for public services. There is a tremendous squeeze on institutions of shared public interest, which may tempt us to deny them support. These are the same services that for many years have met the needs and reflected the expectations of citizens, always with public accountability and input.

The economy challenges us to reassert our values and priorities. We hope wisdom prevails, and we do not seek perceived short-term gain over irreversible long-term loss.

We will vote for the Hudson Public Library levy on Tuesday. We are convinced that library finances have been handled prudently, even valiantly, through all the state budget cuts.

The replacement and modest increase totaling 2.3 mills will raise enough for five more years of operations. That's five years of relative stability for programs and services.

Our library is akin to a Chautauqua, where all may enter. Its presence and quality may be taken for granted. But we are convinced without its programs and services, our community would be poorer for it. The levy is a good investment for a sound community and a brighter future.

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