

\$12.9 million bond issuance for Huntley library approved by 2 to 1 margin

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McHenry and Kane county voters have allowed the Huntley Area Public Library to issue \$12.9 million in bonds to perform a total renovation and [17,000-square-foot expansion to its existing facility](#), according to unofficial election results on Tuesday.

In McHenry County, 66.05 percent of voters were in favor of the referendum. In Kane County, 67.19 percent of voters were in support.

The bond would be payable at 20 years and is not to exceed the \$12.9 million amount. For an average home in the library district, which is valued at \$231,100, the estimated annual property tax increase from the bond issuance is estimated to be \$57.32, according to library director Frank Novak.

Novak said the library outgrew its current space when it was built in the late 1990s because it preceded an influx of commercial development, such as the Sun City community and the Talamore subdivision development.

A proposed floor plan of the finished remodeling includes technology space and digital creation spaces, multifunctional programming rooms and small study rooms – which were one feature Arellano said she would like to see at the library. Novak had said he hopes digital innovations will help to grow the library's user base.

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