

KEEP COLUSA COUNTY READING, Frequently Asked Questions

What does this initiative do?

The initiative would establish a dedicated **\$85 annual parcel tax** to support the Colusa County Free Library.

Funds could only be used to support the Colusa County Free Library.

Why is this needed?

This initiative is designed to create stable, predictable funding for the Colusa County Free Library.

Like many rural libraries, the Colusa County Free Library has experienced rising operating costs while relying primarily on the County General Fund.

Over time, reduced staffing and reduced public service hours have affected library services.

Does this replace County funding?

No. The initiative requires the County to continue providing a reduced base level of funding for library operations. The new funding is intended to **supplement, not supplant**, existing County support.

The County would continue to own library buildings and remain responsible for major maintenance and capital repairs.

In a fiscal emergency, the County could reduce its General Fund commitment to the library on a one-time basis

Can adjacent parcels be combined?

Yes. The measure includes a contiguous parcel consolidation option so that qualifying adjacent parcels under common ownership and qualifying land use may be treated as one parcel.

What would the funds support?

- Library staffing
- Library hours
- Children's programming
- Adult literacy
- Books and digital collections
- Public computers and Wi-Fi
- Technology
- Community programming
- Library operations throughout Colusa County

Will all funds stay local?

Yes. Revenue generated by the measure would remain in Colusa County and could only be used for library purposes.

Does signing the petition mean I support the measure?

No. Signing simply allows the measure to appear on the ballot so that all Colusa County voters can decide.

Who benefits from the library?

Everyone. Children, students, families, seniors, job seekers, veterans, entrepreneurs, homeschool families, lifelong learners, and residents who rely on free internet, technology, and educational resources all benefit from a strong public library.