

Hennepin County Library
Additional Library Hours: Ballpark Funding – Preliminary Outline
Hennepin County Library Board

Legislation

Provides that up to \$2 million per year of revenues in excess of amounts needed for debt service may be used for extended hours in Hennepin County libraries

Hennepin County Board Resolution

The legislation authorizes the County to spend up to \$2 million per year of excess tax revenues, if available, for additional library hours

Considerations (proposed)

- Builds on Framework for the Future principles
- Financially sustainable for nine years (or agreed upon sustainability)
- Add hours to medium to large libraries to maximize resources for customers (computers, collections, study space)
- Provide geographic coverage for open hours across Hennepin County
- Easily identifiable impact for customers and public relations

Proposed Options*

- A. Add Sunday hours year round at several libraries throughout the County, including Minneapolis Central
- B. Add Monday hours at Minneapolis Central and Sunday hours year round at a few community libraries
- C. Other schedules?

Cost Projections

- Include personnel, security, tech support, and utilities in base estimate
- Plan for increases due to health care costs, inflation, and cost of living for nine years (or agreed upon sustainability)

*Final cost estimate will be based on first run of consolidated Hennepin County Library personnel costs with new health insurance and estimated support costs

Criteria for considerations

- Availability and number of public computers
- Availability and number of books, DVDs and CDs
- Availability of study and gathering space
- Access to public transportation
- Proximity to an Area, Resource, or Minneapolis Central Library

Timeline (estimated)

Schedule to be determined within the next few weeks in consultation with County Commissioners, County Administration, Library Administration and Library Board. Discussions will occur with managers, staff and unions. New hours will become effective within the next few months.