

City of Alburnett

Library Forum

February 22, 2021

Agenda

1. Presentation

2. Questions

3. Comments/Feedback

State Your Name & Address

5-minute limit

Current State

Metro Library Network (Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, Marion)

- Contract has been in effect since July 2018 and expires June 2023.
- Pricing is a per capita rate based on 2010 census data with a decreasing discount over the term of the contract.

Fiscal Year	Total Cost	Per Capita Rate
2019	\$19,008	\$28.24
2020	\$20,830	\$30.95
2021 (current)	\$22,653	\$33.66
2022	\$24,476	\$36.37
2023	\$26,038	\$38.69

- Contract pricing starting in FY24 will be recalculated based on updated 2020 census information and per capita fees set by Metro Library Network.
- All funding for library services comes from our General Fund.

Proposed State

Andersen Center Point Library

- Contract currently under consideration. Will require approval of Andersen Center Point Library Board and Alburnett City Council in order to take affect.
- Pricing based on assessed value of taxable property within the City of Alburnett.
 - Initial annual cost estimated to be \$8,181 (\$0.30/\$1000).
 - Pricing will increase in accordance with property valuation increases.
 - This pricing structure is aligned with our revenue structure.
- All funding for library services comes from our General Fund.

Rates and Levies

- Iowa Code §256.69 sets a minimum tax to be levied for library services at \$0.0675/\$1,000.

Fiscal Year	Metro Contract Cost / Levy Rate		Center Point Contract Cost / Levy Rate		State Minimum
2019	\$19,008.01	\$0.802	\$7,107.83	\$0.30	\$1,599.26
2020	\$20,830.70	\$0.854	\$7,316.42	\$0.30	\$1,646.19
2021 (current)	\$22,653.38	\$0.83	\$8,180.99	\$0.30	\$1,840.72
2022*	\$24,476.07	\$1.15	\$6,398.24	\$0.30	\$1,439.61
2023**	\$26,038.37	\$0.985	\$7,935.56	\$0.30	\$1,785.50
2024**	????	????	\$8,173.62	\$0.30	\$1,839.07

* Valuation adjusted due to TIF request. This is an outlier, and we continue to see growth in actual valuation.

** Estimates based on expected taxable valuation.

General Fund Impact

- Iowa Code §384.1 sets a maximum tax that can be levied for General Fund at \$8.10/\$1,000.

Fiscal Year	Metro Contract		Center Point Contract		State Maximum
	Value / % of General Levy		Value / % of General Levy		
2019	\$0.802	9.90%	\$0.30	3.70%	\$8.10
2020	\$0.854	10.54%	\$0.30	3.70%	\$8.10
2021 (current)	\$0.83	10.25%	\$0.30	3.70%	\$8.10
2022*	\$1.15	14.20%	\$0.30	3.70%	\$8.10
2023**	\$0.985	12.16%	\$0.30	3.70%	\$8.10
2024**	????	????	\$0.30	3.70%	\$8.10

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General Fund Impact

- What other expenditures come from the General Fund?

Expenditure Type	Budgeted Cost (FY21)	% of General Levy
Street Maintenance & Equipment	\$60,000	27.16%
Fire Equipment (New & Repairs)	\$54,500	24.69%*
Wages	\$40,680	18.52%
Metro Library Network Contract	\$22,653	10.25%
Linn County Sheriff Contract	\$19,092	8.64%
Property Insurance	\$16,285	7.41%
Utilities & Telecom	\$10,500	4.75%
City Hall Rent	\$9,000	4.00%
Printing, Publication, Postage, Office Supplies	\$7,700	3.46%
Grounds Maintenance & Vehicle Operations	\$6,000	2.72%
TOTAL		111.60%

* Additional revenue through grants and township 28E agreement.

Library Service Usage

- Library service usage data as of December 2020
- Reports contain county addresses that need to be removed prior to data analysis

Timeframe	# of Unique Cards Used*	# of Households	% of Population 2010 Census
Last 6 months	33	29	4.9%
Last 7-12 months	32	30	4.7%
Last 13-24 months	36	33	5.3%
More than 24 months	43	38	6.4%
Total	144	111	21.4%

* Includes PO Boxes with no street address (1%).

Services Advertised

Amenity	Center Point	Cedar Rapids	Hiawatha	Marion
Computers for public use	x	x	x	x
Programs for Adults, Teens, Children	x	x	x	x
<i>Digital Catalog of physical items</i>	x	x	x	x
Digital library (ebooks & resources)	x	x	x	x
Ask a Librarian	x	x	x	x
Interlibrary Loan	x	x	x	x
Books by Mail		x		
Meeting Rooms	x	x	x	
Notary Service	x			x
Printing, Copying, Faxing	x	x	x	x
Exam Proctoring	x			
MICRO Loan		x		
Proximity to Alburnett	11.4	15-18	11.7	9.7

Italicized item governed by State Library of Iowa Open Access Agreement

Bolded items only available to library cardholders

Open Access Network

Purpose:

Open Access is a program funded by the Iowa Legislature and administered by the State Library of Iowa. Open Access pays Iowa libraries to serve eligible Iowa residents from outside their local jurisdiction.

The purpose of the Open Access program is to offer Iowa residents access to libraries all over the state, so that Iowans have the convenience of using a library where they work, go to school, shop or visit.

General Provisions:

A local **public library board** or academic library director **may decide to deny** Open Access service to residents of **a jurisdiction that is contracting with a library(s) at a rate** that the board or academic library director **deems to be inequitable**. The library's board or academic library director must notify the State Library, and the jurisdiction denied service, in writing, of its intent and rationale for the decision prior to any action.

Additional Resources:

Open Access Libraries: <https://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia/eiaqrrecfy21>

Contracting Cities: <https://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia/open-access/contcityfy21>

Open Access – Terms of Agreement: <https://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia/oaagrfy21.pdf>

Equitable

- The chart below represents cities of similar size or proximity to Alburnett that contract for library services and maintain access to the Metro Library Network through Open Access:

Contracting City	Per Capita Rate	Levy Rate	% of General Levy
Andrew	\$0.92	\$0.05	0.7%
Monmouth	\$1.31	\$0.10	1.3%
Prairieburg	\$1.83	\$0.08	1.0%
Baldwin	\$1.93	\$0.09	1.1%
Arcadia	\$2.89	\$0.07	0.8%
Ryan	\$4.50	\$0.11	1.3%
Walford	\$4.69	\$0.09	1.1%
Libertyville	\$4.76	\$0.20	2.4%
Alleman	\$5.00	\$0.09	1.1%
Ainsworth	\$8.84	\$0.46	5.6%
Shueyville	\$9.19	\$0.15	2.2%
Walker	\$9.48	\$0.30	3.7%

Contracting City	Per Capita Rate	Levy Rate	% of General Levy
Gilbertville	\$9.54	\$0.32	3.9%
Elk Run Heights	\$10.22	\$0.25	3.1%
Quasqueton	\$11.37	\$0.50	6.2%
Urbana	\$12.00	\$0.29	3.6%
Alburnett (proposed)	\$12.16	\$0.30	3.7%
Linn County	\$22.51	\$0.27	3.3%
Hills	\$22.76	\$0.30	3.8%
Lone Tree	\$24.62	\$0.69	8.6%
Robins	\$30.95	\$0.53	7.5%
Alburnett (current)	\$33.66	\$0.83	10.3%
Asbury	\$34.04	\$0.74	9.1%
Farley	\$35.90	\$0.81	12.9%
Palo	\$0.29	\$0.01	0.1%

Denied Open Access service by Metro Library Network →

Next Steps

- Andersen Center Point Library Board will decide on the proposed contract.
- Alburnett City Council will decide on the proposed contract.
- Next Regular City Council Meeting: Monday, March 8th, 2021

Questions?

Comments and Feedback

State Your Name and Address

5-minute limit to allow
everyone an opportunity to speak