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SPECIAL REFERENDUM EDITION

10 Reasons to Vote Yes for Question 1 on November 8

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Tiverton Libraries strongly urges its members and all Tiverton voters to go to the polls on November 8 and vote YES on Question 1 to approve the construction bond for the new library. This will be the last step in a 10 year process to deliver modern library services to our Town. **Your vote can make history.**

What is the alternative? Tiverton has been getting waivers from the state for over 10 years. If the bond doesn't pass the library will lose \$90,000 a year in State aid, as well as access to all State supported information services like interlibrary loan, databases and the library

catalog of holdings. Plus, the State library card for Tiverton residents would not be recognized at other libraries in the state. Simply, Tiverton will lose its library services.

If the Library Bond is approved, Tiverton will get an \$11.6 million facility – and all the programs and services it plans to offer – for only \$2.9 million, less than \$30 a year for the average Tiverton property owner.

The new Tiverton Public Library is a great investment in Tiverton's future, an opportunity to not only keep library services in Tiverton, but to bring them into the 21st century. **Let's make history. Vote Yes on November 8.**

Vote Yes



Nov. 8th

Question 1

**New
Tiverton
Library**

Why vote yes? There are many reasons. The new Tiverton Public Library will be a:

1. Community Center for social and educational enrichment
2. 21st century information hub: books, e-books, audio books, databases, and reference help
3. Vital resource for local economic development
4. Center for life-long adult education
5. Center for Teens — The Town's first!
6. Children's Center that can hold more than 11 people without violating fire codes
7. Modern meeting facilities for Town businesses and organizations
8. Digital archive of documents and artifacts from Tiverton's long, celebrated history
9. Computer lab that offers free adult computer and software educational programs, job search programs, and assistance with internet searches
10. Global video conferencing center to improve the cultural competence of our students – and help the Town's businesses and entrepreneurs find new markets.



6 Frequently Asked Questions: Location, Size and Cost

Virtually everything you need to know about the new Tiverton library project can be found at TivertonLibrary.org/newlibrary. Please explore it before you vote. Be an informed voter.

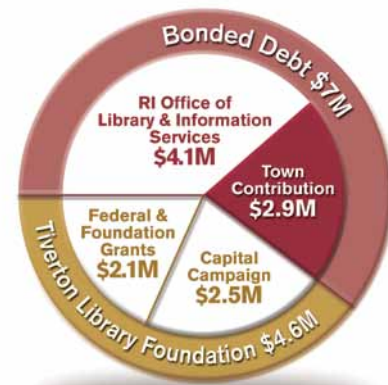
Some questions about the new library have been of concern to town’s residents. For your convenience, we’d like to review them here.

1. Is the new library “too big?” The size of a library is based on the programs and services it should be offering to the community and the size of the community’s population. According to The Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS), the size of the new library is “just right.”

2. Is Bulgarmarsh Rd. the best place for the new library? The site of the new library meets all American Library Association siting guidelines. It is centrally located, with ample parking, on a busy street, and close to a retail area. It is also within walking distance from three Tiverton schools, which serve nearly 70% of our students.

3. What will it cost to operate the new library? When hiring the architects, the Trustees stipulated their design should not require additional personnel to staff the new library, and that increases in maintenance and utility costs must be kept to a minimum. With a single-level, open space design, no additional staffing is needed. Because the building meets LEED Gold standards for energy efficiency, maintenance and utility costs – together 5% of the budget – will increase only three-fold (~ \$40,000/yr). The other 95%, mostly personnel costs, will not increase and the total operational costs for the new library will be **less than 10%** over the current Essex budget.

4. What will the new library cost Tiverton taxpayers? The Town of Tiverton will repay only \$2.9 million, plus interest, of the \$7 million bond. **OLIS will repay the remaining \$4.1 million, plus interest.**



5. What happens if the State doesn’t come through? That will not happen. Construction will not begin until OLIS signs a contract with Tiverton that binds the State to these yearly payments. Tiverton will not be left “holding the bag.”

6. How will the bond affect property taxes? Property taxes will increase only 10 cents per \$1,000 valuation (see below).

Repaying the Bond – Average Annual Cost/Homeowner (Principal and Interest Included)	
Property Value	Annual Cost Per Household
\$100,000	\$10
\$200,000	\$20
\$300,000	\$30

Source: Town Administrator, Sept. 2011

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Where to Vote in the Special Election on November 8

Polling Precinct 3301

Amicable Church, 3804 Main Road

For voters who regularly vote at Fort Barton School

Polling Precincts 3302, 3304, 3305

VFW, 134 Shove Street

*For voters who regularly vote at North Tiverton Fire Station
or at Pocasset School*

Polling Precinct 3303

Countryview Estates Community Room, 325 Hurst Lane

No change for voters who regularly vote at Countryview

Polling Precincts 3306 and 3307

Sandywoods Farm Community Center, 43 Muse Way

(New Development located off Bulgarmarsh Road)

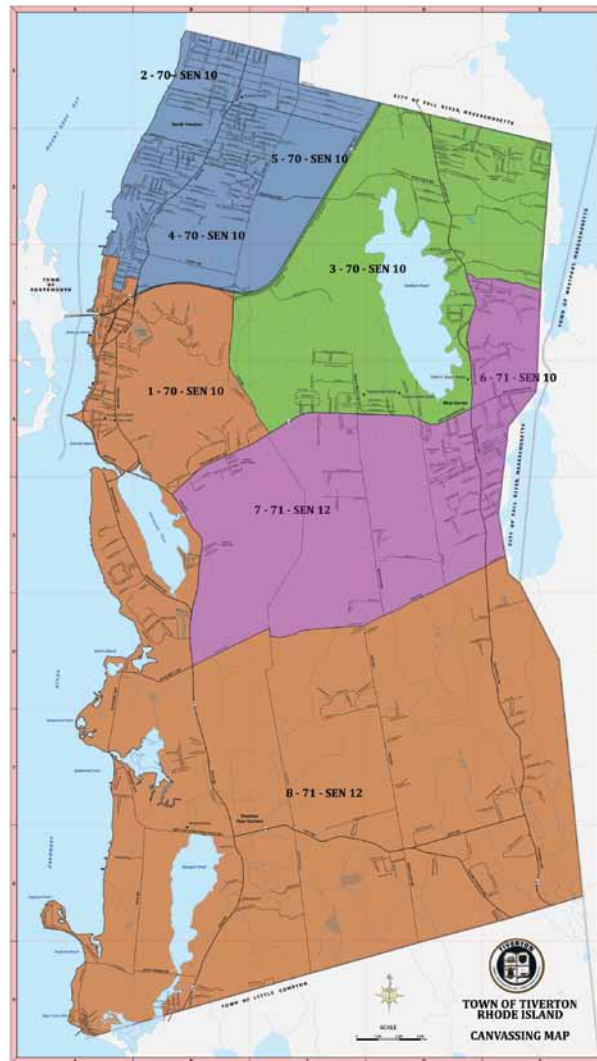
*For voters who regularly vote at Tiverton High School
or at Crandall Road Fire Station*

Polling Precinct 3308

Amicable Church, 3804 Main Road

No change for voters who regularly vote at Amicable Church

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Important Voter Information

\$7 Million bond, but the Tiverton repays only \$2.9

What You Will See on the Ballot

1. LIBRARY BOND \$7,000,000 (Chapters 86/93-Public Laws 2011)

“Shall an act, passed at the 2011 session of the General Assembly, entitled ‘An Act Authorizing the Town of Tiverton to Issue Bonds and Notes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,000,000 to finance the acquisition, constructing, building, furnishing and equipping of a public library’ be approved?”

What Every Voter Needs to Remember

The Rhode Island Library Construction Reimbursement program will cover the costs of \$4,100,000 of this bond. Only \$2,900,000 of the bonded debt will be repaid from Town funds.

Please Vote Yes on Question 1