The board of trustees of the Franklin County Library District has approved a tax levy of 9.79 cents for the year 2000. This action was taken after a public hearing August 29 at the Union Library. No member of the public attended the hearing.

The levy rate has been reviewed by the Office of the State Auditor and certified as complying with laws of the State of Missouri.

The assessed valuation of the Franklin County Library District in the year 2000 is $920,992,300. Of that amount, $57,559,286 is the result of new growth within the district since last year. Based upon the assessed valuation and the tax levy rate the estimated income will be $901,651.

These funds, along with funds from the Gasconade and Warren County Library Districts, will be used for the operation of Scenic Regional Library.

The Franklin County Library District includes the entire county except for those areas within the Washington Municipal Library District and the Sullivan Municipal Library District.

The county library district operates libraries in New Haven, Pacific, St. Clair and Union. The bookmobile serves other communities and schools in the county.