

County Library District Board Approves Levy

The Board of Trustees of the Franklin County Library District has approved a tax levy of 9.19 cents for 2008.

The levy, which is slightly higher than the 2007 levy of 9.13 cents, is applied to each \$100 of assessed valuation of property.

The action was taken after a public hearing held on Aug. 19, at the Union Scenic Regional Library. No member of the public attended the hearing.

The tax rate was determined by pro forma calculations prepared by the Missouri State Auditor's office and is the maximum legal rate allowed by law. The voted tax rate of the Franklin County Library District is \$0.10, which is

Man Charged With Passing Bad Check

A St. Louis man is charged with passing a bad check at a Pacific business.

Frank Lancia, 43, is charged in Franklin County Associate Circuit Court with felony passing a bad check for \$5,857.84. Prosecutors requested a bond of \$10,000.

According to the probable cause statement filed in court, Lancia tried to pass the check Feb. 21 at Innovative Home Products - Kirkwood Stair from a Bank of America account.

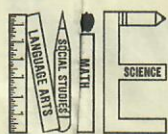
the minimum tax rate allowed for libraries to qualify for State Aid to Public Libraries and to be eligible to participate in programs such as MOREnet and library grants. The district complies with mandatory rollback provisions of the Hancock Amendment and Missouri State Statutes.

Levying the maximum rate allowed after rollback allows the Franklin County Library District to continue to qualify for state aid and other library programs. The levy rate has been certified as complying with Missouri Laws by Susan Montee, Missouri state auditor.

The assessed valuation of the Franklin County Library District for 2008 is \$1,540,623,985. Of that amount, \$48,600,789 is the result of new growth and improvements within the district since last year. Based on the assessed valuation and the tax levy, the estimated income will be \$1,415,833. 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 rural communities as well as schools in the three counties. Other libraries operated by the regional system are located in Warrenton, Hermann and Owensville.



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