

Q. How Is The Library Construction Being Paid?

- A. The City of Kentwood is currently building a library which will be operated by the Kent District Library when it opens in August of 2010 (estimated). The current library on Kalamazoo Avenue has outgrown its capabilities and voters determined positively in August of 2008 that a new library would be required to accommodate future needs.

A millage rate of .35 was levied upon all real and personal property to build and maintain the library into perpetuity as its own fund. The dollars that are being used to conduct these activities are not derived from the same funds that are used to operate police, fire, recreation, public works, or other city functions. Those functions are paid for by the General Fund which is funded by the regular levied city millage on property taxes and state sales taxes (State Shared Revenue).