



Kansas City Public Library

WESTPORT

BRANCH 118 WESTPORT RD.
KANSAS CITY, MO 64111

BUILT: 1898
LAST RENOVATED IN 1998-99

THE LIBRARY QUESTION
kclibrary.org/election
Election Day: Nov. 6, 2018

More than ever, the Kansas City Public Library is central to the lives of the individuals, families, and communities it serves. The Library is proposing an 8-cent increase in its property tax-based operating levy for the purpose of upgrading its facilities and sustaining its collections and expansive menu of services for the public.

WITH LEVY APPROVAL, THE LIBRARY CAN:

- ✓ **BROADEN ACCESS TO BOOKS, MUSIC, MOVIES, CLASSES, AND PROGRAMS**
- ✓ **RENOVATE AND REPLACE AGING FACILITIES**
- ✓ **IMPROVE ACCESS TO COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY**
- ✓ **EXPAND OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING CHILDREN AND SENIORS**

✓ **IF THE LIBRARY QUESTION IS APPROVED, AT THIS LOCATION WE CAN:**

- ▶ **PROVIDE SAFER, MORE COMFORTABLE, MORE WELCOMING LIBRARY SPACES**
Renovate the interior, including new carpet, paint, and wall coverings, plus new chairs/furniture for the computer area.
- ▶ **MODERNIZE TECHNOLOGY**
Update computers and other digital resources and expand training that assists everyone from seniors to job seekers.
- ▶ **EXPLORE BRANCH REDESIGN AND RECONDITIONING**
Revamp spaces to better accommodate high demand for services and programs.

The oldest library building in Kansas City, the historic Westport Branch originally was called the Allen Library in honor of former Jackson County Presiding Judge Arthur M. Allen, who championed its construction in 1898. His name remains inscribed above the front doors. The branch serves a wide area – well beyond its immediate neighborhood – with demand great among seniors and others needing access to computers and the internet, groups looking for public meeting space, and those in need of passport processing.