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Highlights

- ◇ The Sugar Grove Library District has had no operating rate increase since it was established in **1963**.
- ◇ If the referendum passes, the library will receive the funds in July 2009.
- ◇ The following chart shows the referendum's projected impact on residents' tax bills:

Home Fair Market Value	Amount of Library Operations Tax
\$200,000	+\$104.76
\$250,000	+\$130.95
\$300,000	+\$157.14
\$350,000	+\$183.33
\$400,000	+\$209.52

- ◇ Since 2000, the library district population has **increased by 129.3%, but funding for the library has increased only 79.2%**. This means that the amount the library can spend to serve individuals in the community has declined by 38.6% in 7 years.
- ◇ The Sugar Grove Library District's actual operating rate is **considerably** lower than that of any nearby library.
- ◇ **The most recent (2006-2007) funding level received from taxes equates to \$34.36 per capita, compared to Aurora at \$55.93, Elburn at \$150.49, Batavia at \$103.53, St. Charles at \$100.96, and Geneva at \$208.12.** (Figures used to calculate per capita funding were reported in **LACONI** Salary Survey Report 2006.)
- ◇ The library is unable to offer competitive starting salaries for new employees. Low salaries have also impacted the library's ability to retain well-trained, valuable employees.
- ◇ The library provides full-time employment for one employee (the Director) and part-time employment for 12 people, 8 of whom are Sugar Grove residents. Passage of the referendum would allow for appropriate compensation for current employees and the ability to add needed staff.
- ◇ According to standards set by the ALA (American Library Association), the Sugar Grove Library is severely understaffed for a library serving a community with 15,476 residents, the current number of residents served by the Sugar Grove Library District. The library employs **one** full-time MLS (Master of Library Science) employee when it **should have three** to meet the needs of the community.
- ◇ As a result of the failure of the April 2007 referendum, the library can no longer offer an adequate level of programs and services. Hours have been cut (by 19%), program offerings have been cut, fewer titles have been purchased, fines have been increased, and fees for some services have been introduced. Passage of the referendum would allow for an increase in hours of operation, an increase in the collection and a reinstitution and rejuvenation of library programs.
- ◇ The building bond, approved in 2004 was expected to cost taxpayers \$0.20 to \$0.22 per \$100 assessed property value, it was obtained at \$0.13 per \$100 assessed property value – evidence of the **excellent financial stewardship** practiced by the Library District in its efforts to **provide taxpayers true value for their tax dollars**.

- ◇ Building bond funds CANNOT legally be used for operating the library.

Referendum Question Information

The following referendum question will appear on the February 5, 2008 ballot in precincts within the boundaries of the Sugar Grove Public Library District. Voters need to know that **the library will not receive the funds that result from their vote on this question until the July 2009.**

Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Sugar Grove Public Library District, Kane County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .15714% above the limiting rate for levy year 2006 and be equal to 0.25% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2008?

- (1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$445,143, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$1,198,426.
- (2) For the 2008 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$52.38.
- (3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2008 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

The tax cap (Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, or PTELL) limits the amount of increase in total tax receipts for the library by a rate tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), not to the total Estimated Assessed Value of all the properties in the District.

Due to population growth and rapid rise in property values in the District (far exceeding the CPI rate), the library has not been permitted to collect the full \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed property value—the Library District's formerly approved rate.

Due to the tax cap law (PTELL), the library received only \$0.09286 per \$100 of assessed property value in 2006—not the full \$0.15 per \$100 that voters originally agreed to provide the district. The **limiting rate** referred to in the referendum question is the PTELL rate, or the amount the library is actually permitted to receive from property taxes for operations.

The Library is asking for a rate of \$0.25 per \$100 of equalized assessed value to address the additional budget required to operate the new larger library building, which is schedule to be completed in the Fall of 2009 (**a few months after the library actually receives the funds from passage of this referendum question**).

Library Statistics

Brief History:

Sugar Grove Library was founded in 1962 in the “Men’s Smoking Room” of the Sugar Grove Community House. The original collection consisted of 446 donated books. Library hours were Friday and Saturday from 1-5p.m.

In 1963, the library became tax supported as a Township library, with a levy rate of \$0.15 per \$100 assessed value.

The current 6,600 square foot building was completed in 1980; a mobile classroom was added in 2002.

A referendum to fund a new, 27,430 square foot building was approved in 2004. The approved bond was expected to cost taxpayers \$0.20 to \$0.22 per \$100 of assessed value, but was obtained at a cost of only \$0.13 per \$100.

Library operating rate limit:

1963 – \$0.15 per \$100 assessed property value

2008 – \$0.15 per \$100 assessed property value

Rate of change = 0%

Library operating rate extended (the rate that the library actually received):

1963 – \$0.15 per \$100 assessed property value

2006-2007 fiscal year -- \$0.09286 per \$100 assessed property value

Rate of change = 38.09% decrease

Library District population

2000 – 6,747

2006 – 15,476

Rate of change = 129.3% increase

Library Cardholders

1998 – 2020

2007 – 5602

Rate of change = 177.3% increase

Total Library District operations tax receipts

2000 – \$215,639

2007 – \$386,504

Rate of change = 79.2% increase*

**NOTE: the library is serving 129.3% additional residents, 177.3% additional cardholders, with only 79.2% additional funding.*

Staff wages expense

1999-2000 – \$85,068

2006-200 – \$238,587

Rate of change = 180.5% increase

Library Statistics (continued)

Library District Service Area

- ◇ **Approximately 39 square miles:** Seavey Road to Baseline/Route 30; Orchard Road to Dugan Road.
- ◇ Village of Sugar Grove (approximately 10 square miles)
- ◇ Unincorporated Sugar Grove in Blackberry and Sugar Grove Townships
- ◇ Sugar Grove Township residents of the Village of Montgomery

Library use figures for 2006-2007:

- ◇ 5,602 residents of the District have library cards
- ◇ 89,632 visits to the library
- ◇ 403 activities were held in the meeting room
- ◇ Programs were attended by 6,128 people
- ◇ 1,537 reference questions were answered
- ◇ 3,821 Sugar Grove Library items were shared with other libraries
- ◇ 76,743 were borrowed at our library
- ◇ 8,830 items were borrowed from other libraries for our patrons –from our library system, from other libraries in Illinois, and from libraries in other states.
- ◇ Sugar Grove Library cardholders used their cards in other libraries for 11,540 items
- ◇ Cardholders from other libraries used Sugar Grove Library for 495 items.

Library collection figures 2006-2007:

- ◇ 5 items per capita / 13 per cardholder
- ◇ 15,624 adult printed items plus 660 reference items (a decrease due to space and collection development budget cuts)
- ◇ 20,153 youth printed items
- ◇ 7,888 audio items
- ◇ 869 video items
- ◇ 125 magazine titles with 2,445 individual issues
- ◇ 8 newspaper subscriptions

Sugar Grove Library Mission

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to actively participate in the development of a strong, literate and well-informed community by serving as a cornerstone of learning and as the heart of our community. We will be a unique resource providing open access to a variety of materials that foster opportunities for learning. As the heart of our community, we will support democracy, citizenship, and cultural growth of the Sugar Grove Public Library District.

How the library executes its mission:

The Sugar Grove Library serves the community by:

- ◇ maintaining a current, thoughtfully selected collection;
- ◇ providing free programs (as funding allows) for people of all ages and varied interests;
- ◇ working with local schools to provide support to the curriculum;
- ◇ helping families with home schooling needs;
- ◇ carefully allocating expenditures of its funds;
- ◇ providing meeting room space for local community organizations, study groups, etc.;
- ◇ providing voter's registration service;
- ◇ offering current (as funding allows) information technology, and training staff to use it;
- ◇ participating in community events;
- ◇ providing a reference question service;
- ◇ assisting patrons to perform research;
- ◇ providing resources for accurate, up-to-the-minute health information;
- ◇ applying for and receiving grants for new programs and services;
- ◇ acting as a source for community information and referrals;
- ◇ providing home delivery for homebound patrons;
- ◇ working with other libraries to assure all patrons' information needs are met;
- ◇ providing waiting list service for popular items;
- ◇ remaining open six days a week, for a total of 47 hours, including Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings for patrons' convenience.

It is important to note that the 2007 cuts and changes in hours and service was not the choice of the Library Board and Staff, but the result of the voters' choice. Those cuts and changes are in direct conflict with the Library's mission, but inadequate funding has finally impeded our best efforts to provide the level of services the community should expect from its public library.

Impact of Referendum Question on the Library

The request for the tax rate limit of \$0.25 has been carefully calculated to support the library's services according to standards published by the American Library Association. The calculation takes into account the needs of the new library building, which will be completed in the fall of 2009. The Library will receive the funds from passage of this referendum in July 2009.

Results of a successful referendum

A rate increase would allow the library to become appropriately staffed for the new larger building, and would allow the library to provide appropriate compensation and number of hours to current employees. It will allow the library to be fully prepared for the transition to the new facility.

- ◇ The library provides value to the community...
 - ◇ information services, including reference questions via telephone
 - ◇ lending of books, audio books, magazines, videos
 - ◇ availability of online subscription information services
 - ◇ children's & teens' learning programs
 - ◇ adult learning and social programs
 - ◇ library web site allows downloading of certain titles without leaving home
 - ◇ meeting space
 - ◇ a strong sense of community

- ◇ The library provides one full-time employee (the Director) and part-time employment for 12 people (8 are Sugar Grove residents). A library serving a community the size of the Sugar Grove Library District should have employment of 12 full-time equivalents; the library has 7 full time equivalents. Passage of this referendum will allow the new library to open with the appropriate staff for the community and for the facility.

- ◇ Valued employees are leaving for better-paying jobs, or jobs that can offer full-time status and benefits, resulting in higher training costs for new employees. Passage of the referendum will enable the library to offer competitive salaries and retain trained employees.

- ◇ The library has one full-time MLS (Master of Library Science) employee. A library serving a community the size of the Sugar Grove Library District should have three full time MLS employees, according to the American Library Association. Passage of the referendum will enable the library to hire a full-time MLS Youth Services Department Manager, allowing us to improve our relationship with the local schools, to strengthen the educational opportunities of our youth.

Results of a failed referendum

If this referendum fails, the library will continue to be unable to purchase adequate copies of new titles and will not be able to prepare for the move to the larger facility. This means:

- ◇ even fewer new titles will be purchased;
- ◇ the waiting time for reserve lists will increase;
- ◇ loan periods may be shortened;
- ◇ library fines and fees could increase again;

- ◇ library hours of operation may be further cut if staff hours can't be increased enough to meet service demands.
- ◇ will not be able to absorb the increased operating costs of the new larger facility without making more drastic cuts in services and holdings.

Library assets will decline if the referendum question fails:

- ◇ worn and outdated material cannot be replaced.
- ◇ the library will lose pace with current technology.

The library's ability to meet the needs of the community will be further damaged if the referendum fails. It will not add value to the community.

- ◇ Reading interests and information needs of the community will not be fully addressed.
- ◇ Program offerings have been cut, weakening our ability to attract and inspire young independent readers
- ◇ The library's ability to serve in the development of commercial areas and activities directed at building a strong, literate, well-informed community have been severely compromised.

Value of referendum proceeds

If the referendum passes, the library will receive (approx.) \$1,199,778 in July 2009.

Library Pro-forma Budget

Budget Item	Ideal allocation as % of total budget *	Amount Allocated if Referendum passes		Amount Allocated without passage of Referendum**	
		\$ Amount	% of Budget	\$ Amount	% of Budget
Staffing	59%	\$ 536,000	45%	\$ 200,000	59.94%
Collection	15%	\$ 240,000	20%	\$ 30,000	6.5%
Insurance	6%	\$ 97,818	8%	\$ 50,000	11%
Technology	5%	\$ 58,000	5%	\$ 45,000	9.9%
Contracts	2.75%	\$ 72,000	6%	\$ 50,000	11%
Supplies	2.75%	\$ 38,000	3%	\$ 8,000	1.75%
Utilities	2.75%	\$ 47,000	4%	\$ 25,000	5.5%
Special Reserve Fund	2%	\$ 12,000	1%	\$ 0	0%
Building Maintenance	1.75%	\$ 41,760	3.5%	\$ 30,000	6.5%
Legal Fees	0.75%	\$ 23,200	2%	\$ 17,000	3.75%
Public Relations	0.75%	\$ 12,000	1%	\$ 100	0.02%
Programs	1%	\$ 15,000	1%	\$ 0	0%
Continuing Education	0.5%	\$ 7,000	0.5%	\$ 50	0.01%
Total	100%	\$1,199,778	100%	\$ 455,150	99.93%

* According to Anders Dalghren, professional library planner.

**Some costs related to the building (such as maintenance, contracts, insurance, and utilities) are fixed costs that cannot be reduced or eliminated by decreasing hours or closing the building,

Impact of Referendum Questions on Residents of the Library District

Total Estimated Library Tax Bill

The chart below shows the estimated TOTAL ANNUAL amount of taxes residents will pay for their library, including the new building bond and special levies. Estimated Assessed Values (EAV) in the chart below are based on 1/3 of the home's market value, and in many cases may overstate the actual EAV. Residents can find their actual EAV by contacting the Kane County Treasurer's Office.

Home Value	Estimated Assessed Value	Homestead Exemption	New Rate*	Increase if Referendum Passes *
\$200,000	\$66,660	\$61,660	\$215.81	+\$98.66
\$250,000	\$83,325	\$78,325	\$274.14	+\$130.95
\$300,000	\$99,990	\$94,990	\$332.47	+\$157.14
\$350,000	\$116,655	\$111,655	\$390.79	+\$183.33
\$400,000	\$133,320	\$128,320	\$449.12	+\$209.52

*New Rate and Increase shown is first-year increase. Amount will decline in subsequent years as a result of PTELL.

Services

Passage of the referendum will ensure that residents have access to library services and programs that have been cut due to failure of past referendum questions, and:

- ◇ additional information technology and staff fully trained to help patrons use it efficiently;
- ◇ a more varied collection of information resources;
- ◇ more programs and activities for people of all ages, ensuring opportunity for everyone to participate.

If the referendum fails, the library **cannot** maintain the level of services and programs it currently offers residents (see attached list).

- ◇ Residents may find that new shortened hours are not convenient,
- ◇ that library fines might increase again,
- ◇ that they may need to pay for certain services or programs that are currently free,
- ◇ that more programs and services may need to be cut due to staff and budget constraints,
- ◇ and that service is not as timely due to staff cuts.

Comparison with other local libraries

Figures used to calculate per capita funding were reported in **LACONI** Salary Survey Report 2006.*

Library	Operating Rate*	Per Capita Spending for Operations
Sugar Grove	\$0.099	\$34.36
Elburn	\$0.227	\$150.49
Messenger	\$0.258	\$79.24
Batavia	\$0.359	\$103.53
Aurora	\$0.254	\$55.93
Geneva	\$0.285	\$208.12
St. Charles	\$0.253	\$100.96

*Operating rate is the amount per \$100 of assessed value that the library is permitted to collect for operations, and includes special levies (amount dictated by legislation to be applied to certain specific expenses, e.g. Social Security expense, audit expense, building insurance expense)

Library	Visits Per Capita	Circulation Per Capita
Sugar Grove	13.3	5
Elburn	7.7	10.5
North Aurora	10.6	11.7
Batavia	14.9	21
Aurora	5.8	5.73
Geneva	8.69	18.5
St. Charles	7.7	25.5

Libraries with larger, newer facilities see a corresponding increase in use. Sugar Grove Library expects a dramatic increase in the number of visits and its circulation numbers when the new library is completed.

*The LACONI survey is a voluntary survey administered by the Library Administrators Conference of Northern Illinois. 142 public libraries in the Chicago collar counties and west across the state participated. Only 16 of those have lower operating budgets than Sugar Grove, although Sugar Grove ranks 94th in EAV and 100th in population.

Sugar Grove Public Library Services & Programs

The Sugar Grove Public Library offers the following **services** to residents within the Library District:

- ◇ **Loans** books, CDs, videos, DVDs, cassettes, magazines, large print books and downloadable eAudio books; in most cases, allows **renewals**.
- ◇ Makes special arrangements for **vacation loans** of materials.
- ◇ **Holds material** at the request of patrons and offers a Best seller club.
- ◇ **Borrows** material from other libraries for S.G. Library patrons; lends material to other libraries; patrons can use their cards at other libraries.
- ◇ Provides **reference** materials as well as online and telephone reference services.
- ◇ Provides a **book drop** for the convenience of patrons.
- ◇ Arranges **home delivery** for the disabled, as well as Voices of Vision services for the blind, physically disabled and homebound.
- ◇ Maintains an excellent **web site** that provides community as well as library information.
- ◇ Provides an **environment** that includes study tables, reading space, community bulletin board, scale, meeting space, and in the near future, WIFI access.
- ◇ Provides access to **information technology**, including Internet, fax, and copier.
- ◇ Offers access to a **travel information file, local history files, genealogy resources, and newspapers**.
- ◇ **Civic offerings** include voters' registration, notary service, and access to State and federal tax forms.
- ◇ The public Internet computer offers access to **government services**.
- ◇ **Cooperates with educational institutions** by providing exam proctoring, school tours for 1st and 2nd grades, and help with homework assignments.
- ◇ **Involvement in charitable efforts** includes providing a food pantry drop spot, Lions used glasses drop spot, and volunteer opportunities.
- ◇ **Community group involvement** includes Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement, Corn Boil, Farmers' Market, Sugar Grove Economic Development Corporation, Sugar Grove Historical Society, and Kaneland W.I.N.S.
- ◇ Provides tours for groups.

The Sugar Grove Public Library offers the following **programs** to residents within the Library District:

- ◇ Police and Fire Department at Story Time
- ◇ Movies for Kids (G and PG)
- ◇ Story Time (weekly: 2 1/2 – 6)
- ◇ Toddler Time (weekly: 18- 30 mo.)
- ◇ Lap Sit (monthly: 0-18 Mon.)
- ◇ Summer Reading Incentive Program (Sponsored by Sugar Grove Library Friends)
- ◇ Read for a Lifetime (high school: reading incentive)

The following programs had been offered prior to failure of the previous referendum. The Library plans to resume comparable programming with increased funding and staffing:

- ◇ Adult Book Discussion
- ◇ Mystery Book Discussion
- ◇ Open the Book on Quilting
- ◇ Quilt A Bee Book Discussion
- ◇ Open the Book on Knitting & Crochet
- ◇ Open the Book on Cross Stitch
- ◇ Open the Book on Health
- ◇ Open the Book on Gardening
- ◇ Open the Book on Investments
- ◇ Rants & Raves (adult & high school: movie/book discussion) Interactive Website Forum
- ◇ Kids View Book Discussion (Monthly: middle school)
- ◇ Kids v. Cops Basketball
- ◇ Day-off School Programming
- ◇ Stories & Such (Monthly: k-3)
- ◇ Book Bingo (6-13 years old)
- ◇ Seniors and Stories & Such (2x year)
- ◇ Seasonal programming or guest appearances
- ◇ Winter Reading Incentive Program

Library Friends' Activities

- ◇ Book Sales
- ◇ Summer and school break special programs for kids
- ◇ Contests/Displays
- ◇ Fundraiser Campbell's label program
- ◇ Fundraiser Harry Potter Birthday (ages 9-15)
- ◇ Baby Sitting Workshop (ages 10-15)
- ◇ Guest Speakers
- ◇ Libraries Remember, 9/11/01
- ◇ Concerts on lawn
- ◇ Reading with therapy dogs
- ◇ Essay contest
- ◇ Summer Reading Program

Appendix A: Photographs* (available on CD)



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SGLFPAC2



SGLFPAC3



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Artist Rendering of New Building

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Appendix B: Library Testimonial Stories

The Sugar Grove Public Library has played an important role in the lives of many community individuals and families. The adage, “Kids who read succeed” is true, as countless families in the District can attest. They tell of having raised their families with weekly visits to the library for books and programs, and now many of those kids are avid readers and successful students in, or bound for, college. These families can validate recent studies that show a direct relationship between libraries and improved reading and writing scores.

Children aren’t the only group who benefits from the Library. The Sugar Grove Public Library provides programs, services and collections for people of all ages. The following stories illustrate the impact the library has had on the quality of life for area residents.

Library Staff Helps Resident Earn Advanced Degree

Mr. H is married, has 3 children, and holds a full-time job. In addition, he was attending school to earn his Masters degree. Mr. H has always been an avid reader, using the Sugar Grove Public Library to research topics of interest to him. Recently, he completed work on his Masters thesis, with the help of the library staff.

His topic, related to labor union history, was not very “local public library” in nature, so Mr. H made frequent use of the inter-library loan services of the library. For this service, the Library borrows material from another library, much as patrons borrow material from the Sugar Grove Library. The library staff researched, located and requested the materials, and facilitated bringing them into Sugar Grove. When Mr. H was finished with the materials, the library staff made sure the items were returned to their home libraries.

Mr. H has received his Masters, and has expressed his appreciation of the library’s role in his scholastic success.

Library Helps Resident With Health Issues

Mrs. Z, a resident of the Sugar Grove Public Library District, has had health problems for several years. She learned that the library staff will help locate information, and decided to utilize this service to help her take charge of her healthcare.

The staff showed her how to access and use online and printed medical tools to gather information about diagnoses, tests, and medical techniques that her doctors had suggested. With this help, she learned about the prognosis of people with her diagnosis and the latest medical advances in the field.

The process of learning more about her health issues and possible treatments has enabled Mrs. Z to ask better questions of her medical team. She has found her experience with the friendly, helpful staff at Sugar Grove Public Library to be most beneficial in handling her healthcare.

Library Serves Seniors

The Sugar Grove Public Library provides a warm, friendly environment for local seniors. In addition to the helpful, pleasant library staff, seniors with declining eyesight can find books on a wide range of topics in the library's large print collection. Visiting the library often becomes part of a weekly routine for seniors like Mr. and Mrs. G, a retired couple who are not able to travel far from home.

Mr. and Mrs. G have always been avid readers, but their eyesight isn't what it used to be. Their weekly visits to Sugar Grove Public Library mark a high point of their week. Mr. G relishes the opportunity to visit with the friendly library staff, an appreciative audience for his weekly historical reminiscence. Their weekly visit provides one of few opportunities for this couple to socialize with other members of the community.

At the end of their visit, both Mr. and Mrs. G check out reading materials on topics that interest them. The large print collection has been a valuable resource for them by providing works on current topics, thought-provoking ideas, and fiction.

Story Programs a Win-Win for Moms and Tots

Parents of young children are always looking for free or inexpensive enrichment programs for their kids. Sugar Grove Public Library offers several age-specific programs for young children – “Lap Sit Stories” for children up to 18 months (meets on the second Thursday of each month), “Toddler Time” for children 18 to 30 months (meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month), “Story Time” for children 2½ to 5 years old (meets once a week, choice of Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays), and “Stories and Such” for children kindergarten through third grade (meets the third Tuesday of each month).

Parents who have utilized these services have discovered that these programs provide their children with a rich literature experience, interactive time with their young peers, and, if age appropriate, a craft experience. But, that's what they expected. Many of the moms have also found the opportunity to visit with other adults a welcome respite, and a setting for meeting others with whom they share common interests.

Many parents who have participated in these programs feel that the Sugar Grove Public Library has been key to the reading success of their children.

Weekly Library Visits Keep Children Reading

Meeting the parenting challenge of having a young reader is complicated. Most families cannot afford a large, well-rounded personal library. The Sugar Grove Public Library provides a wealth of reading riches for families in the District.

Visiting the library weekly for a new supply of books has become commonplace for many families. There, they have found a seemingly endless supply of interesting books to keep their young readers engaged in reading activity. Library staff is dedicated to keeping the collection interesting for patrons, and are happy to recommend new titles for their reading pleasure.

Many families in the Sugar Grove Public Library District credit the Library with being instrumental in their children's reading success.