JUST THE FACTS
ANYTHINK BALLOT PROPOSAL 6A

What is Proposal 6A?

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, Adams County voters will consider a ballot proposal to increase funding for Anythink libraries by 2.2 mill, an additional $11.6 million in operating funds for the library in 2019. If passed, the proposal would increase programs for kids and families, expand access to technology classes and resources, expand hours at many locations, and build additional facilities to keep up with the tremendous growth in Adams County.

Why is the library proposing this increase?

The library is currently experiencing capacity issues, with waitlists for programs, services and materials. Additionally, many branches have limited hours that can't meet the busy schedules of those in the community. The library system needs additional funding to sustain its current level of service and expand its capacity to keep pace with rapid population growth, and to serve residents across Adams County, including newly developed areas.

If passed:

- More library programs for kids, teens and adults at all branches
- Extended hours at most branches
- Expanded internet access, computers, technology programs and skills training
- More books, ebooks, DVDs and CDs at all branches
- Maintaining existing branches and building at least two new branches

If the proposal does not pass:

- No new libraries
- No increase in hours of operation
- Growing waitlists for programs, meeting rooms and requests on books, ebooks, DVDs, etc.

How is the library currently used?

416,083 people live in Anythink's service area, an increase of over 104,000 since 2007

1,134,317 people visited Anythink's seven locations in 2017

2,241,289 books, DVDs and CDs were checked out

379,718 ebooks, music and movies were downloaded

16,956,993 minutes were spent by users on public computers

64,997 people attended library programs & events

PRO:
Why would people support this proposal?

1. Give kids the educational support they need with more books, materials and learning programs.
2. Expand opportunities for people from all walks of life by increasing access to technology and job training.
3. Improve quality of life for families and community with expanded hours and two additional libraries.

CON:
Why would people not support this proposal?

1. Property taxes would increase.
2. Funding competes with other entities.
3. The library is fine just the way it is.

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