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The voting for the Library referendum is a tight race and as of end of day Tuesday, November 3rd the totals stood as follows:

YES, VOTES: 5,159

NO, VOTES: 5,441

A 282 difference.

However:

The Lake County Clerk, office staff, and the election judge teams have worked endless hours for the past month to check-in and verify all the mailed ballots, and many, but not all, of the vote by mail ballots are included in the election night's totals. Some vote by mail ballots still need to be verified by election judges before they can be cast. Both staff and judges will continue to process the remaining vote by mail ballots beginning November 4.

There will be two scheduled updates to the website totals:

- 1. November 10 at 5 PM - to include additional vote by mail ballots processed to date**
- 2. November 17 at 5 PM - Final totals to include remaining vote by mail ballots and validated provisional ballots**

Per Illinois election law, election results are not final until 14 days after Election Day. There are votes to count from verified provisional ballots and mailed ballots with a postmark no later than Election Day sent by county residents, military members, or overseas citizens.

The Library has received questions as to what we will do next if the vote remains the same after November 17th. The Library Board of Trustees have set a meeting of the whole to address this issue on November 10th at 7 p.m. While there are a few directions they may take none have been determined at this time.