

# Memo

**To:** Interim Revenue Committee

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**Re: Property tax education efforts**

State Library staff follows the work of the Revenue Interim Committee, and our interest was piqued by Committee discussions about the need for more public education about the use of property taxes in Montana. This opportunity dovetails with our own interests both in making the public aware of how property taxes fund local libraries and in our interest in supporting civic engagement and education through libraries.

State Library staff asked for feedback about this topic from an advisory group of Montana librarians. They said they routinely receive tax questions and would like to provide more access to tax-related educational materials and/or to partner with subject matter experts to offer programs in libraries to educate residents about property taxes in Montana.

If the Committee is interested in partnering with local, trusted public libraries to educate the public about property taxes, please let us know. We'd be happy to work with Megan Moore to coordinate this work.