

In Waukesha County, **Act 150** refers to 1997 Wisconsin Act 150, a state law relating to public libraries that requires counties to pay libraries for services provided to residents of municipalities that do not have a library.

Function in Waukesha County

- **Library Service Funding:** The Act requires that municipalities without a local library must be taxed a certain percentage of the cost per circulation to reimburse the libraries that their residents use.
- **Exemption Process:** Municipalities in Waukesha County can be exempted from this county library tax levy if they meet specific criteria, which involve levying a property tax for library services and meeting the Waukesha County library standards.
- **County Standards:** The Waukesha County Board has adopted specific standards that local libraries must follow to qualify for the Act 150 exemption, and compliance is certified annually by the local library board.

The Act 150 committee for Waukesha County is currently working on revising both the county standards and the funding formula for the tax levy. Next month we will have to review the committee's recommendations for changes and vote on them.