

West Branch District Library
asks you to



August 7th, 2018

meeting residents' needs
through education,
programming,
technology assistance
and material checkouts
since 1905



Computers with high speed internet make for a great place to do homework, study for an exam or look for a job! You can also access office products, social media and much more! Don't forget

Tech Tuesdays for 1:1 technology help!

Our friendly and knowledgeable staff is here to assist you with your reference needs, local history or finding that "something special" you have been looking for.

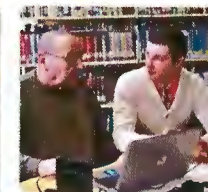


Sit and relax, warm up by the fire or read the newspaper. We have just the place for you! Our cozy seating area is always open for your enjoyment.

We have a beautiful community room in the lower level. From Summer Reading Programs to Books for Lunch or your next meeting, we have a place or event for you.



Don't forget the **Book Nook**. This 100% volunteer run book store is a treasure trove of new, used and collectible books. You may even find a puzzle or two, all for a small donation to **YOUR** library!



West Branch District Library
2019 Millage RENEWAL

*What is more important in a
library than anything else
is the fact that it exists.*

—Archibald MacLeish

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OUR COMMUNITY, OUR LIBRARY

A Brief History:

Our library was established in 1905 as a City Library.

In May 2000, West Branch Public Library became a "District Library" upon voter approval by citizens in the City of West Branch, Edwards, Horton, Ogemaw, West Branch and Foster Townships. In August of 2010, a ten year millage of 4/10 mill was approved by the same voters (40¢ on each \$1,000 of taxable property value).

This millage expires August 2019.

In 2005, a 3,000 square foot addition was added, to the pride of most everyone in our community. The library serves as a community center for information, recreation, and culture.

**113 Years after its beginning,
your library is still serving YOU!**

Will my taxes increase? **NO!**

When the **RENEWAL** millage is approved...

The **average** cost per person—
will only be \$14.36 @ 4/10 mill **per year**

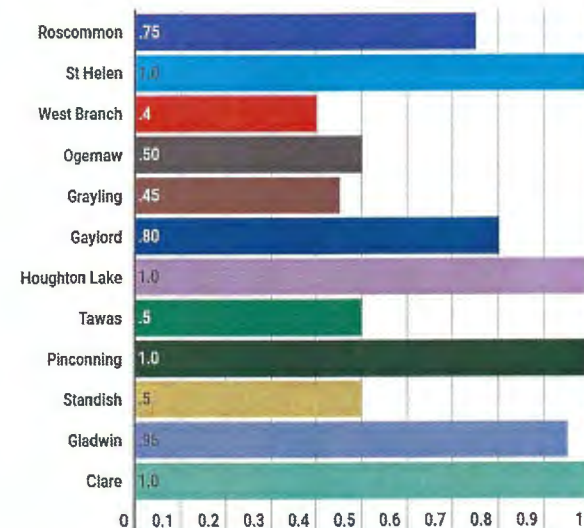
*(average taxable values provided by
Ogemaw County Equalization Office)*

**If you do not take advantage of the library —
you might pay...**

One new book—\$25.00
One new DVD—\$25.00
One new Audiobook/CD—\$22.00
One month High Speed Internet—\$30.00

Your library can save you thousands!

Current Library Millage Comparisons



Some of the Valuable Services Your Library Offers:

- Books—over 30,000, Books on CD and Tape
- Downloadable audio and ebooks
- DVD and Blu-Ray, current and classic movies
- Local history, genealogy and US census
- Ogemaw Herald on microfilm (1923-Present)
- High Speed Fiber Internet with fast WiFi
- Computer assistance/Tech Tuesday (1:1 help)
- Test Proctoring
- BookNook—used book store
- Photocopy, fax and scanning services
- Income Tax Forms
- Cozy armchairs by the Fireplace
- Community Meeting Room
- Special Programs for all ages:
- Preschool Story Time, Community Play Group,
- Summer Reading Program, Let's Discuss book groups, Books For Lunch, Author Visits, Silent Auctions, Art Walk and Wine Tastings & more!

How is the Library Funded?

What are penal fines?

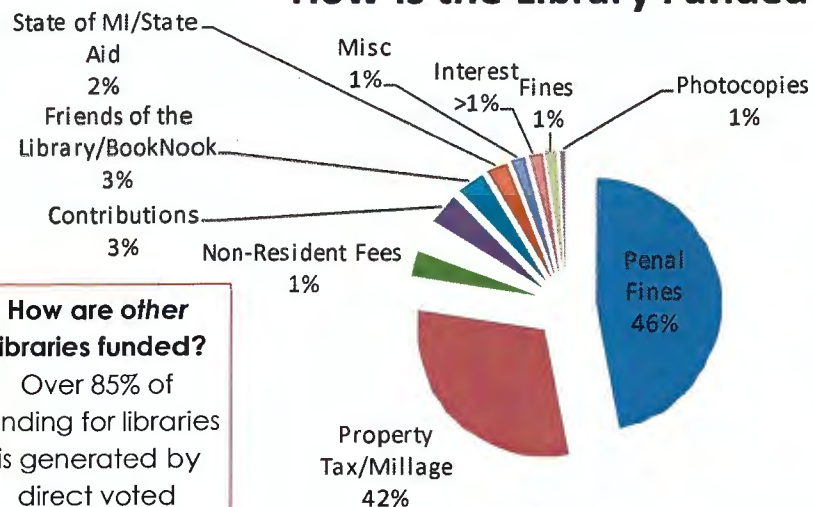
A portion of fines collected for traffic violations.

Who is included in Property Tax/Millage?

City of West Branch, Edwards, Horton, Ogemaw, West Branch and Foster Townships.

What will the millage cost me?

The millage rate of 0.40 mills equals 40 cents for each \$1,000 of taxable property value. This means a property with a taxable value of \$50,000 would pay about \$25 each year for ten (10) years if the full tax were levied.



How are other libraries funded?

Over 85% of funding for libraries is generated by direct voted millage and contractual fees.

2017 Operating Budget—\$312,000