

2022-2023

BRIGGS DISTRICT LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

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News

A group of individuals have volunteered to re-start a Friends of Briggs District Library organization. The Friends group is still in their early stages, but have met to draft by-laws, elect officers, and begin the process of applying to become a 501(c)3 non-profit. There are also plans for a logo design contest to coincide with March is Reading Month. One of their primary goals will be to assist the library in raising funds for special projects. To meet this end, the Friends group and the Library Board are working together to develop an agreement that would allow the Friends group to take over management of the used book sales when the library's renovation project is complete. Persons interested in learning more about the Friends Group can contact Dave Link at davelink78@yahoo.com.

Coming Soon

Renovation Project

2024 is the year! Thanks to grants from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Capital Area Community Foundation, and the St. Johns Area Community Fund, the library is ready to move ahead with its renovation project. These grants went a long way in covering the construction costs of the project, but the library will still be raising funds for furnishings.

We must also thank all of the businesses and community members who supported our online auction last fall, or who have purchased items at our bake sales or book sales, or have made donations at the library. We are deeply appreciative of our community's generosity!

The Library Board recently took the first steps toward hiring a construction manager, and once that individual is on board, a start date and timeline for the project will be shared with the public. A project of this size will impact library services. Communication via the library's website and social media channels will provide status updates on the project and provide information on what services are available when and where.

The Library Board and staff are super excited to get the project underway and for the opportunity to better serve the community once the project is complete.



VIEW OF MAIN ENTRY

Statistical Information

Library Visits: 71,592

Active Cardholders: 7,200

Total Circulation: 78,710

Adult Materials: 29,420

Youth Materials: 36,429

Electronic Materials: 11,668

Database Use: 256

This 'n That Collection: 937

Public Computer Use: 1,504

WiFi Logins: 6,736

Website Access: 39,518

Programs Offered: 401

Program Attendance: 8,416

Reference Transactions: 200

Items loaned to other libraries: 2,113

Items borrowed from other libraries: 4,344

Collection: 74,138

Print: 36,604

Audio: 3,082

Audio (downloadable): 7,591

Video: 2,202

Magazines: 42

E-books: 24,142

This 'n That Collection: 397

Active Cardholders

Bengal Twsp: 278

Bingham Twsp: 980

City of St Johns: 3569

Essex Twsp: 147

Greenbush Twsp: 591

Olive Twsp: 476

Riley Twsp: 382

Victor Twsp: 92

Westphalia Twsp: 3

SJPS Outside BDL: 118

Membership Fee: 123

Library Staff: 8

Interlibrary Loan: 433

Financial Information

Revenue: 2022-2023

Voted Millage: \$570,418

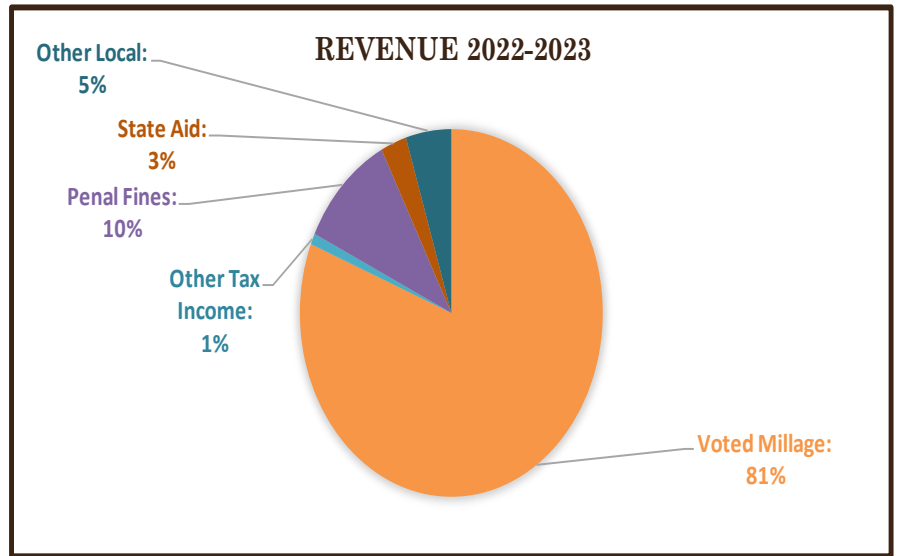
Other Local Government: \$6,796

Penal Fines: \$72,541

State Aid: \$19,383

Other Local: \$34,102

Total Revenue: \$703,240



Expenditures 2022-2023

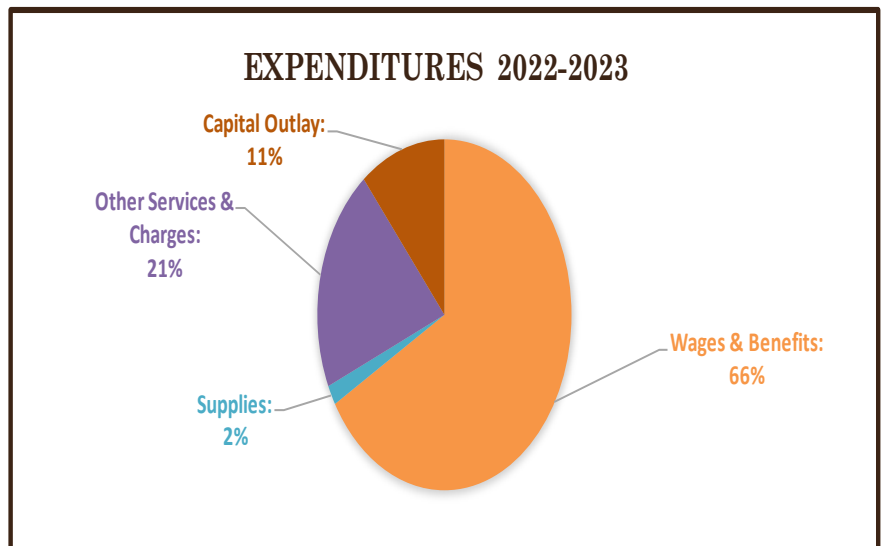
Wages & Benefits \$406,776

Supplies: \$11,151

Other Services & Charges: \$126,685

Capital Outlay: \$66,925 which includes \$61,693 for the collection

Total Expenditures: \$611,537



As a governmental entity, Briggs District Library is required to submit a report to the State of Michigan by February 1st of each year. The library is also audited on an annual basis.

Library Services



The library provides a broad-based collection in a variety of formats and genres at various ability levels to meet library cardholder's educational and recreational literary demands. In addition to fiction and non-fiction books for all ages, the library offers DVDs, books on CD, graphic novels, large print titles, a small Spanish language collection, literacy, explorer and adventure packs and VOX books, picture books and audio recording in one.



The This 'n That Collection contains a variety of objects designed to spur creativity, make life easier, or just be fun. Some of the holdings include: thermal leak detector, electrical test kit, folding table and benches, graphic calculator, board games, puzzles, a variety of cake pans and cookie cutters, five gallon beverage container, stud finder, furniture dolly, triple slow cooker buffet, and a hand truck.



The seed library gives patrons the opportunity to sample heirloom seeds for free. Seeds can be checked out and planted at home. If patrons want, they can let some of the plants go to seed, collect them, and return them to the library: so others can try them the next growing season.



The Librista app allows library patrons to search the collection, request materials and manage their personal account from their mobile device.

Library Services



Library cardholders can access the Michigan eLibrary to take advantage of the state wide interlibrary loan system. This free service enables individuals to obtain materials from other libraries all over the state. All Michigan residents can access the wide variety of databases provided by the Library of Michigan.



The Library has four drop boxes to make returning materials convenient. They are located at the library, Riley Township Hall, Bengal Township Hall, and Lowe United Methodist Church in Essex Township.



The Fuel Your Mind Digital Collection provides eBooks and audiobooks that can be borrowed for free. Library cardholders can download the Libby app to obtain access to this service.



Comprehensive country database containing data on 175 countries. Topics include culture, travel, recipes, holidays, festivals, language, music, money, national symbols, and religion. Illustrated with over 30,000 photos, maps, and flag images.



Niche Academy provides video tutorials on library databases, social media, computers and more.



The Library now offers Kanopy, a video streaming service. Find movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films and educational videos that inspire, enrich and entertain.

Library Services



Transparent Language Online provides an effective and engaging experience for language learners looking to build their vocabulary, practice their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, and maintain what they learn. With courses and supplemental resources in 110+ languages, Transparent Language Online can be accessed anytime, anywhere, on almost any device



Hoopla is a streaming service that allows patrons to borrow and enjoy audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV, magazines, or music.



Consumer Reports online provides access to reviews and comparisons on consumer products and services.



The Legal Self Help Center is a place where residents can find resources for Michigan legal problems, community services and fillable forms. Library staff are trained to assist in navigating this online resource.



The Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) program is a statewide collaborative effort between Michigan's public libraries and participating destinations. Destinations range from cultural destinations to state parks, campgrounds, and recreation areas. MAP provides Michigan library card holders the opportunity to discover/learn more about participating cultural destinations, state parks, campgrounds, and recreation areas in the state at a discounted rate.

Library Services



The library has three public computer stations for public use and six laptops that can be checked out for use anywhere in the library. Four Chromebooks are available to be checked out for offsite use. The public can also bring in their own devices and take advantage of the library's free WiFi signal. Twenty mobile hot spots are available for library cardholders wanting to access the internet off the library premise.



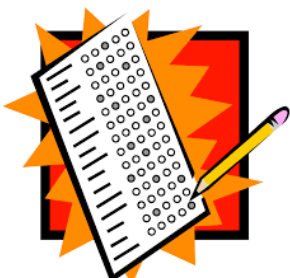
The library has three rooms for public use. The Bement Room houses the local history collection and is used by individuals doing genealogical research. For individuals looking for a place to study, tutors and small groups, the Quiet Study Room is available. Besides being used for library programs, the Meeting Room is used by various groups seeking a place to meet.



The library has a copy machine for public use in addition to a printer for those needing to print documents. Library staff can fax or scan documents for the public. Nominal fees are associated with printing, copying, and faxing services.



The Library has an Ellison die cut machine and a large assortment of dies that are available for public use. Individuals wishing to make use of this service need only bring their own paper.



The library offers test proctoring for distance/online education students. Notary services are also available to the public.

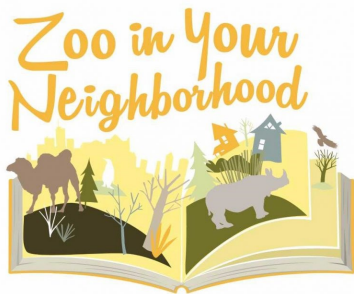
Library Services



The Library provides the community with two story walks. One is located at Motz Park and the second is around Fantasy Forest at the main City Park. Storywalks are designed to promote literacy while encouraging physical fitness and the enjoyment of nature. Library staff change out the stories on a regular basis.



Need something to read but the Library is closed. The Library has two Free Little Libraries that it stocks and maintains for community use. One is located at Motz Park and the second is in front of the Library near the corner of Spring and Railroad Streets.



Potter Park Zoo partners with the library to provide seven family zoo passes. The passes can be “checked out” for a short time (one week) to visit the zoo with no admission or parking charge, then returned to the Library so another family can enjoy the zoo! As part of the program, the zoo representatives visit the Library annually so the community can enjoy and learn about the animals .



The goal of the program is for parents or caregivers to read 1,000 books to their child before starting kindergarten. The Library provides a welcome packet and reading log. Participants track reading with the log or using the app. Each time a child reaches a reading milestone they can collect a reward.



The Library encourages parents and caregiver to take advantage of TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten program. TALK sends fun activities that parents can do with their babies and preschoolers to make any time learning time. TALK activities are designed to get kids ready for school success. Participants get updates for local library storytimes and other free, educational children’s events.

Library Programs

Library programs are designed to engage the educational and recreational interests of all members of our community. Library staff plan and promote programs for all ages. Over the last year, library programs have been held at the library; at IQHub, Studio Retreat, and other local businesses; at the St. Johns City Park and Motz Park; and at several area township halls.

Pictured: Painting with friends at Olive Branch, playing checkers at Summer Reading Kick Off, Reading to RESA playgroup at City Park, Miss Kate performing at Summer Reading Kick Off, working on craft during Storywalk event at Motz Park, Patti Smith presenting a program on the history of Michigan beer, Holocaust survivor, Irene Miller telling her story, tie die craft in library warehouse and reading with Mint Festival Court.



Briggs District Library Board

Kimberly Skorna	Chair
Rebecca Daman	Vice Chair
Kendel Darragh	Treasurer
Renaë Larsen	Secretary
Shannon Silvernail	Trustee
Brad Jorae	Trustee
Kimberly Keys-Kellogg	Trustee

Library Hours

Monday –Thursday

10:00 am—8:00 pm

Friday

10:00 am—6:00 pm

Saturday

10:00 am—3:00 pm

Briggs District Library Staff

Sara Morrison: Director

Brett Harger: Assistant Director

Erin Faivor: Program Librarian

Elizabeth Janetzke: Outreach/Community Engagement Librarian

Tara Cook: Library Clerk

Stephanie Hein: Substitute Clerk / Sip N Stitch

Michelle Henry: Library Clerk / Materials Processing

Eunice Link: Library Clerk

Sam Petterson: Library Clerk / Interlibrary Loan

Meredith Reynolds: Library Clerk

Kristy Thelen: Library Clerk / Cataloging

Diane Zamarron: Library Clerk

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