

BRIGGS

District Library

Bringing people together. Opening minds. Inspiring.

2020-2021

Annual Report

Statistical Information

Library Visits:
36,278

Active
Cardholders:
6,793

Collection: 63,624 items
Print: 34,858
Audio: 2,904
Audio (downloadable): 4,231
Video: 2,234
Magazines: 49
E-books: 19,397
Physical Items: 352

Total Circulation: 42,029

Adult Materials: 21,971
Youth Materials: 19,447
Electronic Materials: 10,350
Database Use: 1,586

Public Computer Uses: 607
WIFI Logins: 4,077
Website Access: 31,599

Programs Offered: 128
Program Attendance: 1,567

Reference Transactions: 697

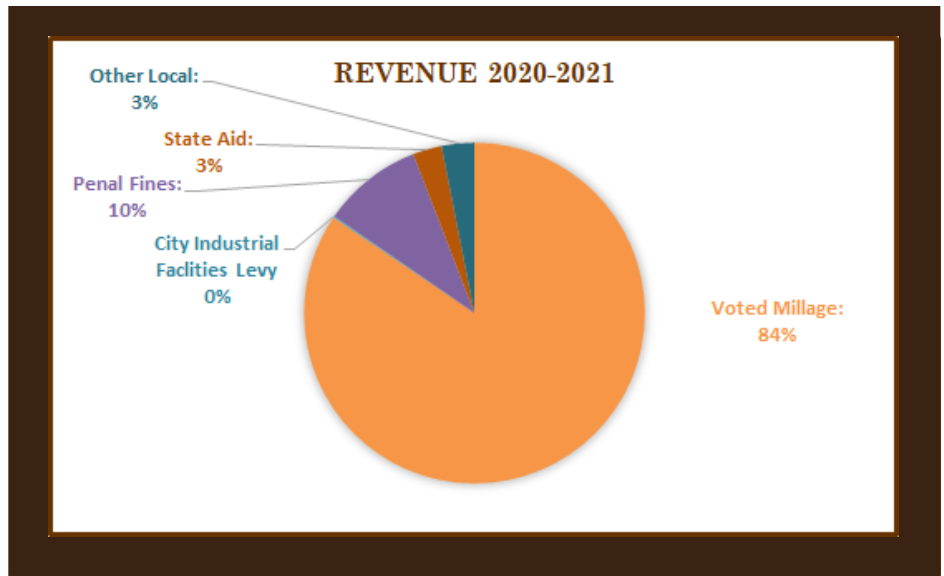
Active Cardholders

Bengal Twsp: 263
Bingham Twsp: 941
City of St. Johns: 3,904
Essex Twsp: 130
Greenbush Twsp: 570
Olive Twsp: 427
Riley Twsp: 329
Victor Twsp: 72
Westphalia Twsp: 1
SJPS Outside BDL: 77
Membership Fee: 79

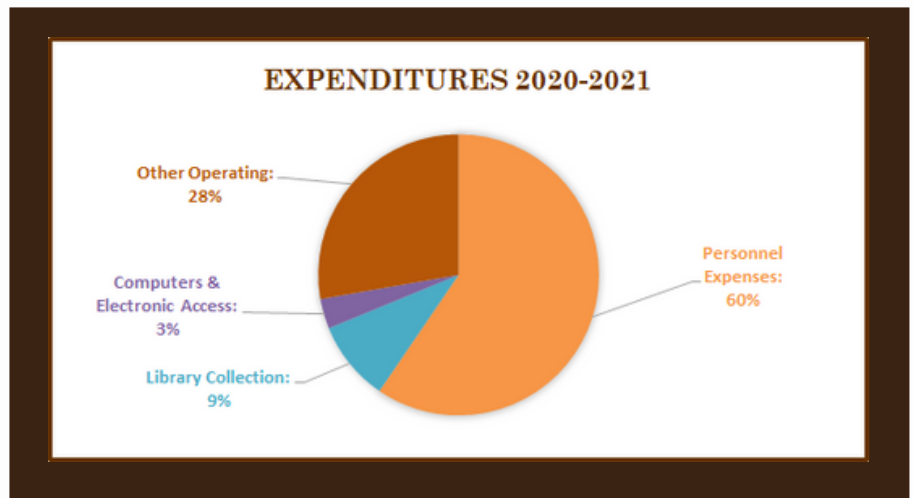
Items loaned to other libraries: 2,240
Items borrowed from other libraries: 3,737

Financial Information

Revenue 2020-2021
Voted Millage: \$513,645
City IFT Levy: \$851
Penal Fines: \$57,857
State Aid: \$16,770
Other Local: \$18,850
Total Revenue: \$607,973



Expenditures 2020-2021
Personnel Expenses: \$340,533
Library Collection: \$52,956
Computers & Electronic Access: \$19,678
Other Operating: \$158,766
Total Expenditures: \$571,933



Note: The Library's revenue exceed expenditures in 2020-2021 due to reductions in hours, staffing, programs and materials caused by the pandemic.

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.

Facility Updates



It is extremely important to maintain the library facility, so that current and future community members can continue to access the resources and services provided for years to come. In the summer of 2021, the library replaced three furnaces and air conditioners and the roof. The original drinking fountain and the faucet in the women's bathroom were leaking. The library updated both items in the fall of 2021.

Renovation Project

The Library moved into the current facility in the fall of 1998. It was formerly a retail home decorating/carpet business, with a substantial warehouse space. This warehouse space was intended to be incorporated into the larger library space, but this has not yet been done. The carpet, paint and soft furnishings are original to the building, and in need of updating. The library also has a safety issue at the front entrance due to frequent icing and snow accumulation which is exacerbated by roof drainage and sidewalk grading. Lastly, the current library does not have a meeting/conference room large enough to accommodate social distancing or larger groups.

The plan to remodel the current building has four main components:

1. Larger meeting/conference room that can accommodate 60 persons

- Will include an operable wall, allowing for concurrent events
- Includes presentation and kitchen equipment
- Able to accommodate social distancing
- Direct exterior access that allows for after-hours usage
- Creates a space where programs will not interrupt main library business/patrons

2. New Children's Area – in the former unused warehouse space

- Turns storage space into public space
- Features a train tunnel entrance with interactive tech devices
- Lots of natural light and open space
- Educational manipulatives
- Colorful mural
- 2 educational game computers
- Fun and inviting space

3. Main Entrance – moved to alleviate safety concerns

- Accessible via sloped walkway, moved nearer to the handicap parking spaces
- Relocated to avoid frequent icing issues
- Improved step depth – current steps are a safety concern
- Air curtain for less heat and air-conditioning loss

4. Updated circulation desk



- The former meeting space will be converted to a Maker Space room. This room will have a 3-D printer, media production equipment, craft, and STEM resources and supplies. The Young Adult area will stay in the same location but will see a slight size increase. This will allow for added computer stations and more collection space. The former location of our monthly book sale was the unheated warehouse space. This will now have a dedicated space that is well lit and heated! Lastly, the interior will receive a fresh coat of paint, mostly new flooring, and soft furnishings. We will repurpose shelving and tables wherever possible.
- The need for this project is based on community feedback asking for more comfortable seating, larger meeting space and improved facilities. This renovation also addresses the safety concerns of the current front entrance.
- The benefits to the community from the project are vitally important as the library will be able to accommodate social distancing, offer more usable space for meetings, and improve its services with increased safety, accessibility, and functionality.
- The library is looking into grants, fundraising events, and donations from business and individuals to fund the project.



VIEW IN CHILDREN'S AREA



VIEW IN MEETING ROOM



VIEW IN CHILDREN'S AREA



VIEW OF ENTRY INTO CHILDREN'S AREA



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