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Connecting you
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Allison Arnold, MLIS



As the director of St. Clair County Library System (SCCLS), I am proud to reflect on the integral role that public libraries play in nurturing a democratic society. Your library is more than just a collection of books; it is a vital community resource that champions discovery, learning, and growth.

Public libraries serve as accessible spaces where all individuals can seek information and explore ideas freely. In a democracy, informed citizens are essential. We strive to provide resources that empower you to engage with current events, understand your rights, and participate actively in the democratic process. Whether through the vast collection of books, online databases, or community programs, the SCCLS dedicates itself to ensuring everyone has the tools to make informed decisions.

Moreover, SCCLS fosters inclusivity by welcoming voices from all backgrounds. We host programs and events designed to celebrate diversity and encourage dialogue among community members. These gatherings create opportunities for collaboration and understanding, reminding us that our differences can strengthen our collective voice.

In addition to promoting literacy and critical thinking, the SCCLS is committed to defending intellectual freedom. Your library provides access to a wide range of viewpoints, facilitating spaces at the local branches where open discussion and respectful debate can flourish. This access to information for everyone is crucial in a healthy democracy, where challenging ideas and perspectives can lead to a more empathetic and knowledgeable society.

As we move forward, I invite you to explore all the St. Clair County Library System offers. Together, let us continue to uphold the values of democracy by fostering an informed, engaged, and inclusive community.

Thank you for your support and commitment to the library.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison Arnold".

Allison Arnold
Director
St. Clair County Library System





Mango Languages

The St. Clair County Library System is pleased to offer Mango Languages, a comprehensive online language learning resource. Mango Languages provides an engaging and effective way to learn a new language at your own pace. With over 70 languages to choose from, there is something for everyone, whether you are a beginner or an advanced learner.

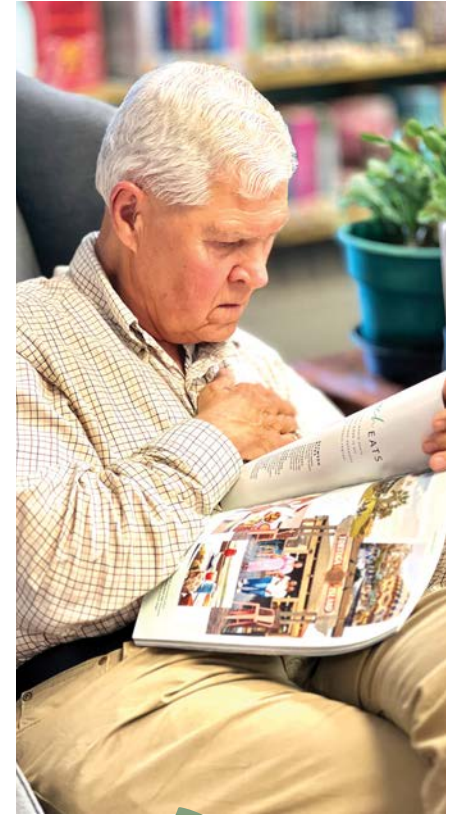
Mango Languages uses a unique approach to language learning that combines interactive lessons, audio and video content, and real-world scenarios. The lessons are designed to be fun and engaging, and they are tailored to your individual learning style. You can learn at your own pace, and you can track your progress as you go.

In addition to the interactive lessons, Mango Languages also offers a variety of other features, including:

- Pronunciation practice:** Mango Languages provides tools to help you improve your pronunciation.
- Cultural information:** You can learn about the culture of the country where the language is spoken.
- Travel phrasebooks:** Mango Languages offers travel phrasebooks to help you communicate while traveling.
- Language exchange:** You can connect with other language learners and practice speaking with them.

Mango Languages is available to all St. Clair County Library System cardholders. To access Mango Languages, you will need to create an account using your library card number. Once you have created an account, you can start learning a new language right away.

Contact your local SCCLS library branch or visit: [www. https://stclaircountylibrary.org/search_and_media](https://stclaircountylibrary.org/search_and_media) to learn more about Mango Languages and how to get started.



LOTE4Kids: A New Language Learning Adventure

The St. Clair County Library System (SCCLS) is excited to announce the launch of its newest program, LOTE4Kids. This innovative service aims to introduce young children to the wonders of language learning in a fun and engaging way.



LOTE4Kids, which stands for “Languages Other Than English for Kids,” offers a variety of resources and activities designed to spark children’s interest in foreign languages. The program features a collection of books and online resources in multiple languages, including Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese, and more. Children can enjoy these materials from their homes and explore the world of language learning at their own pace. LOTE4Kids is a valuable resource for parents and caregivers who want to expose their children to different languages and cultures. Studies have shown that learning a second language at a young age can have numerous benefits, including improved cognitive skills, enhanced problem-solving abilities, and increased cultural awareness.

The SCCLS believes that LOTE4Kids will be a valuable addition to its suite of programs and services. By providing children with access to language learning resources and experiences, the library system is helping to prepare them for success in the globalized world.

To start using LOTE4KIDS, please go to www.lote4kids.com/find-yourlibrary, type in St. Clair County Library System, and you’re on your way! There is also an app, please search for LOTE4KIDS.

SCCLS Law Library: Your Free Access Legal Information

The St. Clair County Library System offers a valuable resource for anyone seeking legal information: the Law Library. Located within many of the system’s branches, the Law Library provides free access to a wide range of legal materials and resources. Whether you’re facing a legal issue yourself or simply curious about the law, the Law Library can be a helpful starting point.

The library houses a collection of books, periodicals, and online databases that cover a variety of legal topics, including:

Civil law: Contracts, torts, property law, and more.

Criminal law: Crimes, punishments, and the criminal justice system.

Family law: Divorce, child custody, and adoption.

Estate planning: Wills, trusts, and probate.

Consumer law: Rights and protections for consumers.

Employment law: Labor laws, discrimination, and workplace safety.

In addition to printed materials, the Law Library offers access to online legal databases. Examples include: FindLaw, FreeAdvice, Michigan Appellate Opinion Manual, Michigan Legal Help, State Bar of Michigan, Westlaw Patron Access, and many others. These databases provide up-to-date information on legal cases, statutes, and regulations. They can also be used to search for legal articles and treatises written by experts in the field.

While the Law Library is a valuable resource, it’s important to note that it’s not a substitute for legal advice. If you’re facing a serious legal issue, it’s recommended to consult with an attorney. However, the Law Library can be a helpful tool for understanding your legal rights and options.

To access the St. Clair County Library Systems Law Library, please go to:

https://stclaircountylibrary.org/search_and_media/databases/law-library



St. Clair County Library System: Your Back-to-School Resource Hub



The St. Clair County Library System (SCCLS) is more than just a place to borrow books. It's a community resource center offering a wealth of educational opportunities, especially as students prepare for the new school year. One invaluable tool at the SCCLS is the Michigan Electronic Library (MEL), a digital platform providing access to a vast array of educational resources.

MEL: Your Digital Classroom

MEL offers a diverse range of educational materials suitable for students of all ages. From kindergarteners exploring basic literacy skills to high school seniors preparing for college entrance exams, MEL has something to offer everyone. Here are just a few of the many resources available through MEL:

- **Gale Courses:** These online courses cover a wide range of subjects, including business, technology, health and wellness, and personal development. Students can learn new skills at their own pace and earn certificates of completion.
- **World Book Online:** This comprehensive encyclopedia provides in-depth information on a variety of topics, making it a valuable resource for research projects and homework assignments.
- **Learning Express Library:** This platform offers practice tests for standardized exams like the SAT, ACT, and GED, as well as tutorials on math, reading, and writing skills.
- **Zinio:** This digital magazine service provides access to thousands of popular magazines, including titles on science, technology, history, and current events.

Access MEL at www.mel.org

SCCLS Staff: Your Personal Library Staff

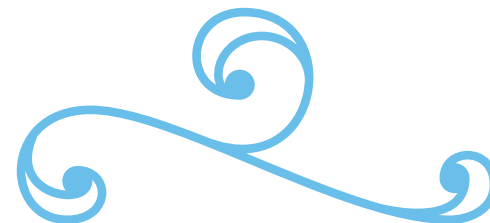
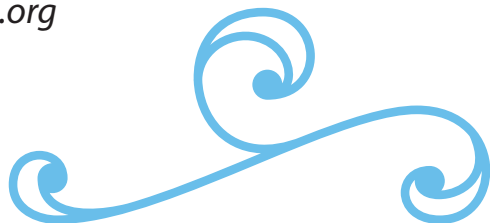
In addition to the resources available through MEL, the SCCLS staff is always ready to assist students and their families. Library staff can help students find the right books and other materials, and provide research assistance. They can also help students navigate the MEL platform and make the most of its resources.

Beyond Books: Additional Resources

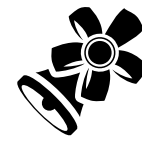
The SCCLS offers many other programs and services that can support students' academic success. These include:

- **Summer Reading Program:** This annual program encourages students to read throughout the summer and earn rewards.
- **Homework Help:** Librarians can provide assistance with homework assignments.
- **Computer Access:** The SCCLS offers public computers with internet access, allowing students to complete their homework and research projects.
- **Community Events:** The SCCLS often hosts educational events and workshops, such as author talks and STEM activities.

By taking advantage of the resources available through the St. Clair County Library System and the Michigan Electronic Library, students can enhance their learning experience and prepare for academic success. Whether you're looking for educational materials, research assistance, or tutoring services, the SCCLS has something to offer.



Free Medicare Supplement Insurance Buyers Guide



Friends of the Library



What does Medicare Cover? What doesn't it cover? Which Medicare Supplement Insurance plan is right for me? What does it cost?

Find answers to these questions by visiting the library's website www.stclaircountylibrary.org and clicking on Search Books and Media. Scroll down the page and look for the link to Weiss Financial Ratings. Once you are in the Weiss Financial database, click on the Medigap Plans button.

Financial Ratings Series Online, powered by Weiss Ratings & Grey House Publishing, lets you download your customized Medicare Supplement Insurance Buyers Guide. This easy-to-use buyer's guide is written in clear, understandable language to give you sound advice when navigating difficult decisions about Medicare and your options for Supplement Insurance.

- Learn what Medicare does and does not cover
- Find out your options and pick a Medigap Plan that's right for your needs
- Compare prices for each plan to potentially save thousands of dollars
- Locate the best insurers and find an authorized agent

Insurance companies charge dramatically different rates for the exact same benefit plans. Financial Ratings' Medigap Buyer's Guide clearly displays the price charged by each insurer, so you may be able to save thousands just by comparing prices in this report.

Are You Paying Too Much for Medicare Supplement Insurance?



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Get Started at <https://greyhouse.weissratings.com>

In addition to the Medicare information, Weiss Financial Ratings has financial literacy information about stocks, mutual funds, and ETFs, as well as information about the health of your bank or credit union. Check it all out today at www.stclaircountylibrary.org.

MEETINGS

Algonac-Clay Library	Tues. at 3:00pm: Nov. 12, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4
Burtchville Library	Contact the library for more information
Capac Library	Contact the library for more information
G. Lynn Campbell Library	Mon. at 1:00pm: Nov. 4, Dec. 1, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, & Mar. 3
Marine City Library	Mon. at 5:30pm: Jan. 13
Marysville Library	Tues. at 1:00pm: Jan. 28, & Mar. 25.
Memphis Library	Mon. at 3:30pm: Nov. 25, Jan. 28 (Tues. 6:30), Feb. 24, Mar. 24.
Port Huron Library/Main	Fri. 1pm: Nov. 15, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, & Mar. 21
St. Clair Library	Contact the library for more information
Yale Library	Contact the library for more information

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY TO CONFIRM DATES AND TIMES.

EVENTS/BOOK SALES/NEWS

Burtchville Library	Ongoing book sale during library hours.
Capac Library	Ongoing book sale during library hours.
G. Lynn Campbell Library	Annual cookie sale: Dec. 14, 10am - 4pm
Ira Library	Ongoing book sale during library hours.
Marysville Library	Ongoing book sale during library hours.
Memphis Library	Ongoing book sale during library hours.
Marine City Library	Book Sale : Oct. 31 - Nov. 5, til noon on Tues
Port Huron Library/Main	Thurs.,(5-7) Dec. 6, Fri. 7, & Sat. 8 (9:30 - 3:30)
St. Clair Library	Ongoing book sale during library hours.
Yale Library	Ongoing book sale during library hours.



Featured Happenings

FOR UP-TO-DATE PROGRAM INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO: WWW.STCLAIRCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS
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ALGONAC - CLAY LIBRARY

Dinovember Day! - Saturday, Nov. 16, 11 - 11:30am

Join us for a dino-mite story, craft, puzzle and more!

Christmas Music with Santa - Saturday, Dec. 7, 12 - 1pm

Join us as we welcome Santa along with musician Jimmy DeHeno! Take your picture with Santa while enjoying live Christmas music, crafts, and refreshments.

Valentine's Day Hand Scrub for Teens - Thurs., Feb. 13, 6-7pm

Teens... learn how to make an easy DIY hand scrub using basic kitchen ingredients. Make one for yourself and gift one to your special Valentine.



BURTCHVILLE TWP. LIBRARY

Plants used by the Anishinabek of the Great Lakes -

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1 - 2pm

Join us on a journey through the Great Lakes region with *Plants Used By the Anishinabek of the Great Lakes*, an immersive class that uncovers the incredible world of plants in Anishinabek culture.

Holiday Greens Creations - Wed., Dec. 11 12:30 - 11:30am

Create holiday decorations with fresh greens from Ullenbruch's Flowers & Gifts. Karen Fisher will demonstrate creative ways to arrange holiday greens and embellish them. All supplies provided. Partially sponsored by Friends of the Burtchville Library. Ages 19 & up. Registration required.



CAPAC LIBRARY

Boho Vibes: Teen Wall Decor Craft - Tuesday, November 26 – 5:30-6:30 PM Registration Requested

Express your creativity and add a touch of bohemian style to your space at our Boho Wall Decor Craft event! This workshop is designed especially for teenagers who love to personalize their rooms with unique and trendy decorations.

Stockings of Kindness: Decorating, Stuffing, and Sharing Joy: Monday, December 2 – 5:30-6:30 PM (All ages)

In the spirit of giving, we invite you to decorate festive stockings, fill them with goodies, and donate them to the local food pantry. *Sponsored by the Capac Friends of the Library.* Registration Requested.



G. LYNN CAMPBELL LIBRARY

Gingerbread House Contest – Sat., Nov. 30, 11am-2pm.

Gather your team and compete in our annual Gingerbread House Decorating Contest. Using the provided materials (only), create a gingerbread house that will be judged by members of our local community.

Live Christmas Music Open House - Thurs., Dec. 12, 6 - 7:30pm

We're delighted to have a Christmas open house this year, with live music presented by the School of Strings. Wind down, sip some hot chocolate or cider, and feel the joy of the season.

Homeschool Choices in Michigan - Tues., Mar. 25 6 - 7pm

Thinking about homeschooling? Find out the different ways you can go about it in Michigan, as well as the basics of what it takes to homeschool. You will also find out about classical-based homeschooling.



IRA TWP. LIBRARY

Blizzard of Books Winter Reading Program - Jan. 1 through 31

There's "snow" better time to read! Pick up a reading or listening record log at the front desk, and get a snowflake sticker for every book you check out. Once your log is full of flakes, return it for a fun, wintery surprise!

Valentine Time Crafts - Sat., Feb. 8 11am - 12pm

Get in the holiday spirit at our Valentine Time crafting event! Make a variety of valentines for all the special people in your life (don't forget your favorite librarians!).

Flowerpot Decorating - Tuesday, Mar. 25 2:30 - 3:30pm

Teens, join us for a flowerpot makeover! Transform simple terracotta pots by painting your own unique designs. Registration requested.

MARYSVILLE LIBRARY

Bombs Away! A Look at Michigan's Airfields and Bases with Ric Mixer - Monday, Nov. 4, 6 - 7pm

In his informative and entertaining way, historian Ric Mixer will share the significant and historical contributions made by Michigan's airfields and bases.

A Visit with Santa - Thurs., Dec. 5, 6 - 7pm

Kids of all ages can decorate a cookie, make a craft, and visit with Santa.

Bad Art - Valentine's Edition for adults - Tues., Feb. 11 6 - 7:30pm

Adults, unleash your creativity by making bad art. The best worst art will win a prize!

MARINE CITY LIBRARY

Family Movie Day *The Muppet Christmas Carol* (1992) - Saturday, December 21, 1 - 2:30pm

Charles Dickens' holiday classic featuring the cast of The Muppets! with a runtime of 1 hour and 25 minutes. Light refreshments provided.

What's Knot to Love? (Adults) - Thurs., Feb. 6, 6 - 7pm

Celebrate love and share it too with a handmade macramé heart, perfect for dressing up your space or gifting to someone special.

Poké Party (Children) - Sat., March 1, 1 - 3pm

Catch 'em all at the Marine City library for Pokémon day this year. Watch Detective Pikachu while working on some fun Pokémon crafts and a scavenger hunt. Registration is requested as space is limited.

MEMPHIS LIBRARY

Thanksgiving Jewlery Making - Fri., Nov. 8, 3:15 - 4:30pm

Teens, use your creativity to create your own Thanksgiving or autumn jewelry. All supplies are provided.

Hibernation - Wed., Jan. 8, 6 - 7pm

Learn about Hibernation – which animals hibernate, what actually happens during that time and how long it lasts. After the presentation, you will create your own one-of-a-kind hedgehog to take home. Geared towards children in grades 1-5. Parental guidance needed

Memphis Trivia Night - Thursday, Mar. 27, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Do you enjoy trivia?

Grab your friends and make a team (2-3 people) to compete for the coveted Memphis Trivia Trophy! Please register as a team. Don't have a team? We will make it work out for you to compete.



Trivia Night

PORT HURON - MAIN LIBRARY

Stuff a Stocking: November 1 - December 20

Benefitting the women and children that are seeking safety and shelter at Blue Water Safe Horizons. Items are needed for girls and boys. From diapers and bottles, to PJs and toys. These families could all use some holiday cheer. Please help them by giving at Christmas this year!

Puppets on Stage and Behind the Scenes - Saturday, November 23, 2 - 3pm

Skilled puppeteers trained at the renowned Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta transport us on a magical journey through the world of books. After the show, kids can meet puppets up close with a puppet petting zoo, and even create their own puppets. All supplies provided. Registration requested.

Polar Express Party with Santa - Sat., Dec. 21, 10am - 12pm

Crafts, activities, music, and snacks, plus wonderful photos ops with Santa! Registration requested. (Don Dodge Auditorium)

Carve & Create: Stamps & Sketchbooks - Mon., Jan. 27, 6-7pm

Teens learn skills for designing and carving stamps from erasers using specialized tools, and mastering bookbinding techniques for creating personalized sketchbooks and journals. All materials supplied. Registration requested.

Aliens vs. Zombies Nerf Gun Wars - Thursday, January 23, 5 - 7pm (Children) & Saturday, Feb. 1, 11am - 1pm (Teen)

Will it be victory for the Zombie Team or Team Alien?

Work together to construct your defenses from cardboard boxes and duct tape, fuel your team with pizza, then strategize to capture the flag from the opposing fortress.

All supplies provided. Yes, all of them. Yes, we mean the Nerf guns, too. No, you can't take them home. Yes, we bought extra Nerf darts, too. Yes, it'll be enough. Yes, we're sure. Seriously, we're sure - there's over a thousand.

Swirls & Stars: Kids Paint VanGogh - Sat., Feb. 22, 2 - 3:30pm

Kids learn to paint Van Gogh's *Starry Night* through a step-by-step approach while learning about Van Gogh's style and inspiration, as well as exploring their artistic abilities and producing their own interpretations of this iconic masterpiece.

ST. CLAIR LIBRARY

More than a Tower: Lighthouse Technology with Andrew Kercher - Monday, Nov. 25, 6 - 7pm

Explore the evolution of lighthouses from traditional structures to modern, technologically advanced beacons.

Songs of Irish Christmas with Enda Reilly - Friday, Dec. 6, 2 - 3pm

Award winning Songwriter Enda Reilly will sing a blend of his original, some well-known and a few old Irish Christmas songs to give a uniquely Irish perspective on the holiday season. Regardless of age or beliefs, everyone can get ready for the festive season with this program of Christmas songs!

Storytime with Santa - Saturday, Dec. 7 10:30 - 11:30am

Santa's taking a quick break from making toys at the North Pole to come read a few stories to the kids. We ho-ho-hope to see you there!

YALE LIBRARY

Wood Slice Christmas Ornament: Wed., Dec. 11 - 3:30-5:00PM Ages 4-12.

Kids, decorate a wood slice Christmas ornament.

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ALL BRANCHES - SYSTEM WIDE

Trim the Mitten Tree November 11-December 16

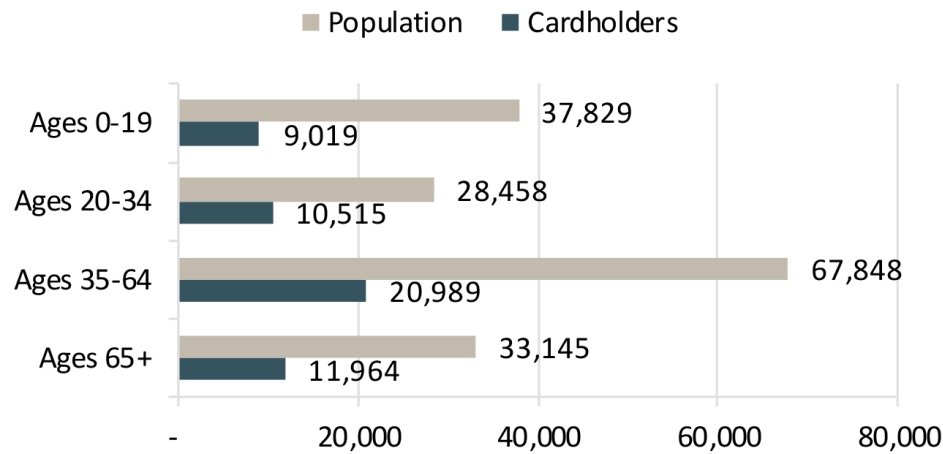
Help keep someone warm this winter! Trees will be set up at each library location to receive store bought or handmade scarves, gloves, hats and mittens to help those in need.



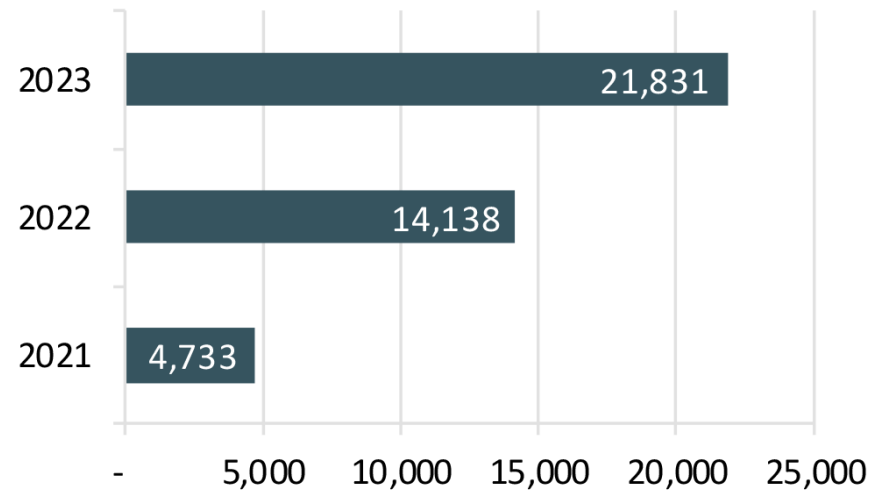
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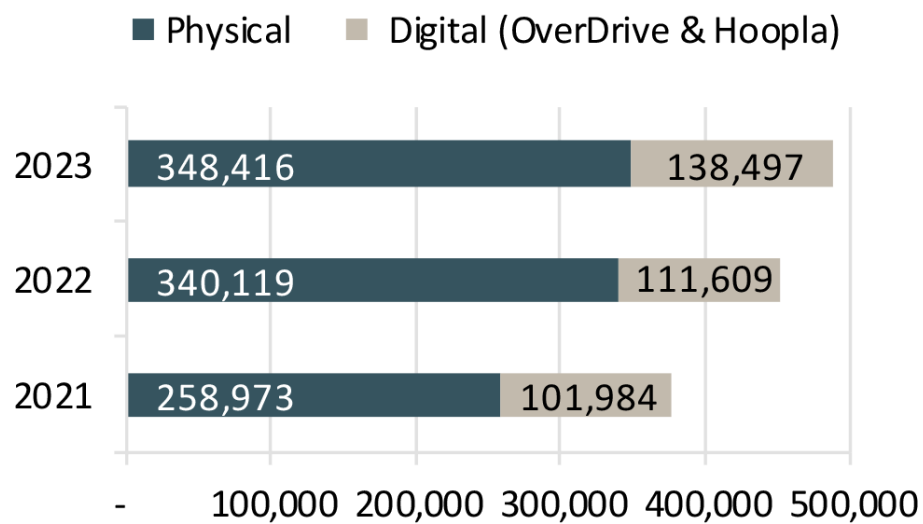
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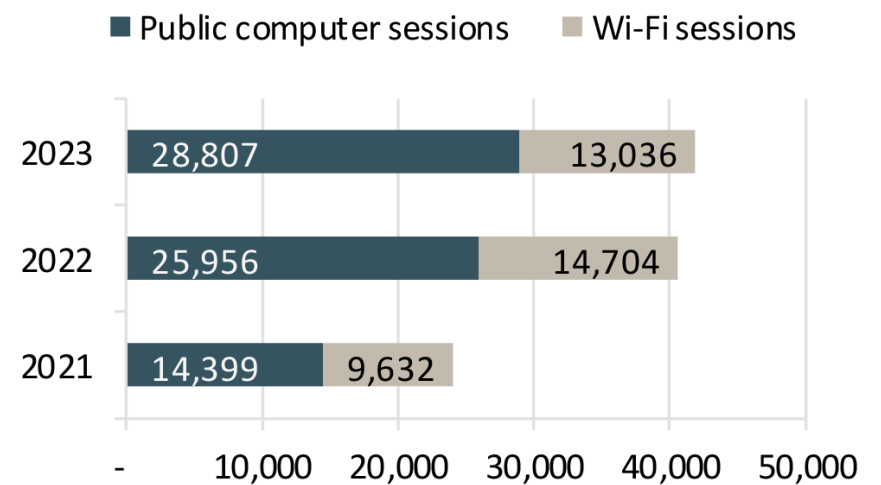
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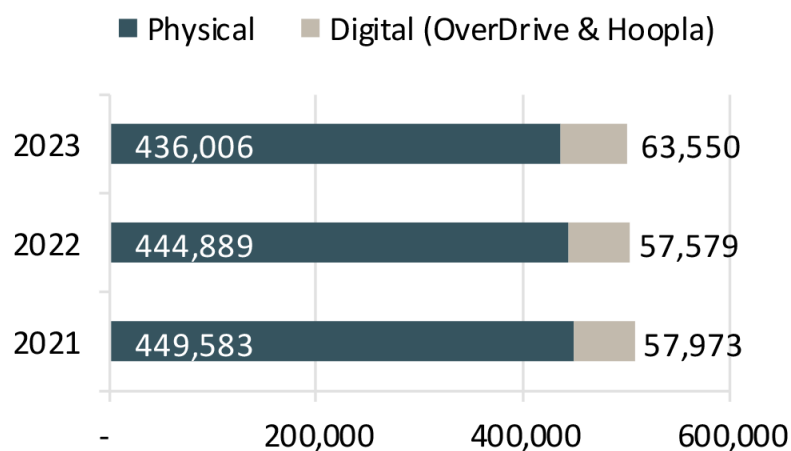
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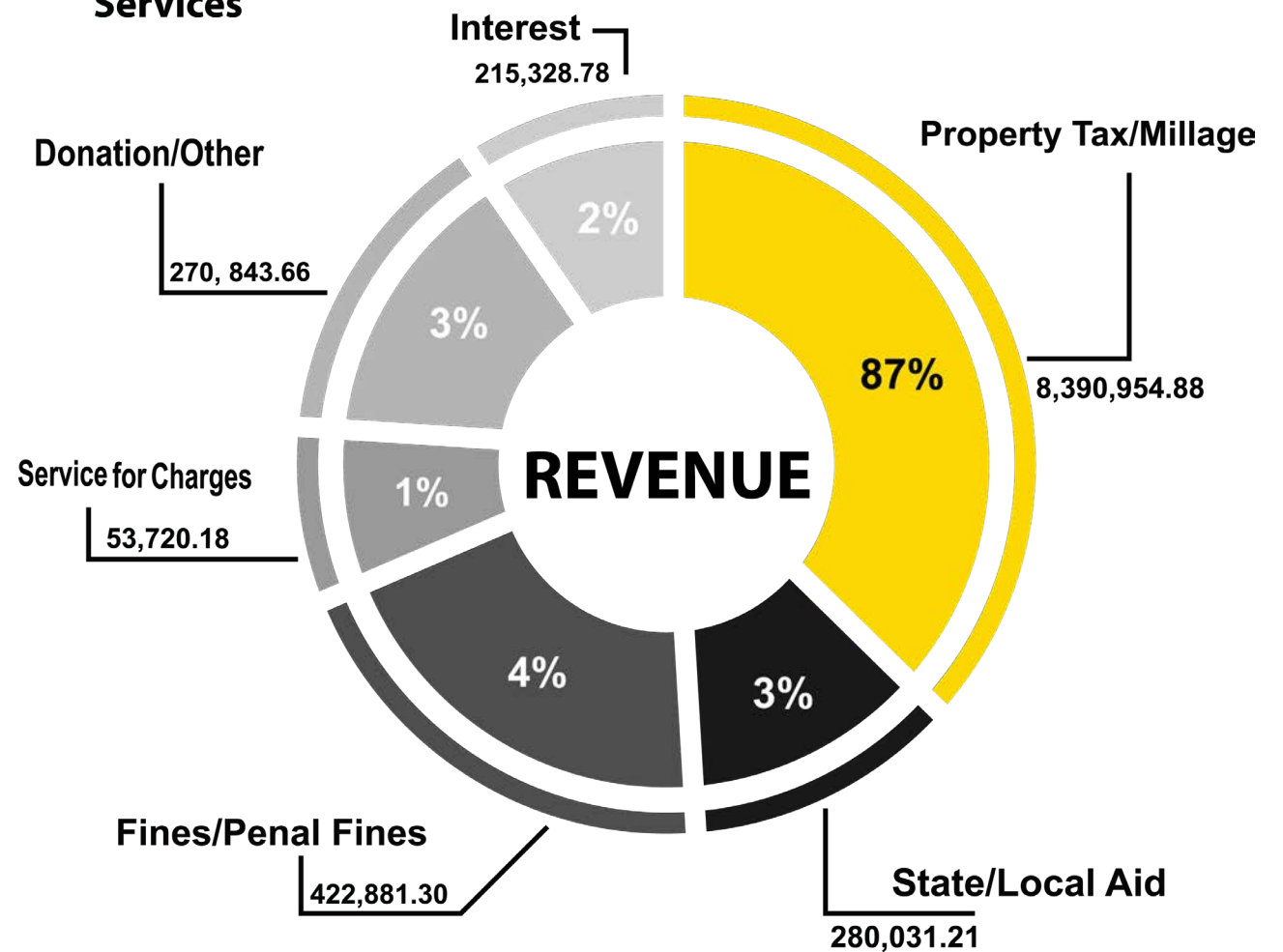
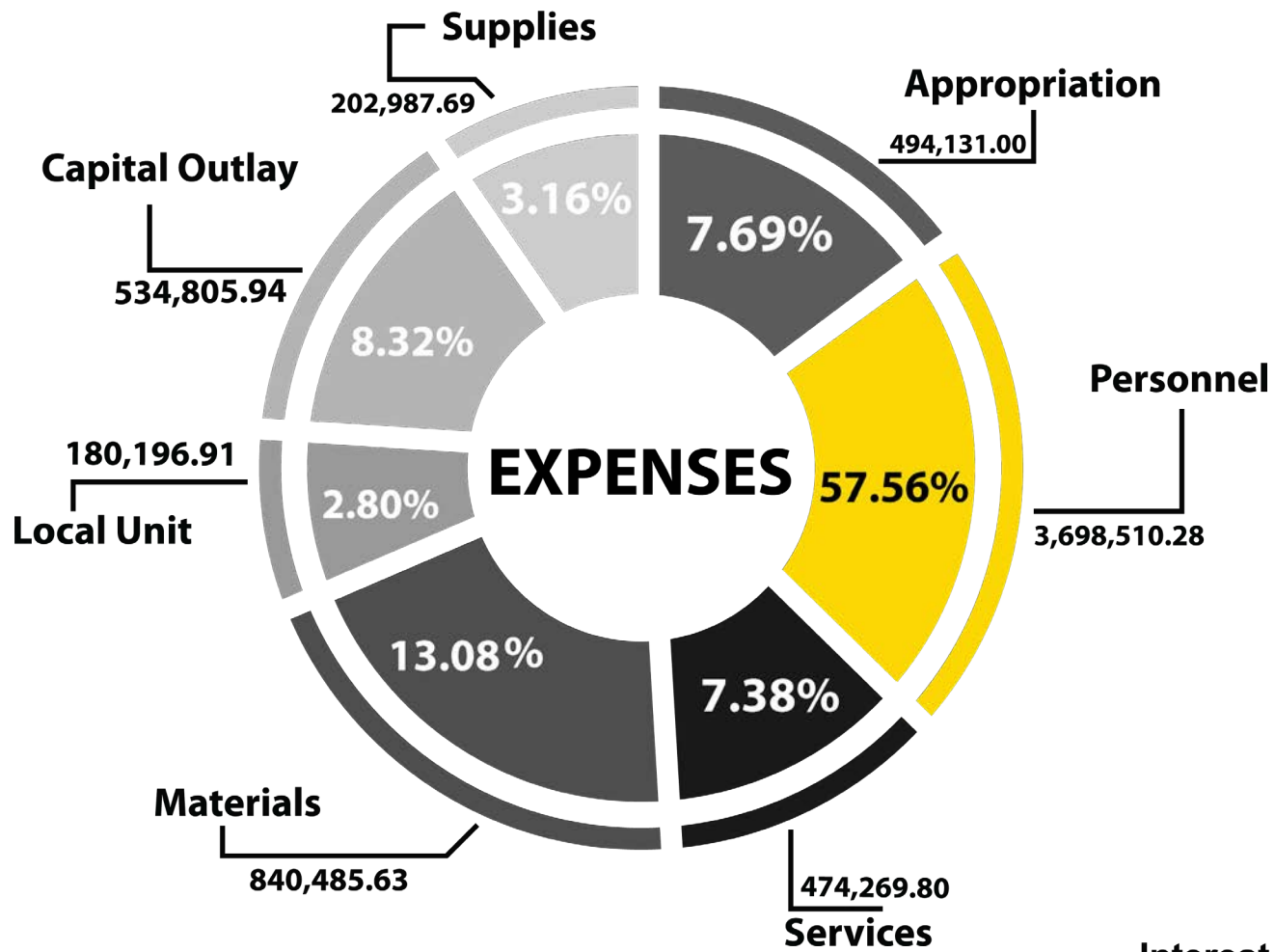
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SCCLS Revenue & Expenditures - 2023





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Your library accepts:



\$5 minimum

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The St. Clair County Library Board of Trustees meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
November 12, & December 10, January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27
Contact the Library for the location.

Hours and Locations

Port Huron - Main
210 McMorran Blvd.
Port Huron 877.987.7323
L.A.M.T.B. 800.272.8570
Mon - Thur 9:00-8:00
Fri 9:00 - 5:00
Sat 9:00 - 5:00

Algonac - Clay Twp.
2011 St. Clair River Dr.
Algonac 794.4471
Mon - Thur 9:00-8:00
Fri 9:00 - 5:00
Sat 9:00 - 5:00

Burtchville Twp.
7093 Second St.
Lakeport 385.8550
Mon, Wed, Fri, & Sat 9:00 - 5:00
Tue, Thur 9:00 - 8:00

Capac
111 N. Main
Capac 395.7000
Mon-Thur 9:00 - 8:00
Fri 9:00 - 5:00
Sat 9:00 - 5:00

G. Lynn Campbell
1955 N. Allen Rd.
Kimball 982.9171
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00 - 5:00
Tue, Thur 9:00 - 8:00
Sat 9:00 - 5:00

Ira Twp.
7013 Meldrum Rd.
Fair Haven 586.725.9081
Mon, Wed, Fri, & Sat 9:00 - 5:00
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Marine City
300 S. Parker St.
Marine City 765.5233
Mon - Thur 9:00-8:00
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Marysville
1175 Delaware
Marysville 364.9493
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Fri 9:00 - 5:00
Sat 9:00 - 5:00

Memphis
34830 Potter St.
Memphis 392.2980
Mon, Wed, Fri, & Sat 9:00 - 5:00
Tue, Thur 9:00 - 8:00

St. Clair
310 S. Second St.
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Yale
2 Jones St.
Yale 387.2940
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November 28, 29, December 24, 25, 30, January 1, 20, Feb. 17, & May 26